

2024 Virginia General Assembly Military and Veterans Bills - as of 5:00p.m. on 01/23/2024

HOUSE BILL NUMBER	LIS SUMMARY	Strategic Plan Working Group Goal / Action	JLC	COMMITTEE	COMPANION BILL(S)
<a href="#">HB 31 Ennis Motor vehicle safety inspection approval sticker; persons on active duty</a>	<b>Motor vehicle safety inspection approval sticker; persons on active duty.</b> Authorizes motor vehicles owned and operated by persons on active duty with the United States Armed Forces stationed outside the Commonwealth at the time the inspection expires to be operated on the highways of the Commonwealth while such persons are on leave. Existing law only authorizes the operation of any such vehicle by active duty Virginia residents when such vehicle displays a valid inspection sticker issued by another state.			<i>Committee on Transportation ; Sub: Highway, Safety and Policy</i>	
<a href="#">HB 67 Campbell Disabled Veteran's Passport; service-connected disability</a>	<b>Disabled Veteran's Passport; service-connected disability.</b> Entitles any veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces with a service-connected disability to a Disabled Veteran's Passport for free entry into state parks and discounted services. Current law limits such passport to veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces with a service-connected disability rating of 100 percent.			<i>Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources; ACNR sub: Natural Resources</i>	
<a href="#">HB 70 Bulova Virginia Retirement System; plan credits and accounts</a>	<b>Virginia Retirement System; plan credits and accounts.</b> Allows members of the Virginia Retirement System to purchase service credit for prior full-time active duty military service of at least 180 consecutive days in any federally established branch of the armed services. Under current law, such purchases are restricted to prior full-time active duty military service of at least 180 consecutive days in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard.			<i>Committee on Appropriations ; Sub: Compensation and Retirement Subcommittee recommends reporting (8-Y 0-N)</i>	

<a href="#">HB 80 Jones Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention, Advisory Council on; established, report</a>	<b>Advisory Council on Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention; established;</b> report. Establishes the Advisory Council on Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention to advise the State Health Commissioner on the regulations and infrastructure necessary to support clinical access to and training for medication-assisted U.S. Food and Drug Administration breakthrough therapies for veteran suicide prevention. The bill requires the Commissioner of Health to report annually by December 1 to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding its activities and recommendations. The Council has a sunset date of July 1, 2027.			<i>Committee on Rules</i>	SB229
<a href="#">HB 96 Taylor License plates, specialized and personalized; removes fees for plates issued to veterans</a>	<b>Specialized and personalized license plates; military; fees.</b> Removes fees for (i) special license plates issued to veterans and military decoration recipients and (ii) personalization of such special license plates.			<i>Committee on Transportation ; January 18, Stricken from docket by Transportation (22-Y 0-N)</i>	
<a href="#">HB 135 Cole High-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes; disabled veteran license plates</a>	<b>High-occupancy toll lanes; disabled veteran license plates.</b> Provides that, on Interstate 95, vehicles displaying a disabled veteran license plate meet the high-occupancy requirement for high-occupancy toll lanes, regardless of the number of occupants in the vehicle.			<i>Committee on Transportation Sub: Transportation Infrastructure and Funding Subcommittee recommends reporting (8-Y 0-N)</i>	

<a href="#">HB 141 Reid Veterans' Fellowship for State Government Pilot Program; created, report.</a>	<p><b>Department of Veterans Services; Veteran's Fellowship for State Government Pilot Program.</b> Creates, within the Department of Veterans Services, the Veteran's Fellowship for State Government Pilot Program (the Program) through which the Department shall collaborate with Virginia Commonwealth University to recruit veterans to participate in undergraduate-level and graduate-level cohorts to assist such veterans in pursuing educational pathways to employment with the Commonwealth. The Department shall report annually to the General Assembly by November 1 regarding the progress of the participants, the return on investment for the Commonwealth, and recommendations for Program enhancements. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2027.</p>	<p><b>Goal 1 Action 1.4</b></p>		<p><i>Committee on General Laws, GL Sub: Professions/Occupations and Administrative Process</i></p>	
<a href="#">HB 146 Tata Early childhood care and education; publicly funded providers; exemption from licensure</a>	<p><b>Early childhood care and education; publicly funded providers; exemption from licensure for certain child day programs.</b> Excepts military child care fee assistance or any child care subsidy paid by a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States from the federal funds that would otherwise render a child day program as a "publicly funded provider," as that term is defined and used in relevant law relating to early childhood care and education. The bill also exempts from licensure by the Superintendent of Public Instruction any child day program that (i) serves only dependent children of military personnel and (ii) (a) is located on a military base or federal property or (b) is certified as a family child care provider by a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and provides that any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or its agent, including an installation commander of a military base on which a child day program is located, may assume responsibility for approving or determining which children may be served by the program that is so exempted from licensure.</p>			<p><i>Committee on Education Sub: Early Childhood</i></p>	<p>HB 739, SB 75</p>

<a href="#">HB 160 Seibold Veterans; workplace poster for benefits and services</a>	<b>Department of Labor and Industry; workplace poster for veterans benefits and services.</b> 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.			<i>Committee on Labor and Commerce; L&amp;C sub: Subcommittee #2 Subcommittee recommends reporting (8-Y 0-N)</i>	
<a href="#">HB 194 Martinez Virginia Military Parents Equal Protection Act; members of Space Force.</a>	<b>Virginia Military Parents Equal Protection Act; Space Force; deployment.</b> Adds members of the Space Force to the list of service members included in the definition of deploying parent or guardian for the purposes of the Virginia Military Parents Equal Protection Act.			<i>Reported from Courts of Justice (22-Y 0-N) House: Read first time</i>	
<a href="#">HB 225 Sickles Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact; authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to the Compact.</a>	<b>Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact.</b> Authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact. The Compact increases public access to dental services by permitting eligible licensed dentists and dental hygienists to practice in Compact participating states, provided that they are licensed in at least one participating state. The Compact has been passed in three states. <b>DVS Note: facilitates the relocation of military members and their spouses who are licensed to practice dentistry or dental hygiene.</b>	<b>Goal 2 Action 2.4</b>		<i>Committee on Health and Human Services</i>	

<a href="#">HB 272 Reid Attorney fees; judgments, compensation, or monetary awards related to veterans</a>	<b>Attorney fees; judgments, compensation, or monetary awards related to veterans.</b> Prohibits an attorney from charging, demanding, receiving, or collecting for services rendered fees in excess of 10 percent of any judgment, compensation, or monetary award granted to a veteran or the family member of a veteran, or the legal representative of such individual, related to the veteran's service in the Armed Forces of the United States or the Virginia National Guard, including any judgment, compensation, or monetary award granted pursuant to the Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022. The bill provides that an attorney who violates such prohibition shall be fined not more than \$5,000 and may be subject to disciplinary action by the Virginia State Bar.			<i>Stricken from docket by Courts of Justice (22-Y 0-N)</i>	
<a href="#">HB 279 Helmer Military leaves of absence for employees of the Commonwealth, etc.; includes prof. firefighters</a>	<b>Military leaves of absence for employees of Commonwealth or political subdivisions; professional firefighters.</b> Provides that any person who is employed by the Commonwealth or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth as a professional firefighter shall receive paid leaves of absence for up to 388 work hours that a leave of absence is required, regardless of whether such amount of work hours exceeds 21 workdays per federal fiscal year, during which such person is engaged in federally funded military duty, to include training duty, or is called forth by the Governor for military duty. Under current law, employees of the Commonwealth or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth are limited to an eight-hour, 21-workday cap, which equates to seven workdays for such employees working in 24-hour shifts. The 388-work-hour cap would provide leave for a little over 16 workdays for such employees working in 24-hour shifts.			<i>Committee on Public Safety; Sub Public Safety</i>	
<a href="#">HB 299 License tax; retired police or military dogs, exemption</a>	<b>License tax; retired police or military dogs;</b> exemption. Allows a locality by ordinance to exempt any dog that served as a security dog, police or law-enforcement dog, or military working dog from the license tax on the ownership of dogs.			<i>Committee on Finance; Sub committee #2 Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendments (5-Y 3-N)</i>	

<a href="#">HB 322 Glass Cosmetology Compact; established</a>	<b>Cosmetology Compact.</b> Establishes the Cosmetology Compact upon the enactment of substantially similar legislation in the seventh Member State, defined in the bill. The bill creates a multistate license in furtherance of the objectives of providing opportunities for the uninterrupted practice of cosmetology between Member States and supporting the relocation of military members and their spouses by enabling such continuation of practice.	<b>Goal 2 Action 2.4</b>		<i>Committee on General Laws</i>	
<a href="#">HB 323 Glass Interstate Massage Compact; authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to Compact</a>	<b>Interstate Massage Compact. Authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to the Interstate Massage Compact.</b> The Compact allows massage therapists who (i) possess an active, unencumbered license in the compact member state in which they reside; (ii) have completed at least 625 hours of massage therapy education; (iii) have passed the national licensing examination; and (iv) have no disqualifying criminal history to be granted a multistate license that authorizes them to practice in all compact member states. The Compact takes effect when it is enacted by a seventh member state. <b>DVS Note: supports the relocation of military members and their spouses.</b>	<b>Goal 2 Action 2.4</b>		<i>Committee on Health and Human Services; Sub: Health Professions</i>	
<a href="#">HB 324 Glass PA Licensure Compact; authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to Compact</a>	<b>PA Licensure Compact. Authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to the PA Licensure Compact.</b> The Compact permits eligible physician assistants to practice in Compact-participating states, provided that they are licensed in at least one participating state. The Compact has been passed in three states and takes effect when it is enacted by a seventh participating state or upon the effective date of the bill, whichever is later. <b>DVS Note: the PA Licensure Compact will alleviate burdens for military families by allowing active duty military personnel and their spouses to obtain a compact privilege based on having an unrestricted license in good standing from a participating state.</b>	<b>Goal 2 Action 2.4</b>		<i>Committee on Health and Human Services; Sub: Health Professions</i>	

<a href="#">HB 326 Glass Social Work Licensure Compact; authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to Compact</a>	<b>Social Work Licensure Compact.</b> Authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to the Social Work Licensure Compact. The Compact allows social workers who have or are eligible for an active, unencumbered license in the compact member state where they reside to apply for a multistate license. After verifying eligibility, the social worker is granted a multistate license that authorizes practice in all other compact member states. The Compact takes effect when it is enacted by a seventh member state. <b>DVS Note: supports military families.</b>	<b>Goal 2 Action 2.4</b>		<i>Committee on General Laws; GL sub: Professions/ Occupations and Administrative Process</i>	
<a href="#">HB 328 Glass Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; enters the Commonwealth into Compact</a>	<b>Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact.</b> Enters the Commonwealth into the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact, the purpose of which is to facilitate the mobility of teachers across the member states, with the goal of supporting teachers through a new pathway to licensure. The Compact is presently in effect, as it has reached the enactment threshold of 10 state members. <b>DVS Note: supports relocation of military spouses.</b>	<b>Goal 2 Action 2.4</b>		<i>Committee on General Laws; GL sub: Professions/ Occupations and Administrative Process</i>	
<a href="#">HB 352 Glass Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; early termination for military personnel, stop</a>	<b>Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; early termination for military personnel;</b> stop movement order. Allows certain military personnel to terminate a rental agreement upon receipt of a stop movement order issued in response to a local, national, or global emergency that is effective for either an indefinite period or for a period of not less than 30 days and that prevents the service member from occupying the leased dwelling unit for a residential purpose. The bill also allows such military personnel to terminate a rental agreement after receiving any permanent change of station order or temporary duty order in excess of three months' duration. Current law allows such termination only for orders requiring a departure of 35 miles or more from the dwelling unit			<i>Committee on General Laws; GL sub: Housing / Consumer Protection</i>	

<a href="#">HB 366 Reid Va. Nat'l Guard State Tuition Assistance Program; provisions relating to eligibility for grants</a>	<b>Institutions of higher education; tuition grants; Virginia National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program.</b> Makes several changes to the Virginia National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program, including (i) making the provisions relating to the requirements and conditions for eligibility for and award of grants under the Program subject to regulations as prescribed by the Adjutant General, (ii) eliminating the requirement to satisfy financial obligations with the institution of higher education at the beginning of each semester, (iii) simplifying the requirements relating to academic performance and good standing, and (iv) providing that any grant awarded shall be in an amount equivalent to the difference between the full cost of tuition and fees at the institution of higher education less any other educational benefits for which an individual is eligible as a member of the National Guard.	<b>Goal 2 Action 2.3</b>		<i>Committee on Education Sub Higher Education Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendments (10-Y 0-N) Sub recommends referring to Committee on Appropriations</i>	
<a href="#">HB 380 Cherry Special license plates; United States Air Force</a>	<b>Special license plates; United States Air Force.</b> Authorizes the issuance of special license plates for active duty members with, honorably discharged veterans with six months of active duty service in, and retirees from the United States Air Force and unremarried surviving spouses of such service members			<i>Committee on Transportation</i>	
<a href="#">HB 381 Feggans Virginia Public Procurement Act; participation by veteran-owned small businesses</a>	<b>Virginia Public Procurement Act; participation by veteran-owned small businesses.</b> Requires all public bodies to include in their goals for participation by small businesses a minimum of five percent participation by veteran-owned businesses and service disabled veteran-owned businesses. Current law only requires a goal of three percent participation by service disabled veteran-owned businesses and does not impose such goal upon local public bodies. The bill also requires the Department of General Services to update the eVA portal to include a category for veteran-owned and service disabled veteran-owned small businesses that is conspicuous to the general public to easily display and search set-aside opportunities for such businesses.	<b>Goal 3 Action 3.2</b>		<i>Committee on General Laws; GL Sub Procurement</i>	



<a href="#">HB 424 Green Toll facilities; free use by certain disabled veterans</a>	<b>Free use of toll facilities; certain disabled veterans.</b> Authorizes the free use of all toll bridges, toll roads, and other toll facilities in the Commonwealth for drivers who have been rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as having a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability. The bill also replaces the current window sticker for certain persons exempted from tolls due to a disability with a specialized electronic toll collection device identifying such person as eligible for free passage.			<i>Committee on Transportation sub: Transportation Infrastructure and Funding Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 1-N)</i>	
<a href="#">HB 483 Garrett Income tax exclusion; veteran student loan forgiveness</a>	<b>Income tax exclusion; veteran student loan forgiveness.</b> Eliminates the sunset date and expands eligibility for the income tax exclusion for any income received by a disabled veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States from the discharge of federal student loan indebtedness.			<i>Committee on Finance Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #1 Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (5-Y 3-N)</i>	
<a href="#">HB 505 Cohen Department of Motor Vehicles; commercial driver's license work group</a>	<b>Department of Motor Vehicles; commercial driver's license work group.</b> Directs the Department of Motor Vehicles to convene a work group to develop and implement a statewide strategy to incentivize and promote the issuance of commercial driver's licenses to qualified applicants in the Commonwealth. <b>DVS Note: legislation specified DVS to be part of workgroup</b>			<i>Committee on Rules</i>	

<a href="#">HB 523 Krizek Charitable gaming</a>	<p><b>Charitable gaming.</b> Amends charitable gaming law to allow, as a condition of receiving a charitable gaming permit or authorization to conduct electronic gaming, certain organizations to use a predetermined percentage of its receipts for expenses related to the rental of real property where such real property is involved in the operation of the organization and used for lawful religious, charitable, community, or educational purposes. The bill (i) prohibits the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services from promulgating electronic gaming regulations that prohibit (a) devices that display spinning, rotating, or rolling reels or animations or flashing lights; (b) devices that accept vouchers; or (c) the purchase and play of an electronic pull tab with a single press or touch of a button. The bill also requires qualified organizations and electronic gaming manufacturers to pay one-quarter of one percent of its gross receipts or adjusted gross receipts, as appropriate, to be deposited by the Department into the Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund and prohibits any qualified social organization that is subject to Department regulations from conducting electronic gaming in a separately demised premises that has a direct or indirect means of ingress to or egress from any adjacent space unless such space is used exclusively by members or guests of such qualified organization. <b>DVS Note: in the definaion of "social organization, adds new langauge "An organization established on or before November 10, 1922, that is qualified under § 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, is the only federally chartered Marine Corps-related veterans organization in the country, and is operated for the purpose of promoting the interest and preserving the traditions of the United States Marine Corps;"</b></p>			<p><i>Committee on General Laws</i>  <i>sub:</i>  <i>ABC/Gaming</i></p>	<p>SB344</p>
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<a href="#">HB 558 Hernandez Constitutional amendment; property tax exemption for certain surviving spouses (voter referendum)</a>	<b>Constitutional amendment (voter referendum); real property tax exemption; surviving spouses of soldiers who died in the line of duty.</b> Provides for a referendum at the November 5, 2024, election to approve or reject an amendment to the Constitution of Virginia that would expand the real property tax exemption that is currently available to the surviving spouses of soldiers killed in action to be available 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		<b>JLC 2024-01</b>	<i>Committee on Privileges and Elections</i>	HJ45, SB4, SJ3
<a href="#">HB 589 Glass Office of Data Governance and Analytics; reciprocal data-sharing agreements; veteran-specific data</a>	<b>Office of Data Governance and Analytics; reciprocal data-sharing agreements; veteran-specific data.</b> Allows the Office of Data Governance and Analytics to enter into reciprocal data agreements with state agencies for the purpose of sharing veteran-specific data in order to support data-informed outreach plans for veterans.	<b>Goal 4 Action 4.5</b>		<i>Committee on Communications, Technology and Innovation</i>	
<a href="#">HB 602 Price Virginia Center for Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention; Virginia Firearm Violence</a>	<b>Virginia Center for Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention; Virginia Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund; creation.</b> Creates the Virginia Center for Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention (the Center) within the Department of Criminal Justice Services and the Virginia Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund, to be administered by the Center, to replace the existing Virginia Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund. <b>DVS Note: one provision of the bill is for DVS and other state agencies to work with Center "...to enhance programs and strategies designed to address firearm violence, including programs that focus on the prevention of suicide or domestic violence in the populations served by such departments;"</b>			<i>Committee on Public Safety</i>	

<a href="#">HB 619 Price Military centered community zones; local designation</a>	<p><b>Military centered community zones; local designation.</b> Allows localities to establish, by ordinance, one or more military centered community zones, defined in the bill as a community that has a significant presence of military personnel living or working in the designated area and where such presence drives, or has the potential to drive, significant economic activity. The bill provides that a locality, or another political subdivision acting on behalf of the locality, may offer unique benefits to businesses looking to locate within a zone for the purpose of serving the needs of the military personnel, including reduction of certain fees and taxes. In addition, the bill provides that local governing bodies are authorized to enter into agreements for the payment of economic development incentive grants to such businesses. The bill also allows a governing body to provide for certain regulatory flexibility and incentives and provides that the establishment of a military centered community zone shall not preclude the area from also being designated as an enterprise zone or from receiving support under the Virginia Military Community Infrastructure Grant Program.</p>			<p><i>Committee on Finance sub: Subcommittee #2</i></p>	
<a href="#">HB 649 Coyner Vital records; birth certificates; adoption; members of the military</a>	<p><b>Vital records; birth certificates; adoption; members of the military.</b> Directs the State Registrar to issue a new birth certificate no later than two business days after receipt of adoption records for a person born in the Commonwealth if at least one adoptive parent is an active duty or retired member of the military or military reserves. The bill directs the court decreeing the adoption to deliver such records to the State Registrar no later than five business days from such decree.</p>			<p><i>Committee on Health and Human Services; Sub: Health</i></p>	
<a href="#">HB 691 Feggans Transcranial magnetic stimulation treatment; DVS to establish pilot program, report</a>	<p><b>Transcranial magnetic stimulation treatment; pilot program.</b> Directs the Department of Veterans Services (the Department) to establish a pilot program to make electroencephalogram (EEG) combined transcranial magnetic stimulation treatment available for military members, veterans, first responders, law-enforcement officers, and certain agents of federal agencies, and family members of the aforementioned individuals. The bill requires the Department to establish regulations for administration of the pilot program.</p>			<p><i>Committee on Health and Human Services; Sub: Health</i></p>	

<a href="#">HB 736 Sewell Veterans' Services Protection Act; prohibited practices; penalty</a>	<b>Veterans' Services Protection Act; prohibited practices; penalty.</b> Creates the Veterans' Services Protection Act to prohibit any person from receiving compensation for preparing, presenting, prosecuting, advising, consulting, or assisting any individual regarding any veterans' benefits matter, as defined in the bill, except as permitted under federal law. The bill provides that a violation of its provisions constitutes a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act.		JLC 2024-02	<i>Committee on Labor and Commerce; L&amp;C sub: Subcommittee #2</i>	
<a href="#">HB 738 Sewell Space Force; extension of certain benefits and privileges for persons serving in Armed Forces.</a>	<b>Space Force; extension of certain benefits and privileges for persons serving in a branch of the Armed Forces.</b> Amends several provisions of law related to certain benefits and privileges available to persons serving or having served in a branch of the Armed Forces to include the Space Force as an eligible branch.			<i>Committee on Public Safety Sub: Public Safety</i>	
<a href="#">HB 739 Sewell Early childhood care and education; publicly funded providers; exemption from licensure</a>	Early childhood care and education; publicly funded providers; exemption from licensure for certain child day programs. Exempts military child care fee assistance or any child care subsidy paid by a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States from the federal funds that would otherwise render a child day program as a "publicly funded provider," as that term is defined and used in relevant law relating to early childhood care and education. The bill also exempts from licensure by the Superintendent of Public Instruction any child day program that (i) serves only dependent children of military personnel and (ii) (a) is located on a military base or federal property or (b) is certified as a family child care provider by a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and provides that any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or its agent, including an installation commander of a military base on which a child day program is located, may assume responsibility for approving or determining which children may be served by the program that is so exempted from licensure.			<i>Committee on Education Sub: Early Childhood</i>	HB 146, SB 75

<a href="#">HB 754 Walker Service Member Sentencing Act</a>	<b>Service Member Sentencing Act.</b> Creates the Service Member Sentencing Act to provide service members, defined in the bill, a service member sentencing option, defined in the bill, if such service member satisfies the eligibility criteria. The bill explains the process and procedures associated with a service member sentencing option. The bill also provides sentencing mitigation for service members that are not eligible for the service member sentencing option, including criteria for a judge to consider prior to sentencing a service member for a criminal offense. The bill requires the Department of Veterans Services to assist in facilitating the provision of the Act.			<i>Committee for Courts of Justice</i>	
<a href="#">HB 788 Ennis Militia state active duty; cyber-related support</a>	<b>Militia state active duty; cyber-related support.</b> Provides that the Governor or his designee may call forth the militia or any part thereof to state active duty for service when the Governor determines that cyber-related support is needed to assist state or local agencies or to assist private entities that provide critical infrastructure. The bill contains technical amendments.			<i>Committee on Public Safety Assigned PS sub: Public Safety</i>	
<a href="#">HB 789 Ennis Special lifetime hunting and fishing license; military veterans</a>	<b>Special lifetime hunting and fishing license; military veterans.</b> Allows any resident of the Commonwealth who is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces or the National Guard and Reserve who applies for the resident lifetime hunting license or the resident lifetime fishing license to receive such license. The cost for such license is set for one of the following fees based on age: age 50 or younger, \$200; age 51 through 55, \$150; age 56 through 60, \$100; age 61 through 64, \$50; and age 65 or older, \$10.			<i>Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources</i>	

<a href="#">HB 796 Hope Absentee voting; electronic ballot return</a>	<p><b>Elections; absentee voting; electronic ballot return.</b> Requires that the Department of Elections establish an electronic transmission system through which a military or overseas voter or voter with a disability may request, receive, and return a ballot. The bill also requires a general registrar to offer an applicant for an absentee ballot who indicates that he will require assistance to vote the option to have a blank absentee ballot, the form for the envelope for returning the marked ballot, and instructions sent to him by electronic transmission. A voter with a disability who receives a ballot by electronic transmission may print and return the ballot or may return the ballot by electronic transmission if the voter affirms that he is an individual who, regardless of any other disability, (i) is blind; (ii) has a visual impairment or perceptual or reading disability that cannot be improved to give visual function substantially equivalent to that of a person who has no such impairment or disability and so is unable to read or mark a ballot to substantially the same degree as a person without an impairment or disability; or (iii) is otherwise unable, through physical disability, to hold, mark, or manipulate a ballot or to focus or move the eyes to the extent that would be normally required for reading or marking a ballot. Additionally, the bill requires a general registrar to send any voter who indicates that he will require assistance due to a disability a voter assistance form. Under current law, voters who opt to receive a ballot marking tool are not sent a voter assistance form. <b>The bill also allows a military or overseas voter who requested and received ballot materials by electronic transmission to return the ballot by electronic transmission in circumstances where another more secure method, such as returning the ballot by mail, is not available or feasible.</b></p>			<p><i>Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections</i></p>	
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<a href="#">HB 885 Watts Community services boards; core of services</a>	<b>Community services boards; core of services.</b> Adds to the list of core services to be provided by community services boards (i) crisis services for individuals with a mental illness or substance use disorder, (ii) outpatient mental health and substance abuse services, (iii) psychiatric rehabilitation services, (iv) peer support and family support services, (v) mental health services for members of the armed forces located 50 miles or more from a military treatment facility and veterans located 40 miles or more from a Veterans Health Administration medical facility, and (vi) care coordination services. The bill removes language that conditions the duty of community services boards to provide case management services on the availability of funding. The bill further requires community services boards to provide core services (i) to every adult who has a serious mental illness, child who has or is at risk of serious emotional disturbance, and individual who has a substance use disorder and (ii) in a timely manner and at a location that is near the individual. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026, for most provisions.			<i>Committee on Health and Human Services Sub: Behavioral Health</i>	SB590
<a href="#">HB 1012 Lovejoy State parks; First Responder and Veteran Passport; discounted entry and parking</a>	<b>State parks; First Responder and Veteran Passport; discounted entry and parking.</b> Establishes a First Responder and Veteran Passport that entitles a first responder or a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States or other military service to receive a 50 percent discount on parking and admission fees at state parks in the Commonwealth.			<i>Committee on Appropriations sub: Commerce Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources</i>	
<a href="#">HB 1213 Scott Special license plates; military service; prepaid applications</a>	<b>Special license plates; military service; prepaid applications.</b> Decreases from 450 to 150 the number of prepaid applications required for the consideration, development, and issuance of a special license plate when such special license plate relates to military service.			<i>Committee on Transportation</i>	



<a href="#">HB 1308 Green Tangible personal property tax relief; rate of taxation</a>	<b>Tangible personal property tax relief; rate of taxation.</b> Removes the \$950 million cap, beginning in tax year 2025 and all tax years thereafter, on the amount of tangible personal property tax relief reimbursed to localities by the Commonwealth. The bill requires, for tax year 2025 and all tax years thereafter, each county, city, or town to reduce its local tax rate on qualifying vehicles to no greater than \$0.000001 per \$100 of assessed value of the qualifying vehicle. <b>DVS Note: "Beginning with tax year 2025, each county, city, and town that receives reimbursement shall ensure that the reimbursement pays for all of the tax attributable to each qualifying vehicle leased by an active duty member of the United States military, his spouse, or both"</b>			<i>Committee on Finance</i>	
<a href="#">HB 1327 Reid Income tax subtractions; Virginia National Guard military pay.</a>	<b>Income tax subtractions; Virginia National Guard military pay.</b> Creates an income tax subtraction for military pay received by an individual for active service in the Virginia National Guard during either (i) an out-of-state deployment or (ii) a state of emergency declared by the Governor.			<i>Committee on Finance</i>	SB219
<a href="#">HB 1367 Jones State parks; First Responder and Veteran Passport; discounted entry and parking</a>	<b>State parks; First Responder and Veteran Passport; discounted entry and parking.</b> Establishes a First Responder and Veteran Passport that entitles a first responder or a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States or other military service to receive a 50 percent discount on parking and admission fees at state parks in the Commonwealth.			<i>Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns Sub Committee #1</i>	
<a href="#">HB 1374 Ballard In-state tuition eligibility; certain members of National Guard or Reserves of the Armed Forces</a>	<b>In-state tuition eligibility; certain members of National Guard or Reserves of the Armed Forces of the United States units in the Commonwealth.</b> Declares eligible for in-state tuition charges at public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth regardless of domicile any member of the National Guard or the Reserves of the Armed Forces of the United States who is not a resident of the Commonwealth but who is an active member of a unit of the National Guard or the Reserves of the Armed Forces of the United States in the Commonwealth.			<i>Committee on Education</i>	

<a href="#">HB 1407 Fowler Income tax subtraction; military retirement benefits; uniformed services</a>	<b>Income tax subtraction; military retirement benefits; uniformed services.</b> Expands the definition of "military benefits" to include an income tax subtraction of retirement income received for service in the uniformed services of the United States, which includes the United States Armed Forces, the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the commissioned corps of the United States Public Health Service. Under current law, the subtraction is only allowed for military retirement income received for service in the United States Armed Forces.			<i>Committee on Finance</i>	
<a href="#">HB 1489 Henson Special license plates; United States Air Force</a>	Special license plates; United States Air Force			<i>Committee on Transportation</i>	
<a href="#">HB 1513 Fowler Active-duty status for any service member injured while in the line of duty</a>	Active-duty status for any service member injured while in the line of duty		JLC 2024-04	<i>Committee on Public Safety</i>	
<a href="#">HJ 45 Tran Constitutional amendment (second reference); real property tax exemption; surviving spouses</a>	<b>Constitutional amendment (second reference); real property tax exemption;</b> 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.	Goal 3 Action 3.4	JLC 2024-01	<i>Committee on Privileges and Elections</i>	HB558, SB4, SJ3
<a href="#">HJ 57 Glass 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Day; designating as Sept. 16, 2024 &amp; each succeeding yr.</a>	<b>6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Day.</b> Designates September 16, in 2024 and in each succeeding year, as 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Day in Virginia.			<i>Committee on Rules</i>	

SENATE BILL NUMBER	LIS SUMMARY	Strategic Plan Working Group Goal / Action	JLC	COMMITTEE	COMPANION BILL(S)
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<a href="#">SB 4 Constitutional amendment; property tax exemption for certain surviving spouses (voter referendum)</a>	<b>Constitutional amendment (voter referendum); real property tax exemption; surviving spouses of soldiers who died in the line of duty.</b> Provides for a referendum at the November 5, 2024, election to approve or reject an amendment to the Constitution of Virginia that would expand the real property tax exemption that is currently available to the surviving spouses of soldiers killed in action to be available 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.	<b>Goal 3 Action 3.4</b>	<b>JLC 2024-01</b>	<i>Privileges and Elections Reported from Privileges and Elections (14-Y 0-N) Referred to Finance and Appropriations</i>	HB558, HJ45, SJ3
<a href="#">SB 6 Reeves Restricted driver's license; issuance for multiple convictions of driving while intoxicated, etc</a>	<b>Issuance of restricted driver's license for multiple convictions of driving while intoxicated; completion of specialty dockets.</b> 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 <b>Veterans Treatment Court Program</b> , behavioral health docket, or other specialty docket.			<i>Committee on Transportation Reported from Transportation (15-Y 0-N) Constitutional reading dispensed (40-Y 0-N)</i>	
<a href="#">SB 10 Reeves Income tax, state; subtraction for tax, military retirement benefits, uniformed services</a>	<b>Income tax subtraction; military retirement benefits; uniformed services.</b> Expands the definition of "military benefits" to include an income tax subtraction of retirement income received for service in the uniformed services of the United States, which includes the United States Armed Forces, the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the commissioned corps of the United States Public Health Service. Under current law, the subtraction is only allowed for military retirement income received for service in the United States Armed Forces.			<i>Finance and Appropriations</i>	

[SB 22 Locke Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact; authorizes VA to become a signatory to the Compact, eff. date](#)

[SB 75 Durant Early childhood care and education; publicly funded providers; exemption from licensure](#)

	<p><b>Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact.</b> Authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact. The Compact increases public access to dental services by permitting eligible licensed dentists and dental hygienists to practice in Compact participating states, provided that they are licensed in at least one participating state. The Compact has been passed in three states and takes effect when it is enacted by a seventh participating state or upon the effective date of the bill, whichever is later. <b>DVS Note: applies to Active Duty Military</b></p>	<p><b>Goal 2 Action 2.4</b></p>		<p><i>Referred from Privileges and Elections (14-Y 0-N) Referred to Education and Health Sub Health Professions</i></p>	
	<p><b>Early childhood care and education; publicly funded providers; exemption from licensure for certain child day programs.</b> Excepts military child care fee assistance or any child care subsidy paid by a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States from the federal funds that would otherwise render a child day program as a "publicly funded provider," as that term is defined and used in relevant law relating to early childhood care and education. The bill also exempts from licensure by the Superintendent of Public Instruction any child day program that (i) serves only dependent children of military personnel and (ii) (a) is located on a military base or federal property or (b) is certified as a family child care provider by a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and provides that any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or its agent, including an installation commander of a military base on which a child day program is located, may assume responsibility for approving or determining which children may be served by the program that is so exempted from licensure.</p>			<p><i>Education and Health</i></p>	<p>HB 146; HB 739</p>

<a href="#">SB 113 Reeves Veterans' Fellowship for State Government Pilot Program</a>	<b>Department of Veterans Services; Veteran's Fellowship for State Government Pilot Program.</b> Creates, within the Department of Veterans Services, the Veteran's Fellowship for State Government Pilot Program (the Program) through which the Department shall collaborate with Virginia Commonwealth University to recruit veterans to participate in undergraduate-level and graduate-level cohorts to assist such veterans in pursuing educational pathways to employment with the Commonwealth. The Department shall report annually to the General Assembly by November 1 regarding the progress of the participants, the return on investment for the Commonwealth, and recommendations for Program enhancements. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2027.	<b>Goal 1 Action 1.4</b>		<i>General Laws &amp; Technology</i>	
<a href="#">SB 172 Craig Militia state active duty; cyber-related support</a>	<b>Militia state active duty; cyber-related support.</b> Provides that the Governor or his designee may call forth the militia or any part thereof to state active duty for service when the Governor determines that cyber-related support is needed to assist state or local agencies or to assist private entities that provide critical infrastructure. The bill contains technical amendments.			<i>General Laws &amp; Technology (15-Y 0-N) Referred to Finance and Appropriations</i>	
<a href="#">SB 213 Perry Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; early termination for military personnel, stop</a>	<b>Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; early termination for military personnel; stop movement order.</b> Allows certain military personnel to terminate a rental agreement upon receipt of a stop movement order issued in response to a local, national, or global emergency that is effective for either an indefinite period or for a period of not less than 30 days and that prevents the service member from occupying the leased dwelling unit for a residential purpose. The bill also allows such military personnel to terminate a rental agreement after receiving any permanent change of station order or temporary duty order in excess of three months' duration. Current law allows such termination only for orders requiring a departure of 35 miles or more from the dwelling unit.			<i>General Laws &amp; Technology</i>	

<a href="#">SB 219 Sturtevant Institutions of higher education; tuition grants; Virginia National Guard State Tuition Assistance</a>	<b>Institutions of higher education; tuition grants; Virginia National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program.</b> Makes several changes to the Virginia National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program, including (i) making the provisions relating to the requirements and conditions for eligibility for and award of grants under the Program subject to regulations as prescribed by the Adjutant General, (ii) eliminating the requirement to satisfy financial obligations with the institution of higher education at the beginning of each semester, (iii) simplifying the requirements relating to academic performance and good standing, and (iv) providing that any grant awarded shall be in an amount equivalent to the difference between the full cost of tuition and fees at the institution of higher education less any other educational benefits for which an individual is eligible as a member of the National Guard.		<b>JLC 2024-03</b>	<i>Education and Health Assigned Education and Health Sub: Higher Education</i>	
<a href="#">SB 229 Hashmi Advisory Council on Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention; established; report</a>	<b>Advisory Council on Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention; established; report.</b> Establishes the Advisory Council on Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention to advise the State Health Commissioner on the regulations and infrastructure necessary to support clinical access to and provider training for the use of rapid-acting therapies that have been granted Breakthrough Therapy designation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder, major depressive disorder, or treatment-resistant depression and whose active ingredients are currently controlled under Schedule I of the federal Controlled Substances Act. The bill requires the State Health Commissioner to report annually by December 1 to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding its activities and recommendations. The Council sunsets on July 1, 2027.			<i>Education and Health; Sub: Health</i>	HB80

<a href="#">SB 239 Hashmi Social Work Licensure Compact</a>	<b>Social Work Licensure Compact. Authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to the Social Work Licensure Compact.</b> The Compact allows social workers who have or are eligible for an active, unencumbered license in the compact member state where they reside to apply for a multistate license. After verifying eligibility, the social worker is granted a multistate license that authorizes practice in all other compact member states. The Compact takes effect when it is enacted by a seventh member state. <b>Supports military families.</b>	<b>Goal 2 Action 2.4</b>		<i>Privileges and Elections (14-Y 0-N) Referred to Education and Health Sub: Health Professions</i>	
<a href="#">SB 325 Roem Vital records; birth certificates; adoption; members of the military</a>	<b>Vital records; birth certificates; adoption; members of the military.</b> Directs the State Registrar to issue a new birth certificate no later than two business days after receipt of adoption records for a person born in the Commonwealth if at least one adoptive parent is an active duty or retired member of the military or military reserves. The bill directs the court decreeing the adoption to deliver such records to the State Registrar no later than five business days from such decree			<i>Rereferred to Finance and Appropriations</i>	
<a href="#">SB 343 Rouse Military centered community zones; local designation</a>	<b>Military centered community zones; local designation.</b> Allows localities to establish, by ordinance, one or more military centered community zones, defined in the bill as a community that has a significant presence of military personnel living or working in the designated area and where such presence drives, or has the potential to drive, significant economic activity. The bill provides that a locality, or another political subdivision acting on behalf of the locality, may offer unique benefits to businesses looking to locate within a zone for the purpose of serving the needs of the military personnel, including reduction of certain fees and taxes. In addition, the bill provides that local governing bodies are authorized to enter into agreements for the payment of economic development incentive grants to such businesses. The bill also allows a governing body to provide for certain regulatory flexibility and incentives and provides that the establishment of a military centered community zone shall not preclude the area from also being designated as an enterprise zone or from receiving support under the Virginia Military Community Infrastructure Grant Program.			<i>Committee on Finance and Appropriations</i>	

<a href="#">SB 344 Reeves Charitable gaming</a>	<p><b>Charitable gaming.</b> Amends charitable gaming law to allow, as a condition of receiving a charitable gaming permit or authorization to conduct electronic gaming, certain organizations to use a predetermined percentage of its receipts for expenses related to the rental of real property where such real property is involved in the operation of the organization and used for lawful religious, charitable, community, or educational purposes. The bill (i) prohibits the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services from promulgating electronic gaming regulations that prohibit (a) devices that display spinning, rotating, or rolling reels or animations or flashing lights; (b) devices that accept vouchers; or (c) the purchase and play of an electronic pull tab with a single press or touch of a button. The bill also requires qualified organizations and electronic gaming manufacturers to pay one-quarter of one percent of its gross receipts or adjusted gross receipts, as appropriate, to be deposited by the Department into the Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund and prohibits any qualified social organization that is subject to Department regulations from conducting electronic gaming in a separately demised premises that has a direct or indirect means of ingress to or egress from any adjacent space unless such space is used exclusively by members or guests of such qualified organization.. <b>DVS Note: in the definaion of "social organization, adds new langauge "An organization established on or before November 10, 1922, that is qualified under § 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, is the only federally chartered Marine Corps-related veterans organization in the country, and is operated for the purpose of promoting the interest and preserving the traditions of the United States Marine Corps;"</b></p>			<p><i>General Laws and Technology; Sub: Gaming</i></p>	<p>HB523</p>
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<a href="#">SB 347 Reeves Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program</a>	<p><b>Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program.</b> Provides that the stepchild of a living veteran or military service member, as described in the bill, is eligible to receive a tuition and fee waiver under the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program if such living veteran or military service member claimed such stepchild on his tax return for at least five years prior to the date on which the admission application was submitted. The bill reduces the scope of the Program's applicability by providing that an admitted qualified survivor or dependent is only eligible for a waiver of tuition and mandatory fees (i) for an undergraduate program at any public institution of higher education and (ii) up to the amount necessary to pay for the last-dollar cost of the tuition and mandatory fees after all other federal and state financial aid to which such qualified survivor or dependent is entitled are utilized. Current law does not limit eligibility for a waiver of tuition and mandatory fees to undergraduate programs and does not require such waiver to be limited any tuition and mandatory fees remaining after all other federal and state financial aid to which the qualified survivor or dependent is entitled are utilized. The bill also provides that a qualified survivor or dependent, in order to be eligible for a waiver of tuition and mandatory fees, must (a) complete the federal Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) each year for which he seeks to receive a waiver and (b) maintain satisfactory academic progress pursuant to 20 U.S.C. § 1091(c). Finally, the bill exempts from the requirement limiting the receipt and use of such waivers to undergraduate programs any individual who qualified for a waiver of tuition and mandatory fees under the Program prior to the provisions of the bill going into effect and is currently enrolled in a public institution of higher education or Eastern Virginia Medical School.</p>			<p><i>Education and Health; Sub: Higher Education</i></p>	
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<a href="#">SB 401 Durant Military leaves of absence for employees of Commonwealth or political subdivisions; professional</a>	<b>Military leaves of absence for employees of Commonwealth or political subdivisions; professional firefighters.</b> Provides that any person who is employed by the Commonwealth or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth as a professional firefighter shall receive paid leaves of absence for up to 388 work hours that a leave of absence is required, regardless of whether such amount of work hours exceeds 21 workdays per federal fiscal year, during which such person is engaged in federally funded military duty, to include training duty, or is called forth by the Governor for military duty. Under current law, employees of the Commonwealth or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth are limited to an eight-hour, 21-workday cap, which equates to seven workdays for such employees working in 24-hour shifts. The 388-work-hour cap would provide leave for a little over 16 workdays for such employees working in 24-hour shifts.			<i>General Laws and Technology</i>	
<a href="#">SB 445 Durant Veterans and active duty members of the Armed Forces; teachers; credit for service</a>	<b>Veterans and active duty members of the Armed Forces; teachers; credit for service.</b> Requires each local school board to give any veteran or active duty member of any of the Armed Forces of the United States or the Commonwealth who it employs as a teacher in the local school division credit for any time served in any such forces in determining such teacher's step on the local school division's teacher salary scale.	<b>Goal 4</b>		<i>Education and Health</i>	

<a href="#">SB 590 Deeds Community services boards; core of services</a>	<b>Community services boards; core of services.</b> Adds to the list of core services to be provided by community services boards (i) crisis services for individuals with a mental illness or substance use disorder, (ii) outpatient mental health and substance abuse services, (iii) psychiatric rehabilitation services, (iv) peer support and family support services, (v) mental health services for members of the armed forces located 50 miles or more from a military treatment facility and veterans located 40 miles or more from a Veterans Health Administration medical facility, and (vi) care coordination services. The bill removes language that conditions the duty of community services boards to provide case management services on the availability of funding. The bill further requires community services boards to provide core services (i) to every adult who has a serious mental illness, child who has or is at risk of serious emotional disturbance, and individual who has a substance use disorder and (ii) in a timely manner and at a location that is near the individual. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026, for most provisions.			<i>Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services</i>	HB 885
<a href="#">SB 631 French Authorize the Adjutant General to facilitate and coordinate efforts to promote participation</a>	Authorize the Adjutant General to facilitate and coordinate efforts to promote participation in the state-sponsored group term life insurance program offered to members of the Virginia National Guard.			<i>Committee on Finance and Appropriations</i>	
<a href="#">SB 636 Locke Transcranial magnetic stimulation treatment; pilot program</a>	<b>Transcranial magnetic stimulation treatment; pilot program.</b> Directs the Department of Veterans Services (the Department) to establish a pilot program to make electroencephalogram (EEG) combined transcranial magnetic stimulation treatment available for military members, veterans, first responders, law-enforcement officers, and certain agents of federal agencies, and family members of the aforementioned individuals. The bill requires the Department to establish regulations for administration of the pilot program.			<i>General Laws and Technology</i>	

<a href="#">SB 651 Foy Military benefits income tax subtraction; age requirement; emergency</a>	<b>Military benefits income tax subtraction; age requirement; emergency.</b> Eliminates the age requirement to claim the individual income tax subtraction for military benefits beginning in taxable year 2023. Under current law, only taxpayers 55 years of age or older may claim the subtraction prior to taxable year 2024. The bill contains an emergency clause.			<i>Finance and Appropriations</i>	
<a href="#">SJ 3 McPike Constitutional amendment; property tax exemption for certain surviving spouses (second reference)</a>	<b>Expands the current tax exemption for real property</b> 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.	<b>Goal 3 Action 3.4</b>	<b>JLC 2024-01</b>	<i>Privileges and Elections Reported from Privileges and Elections (14-Y 0-N) Rereferred to Finance and Appropriations</i>	HB558, HJ45, SB4

<p><b>Goal 1</b></p>	<p><b>Increase labor force participation rate for transitioning service members, veterans, and their families to maximize economic outcomes.</b></p> <p><i>Action 1.1 :</i> General Assembly amends the budget appropriation for Veterans Benefit Services to expand the Virginia Values Veterans (V3) grant program eligibility to include veterans and military spouse hires in businesses and nonprofit organizations with 300 or fewer employees and local governments of any size.</p> <p><i>Action 1.2 :</i> General Assembly increases the budget appropriation for Veterans Benefit Services to \$1,000,000 for V3 grant disbursement and increases the grant amount to \$5,000 each.</p> <p><i>Action 1.3 :</i> DVS partners with the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement to create a pilot job matching and resource navigation program for transitioning service members, veterans, and their families.</p> <p><i>Action 1.4 :</i> General Assembly authorizes the establishment of the Military and Veterans Legislative Fellowship Program.</p>
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<p><b>Goal 2</b></p>	<p><b>Make Virginia the easiest state for service members, veterans, and their families to transition, reskill, and upskill.</b></p> <p><i>Action 2.1</i> : General Assembly authorizes a workgroup convened by the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement to determine best practices and strategies to standardize services across institutions of higher education and optimize the amount of credit received for military service and training.</p> <p><i>Action 2.2</i> : General Assembly amends Virginia code to ensure that dependent children and spouses of service members and veterans residing in Virginia are eligible for in - state tuition rates regardless of length of residency.</p> <p><i>Action 2.3</i> : General Assembly optimizes the tuition assistance program for members of the Virginia National Guard.</p> <p><i>Action 2.4</i> : General Assembly authorizes Virginia joining additional reciprocal credentialing compacts, specifically teacher mobility, cosmetology, physician assistant, dentist and dental hygienist, massage therapists, social work, and any other compacts as they become available.</p>
<p><b>Goal 3</b></p>	<p><b>Attract more transitioning service members, veterans, and their families to move to Virginia through tangible economic incentives.</b></p> <p><i>Action 3.1</i> : General Assembly authorizes the establishment of a Veteran Transition Tax Credit Program to incentivize transitioning service members to move to Virginia at the end of their active-duty service, to include those who join the Virginia Army or Air National Guard and the Virginia-based Reserve Components.</p> <p><i>Action 3.2</i> : General Assembly allows Virginia procurement set asides for veteran - owned businesses operated in Virginia.</p> <p><i>Action 3.3</i> : General Assembly authorizes low or no-interest loans for veteran -owned small businesses operated in Virginia.</p> <p><i>Action 3.4</i> : General Assembly approves a Virginia constitutional amendment to standardize property tax waivers for surviving spouses of service members who died in the line of duty.</p>

<p><b>Goal 4</b></p>	<p><b>Honor veterans’ service, sacrifice, and legacy by promoting and providing high-quality programs and services.</b></p> <p><b>Action 4.1 :</b> DVS collaborates with DOE to provide training to support Purple Star Designation Programs in Virginia schools.</p> <p><b>Action 4.2 :</b> General Assembly approves a budget increase for salaries for Veteran Service Representatives (VSRs) to support retention of VSRs.</p> <p><b>Action 4.3 :</b> DVS improves partnership and influence with DBHDS to increase veteran access to behavioral health services across the Commonwealth.</p> <p><b>Action 4.4 :</b> DVS creates a healthcare resource navigation function within DVS.</p> <p><b>Action 4.5 :</b> General Assembly directs the Office of Data Governance and Analytics to create and execute a multi-agency data sharing agreement to share veteran-specific data with DVS in order to support data-informed outreach plans for veterans.</p> <p><b>Action 4.6 :</b> General Assembly approves a DVS budget request for marketing resources for veteran outreach.</p> <p><b>Action 4.7 :</b> DVS develops a long-term plan with funding requests to improve infrastructure and capital assets.</p>
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<p><b>Goal 5</b></p>	<p><b>Reduce obstacles to reliable and affordable housing options for transitioning service members, veterans, and their families.</b></p> <p><i>Action 5.1</i> : General Assembly establishes funding for veteran home improvement grants for depreciated housing in Virginia.</p> <p><i>Action 5.2</i> : General Assembly authorizes the establishment of a Veteran First Time Homebuyer Tax Credit Program in which a \$5,000 tax credit is available to military veterans who for the first time purchase a primary home in Virginia.</p> <p><i>Action 5.3</i> : DVS partners with Habitat for Humanity to expand Habitat for Heroes and Veterans Build to increase veteran homeownership in Virginia.</p> <p><i>Action 5.4</i> : DVS partners with DHCD to apply for grant funding to support a VirginiaVeterans Rent Relief Program.</p>
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**2024 Virginia General Assembly Military and Veterans Budget Items - Introduced Budget**

ITEM	AGENCY	SUMMARY	FY 25 GF	FY25 NGF	FY25 VPBA	FY26 GF	FY26 NGF	FY26 VBPA	JLC
<a href="#">455</a>	DVS	Increase nongeneral fund appropriation to support the operations of the Jones & Cabacoy and Puller Veterans Care Centers		\$3,000,000			\$3,000,000		
<a href="#">455</a>	DVS	Provides one-time general fund appropriation to support start-up operations of Jones & Cabacoy and Puller Veterans Care Centers and to repay authorized one-time treasury loan.	\$30,500,000						
<a href="#">456</a>	DVS	Provides general fund appropriation to support the Partnership for Petersburg Initiative	\$398,660			\$404,841			
<a href="#">456</a>	DVS	Provide appropriation to procure a cloud-based software to support and manage veteran claims	\$46,400			\$35,400			
<a href="#">456</a>	DVS	Provides general fund appropriation to procure a cloud-based digital signature and document software to improve efficiency	\$42,870			\$32,870			
<a href="#">457</a>	DVS	Provides one-time general fund support for the construction of the Military Women's Memorial and Education Center in Arlington County.	\$500,000						
<a href="#">458</a>	DVS	Provides funding to purchase and cover ongoing maintenance costs for veteran self-service portal	\$750,000			\$150,000			
<a href="#">458</a>	DVS	Provides general fund appropriation to procure develop and integrate phone system and software to improve veterans services	\$427,914			\$266,820			
<a href="#">459</a>	VSF	Provides an increase in nongeneral fund appropriation to support the Veteran Services Foundation's efforts to raise donations in support of veterans.		\$53,500			\$53,500		
<a href="#">465</a>	DMA	Provide general fund support for the development of a Cash Management System (CMS) Software	\$845,000			\$384,000			
<a href="#">C-40</a>	DMA	Mjrp Maintenance Reserve		\$2,000,000			\$0		

<a href="#">C-41</a>	DMA	Provides state funds and federal nongeneral fund appropriation for repair, improvement, and modernization projects for readiness centers.		\$9,000,000	\$3,000,000				
<a href="#">C-42</a>	DMA	Provides nongeneral fund appropriation to convert a readiness center into a regional field maintenance shop.		\$6,367,100			\$0		
<a href="#">C-43</a>	DMA	Provides nongeneral fund appropriation to construct a microgrid emergency backup generator at the State Military Reservation.		\$49,343,135			\$0		
<a href="#">C-44</a>	DMA	Provides nongeneral fund appropriation to construct an indoor small arms firing range and a military-owned vehicle parking lot at the State Military Reservation.		\$30,000,000			\$0		
<a href="#">C-45</a>	DVS	Authorizes federal fund support and a state interest-free treasury loan to support expansion and construction at Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk							

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:  
[http://publicreports.dpb.virginia.gov/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=BDOC2021\\_FrontPage](http://publicreports.dpb.virginia.gov/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=BDOC2021_FrontPage)

**2024 Virginia General Assembly Military and Veterans Budget Items - Budget Amendments Requests**

ITEM	AGENCY	SUMMARY	FY 25 GF	FY25 NGF	FY25 VPBA	FY26 GF	FY26NGF	FY26V BPA	Strategic Plan
77 #9h Hope	Elections	This amendment provides \$500,000 in each year from the general fund for the Department of Elections to create an electronic transmission system through which a military or overseas voter or voter with a disability may request, receive, and return a ballot. The funding provided in this paragraph will purchase software for this new system	\$500,000			\$500,000			
101 #1h Price	Econ Dev Incentive Payments	This amendment provides \$20,000,000 the first year and \$20,000,000 the second year from the general fund to the City of Newport News to support a capital investment from the United States Navy in an amount estimated to be up to \$400,000,000 to build infrastructure to house and care for sailors who reside in Newport News when a ship is being built, overhauled, or otherwise in a maintenance shipbuilding facility. The \$40.0 million over the biennium to represent the Commonwealth's share of a major infrastructure investment by the United States Navy. These funds are contingent on the Navy's investment.	\$20,000,000			\$20,000,000			
101 #2h Laufer	Econ Dev Incentive Payments	This amendment provides \$58.0 million the first year for the County of Albemarle to develop the Intelligence and National Security Innovation and Acceleration Campus (INSIAC).	\$58,000,000			\$0			
113 #3h Price	VEDPA	(This amendment creates a new grant program at the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority with \$4.0 million over the biennium to assist communities with high concentrations of military personnel that are not working at military installation or federal facility and the federal government has committed capital investments of over \$50.0 million to enhance the quality of service of military personnel. Capital investments from the federal government cannot be associated with a military installation or federal facility	\$2,000,000			\$2,000,000			

130 #1h Carr	SCHEV	This amendment requests funding to cover the costs of waivers for the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Program	\$86,173,082			\$86,173,082			
140 #1h Tran	W&M	This amendment requests funding for the Troops to Teachers Virginia Center to help military service members who want to become teachers	\$532,000			\$532,000			Goal 4
296 #12h Feggens	HHR	Out of this appropriation, \$6,000,000 the first year and \$6,000,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to establish a pilot program to make electroencephalogram-driven, combined transcranial magnetic stimulation available for veterans, current and former first responders, and law enforcement officers, including agents of the Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency. This pilot program may have up to eight treatment sites within the state	\$6,000,000			\$6,000,000			
297 # 1h Rasoul	HHR	This amendment adds \$3.3 million from the general fund each year to increase funding for six steps of STEP-VA to account for inflation in the cost to implement and deliver services that did not receive funding adjustments in Chapter 1, 2023 Special Session I. This amendment would increase funding for crisis services, military and veteran services, peer services, case management, psychiatric rehabilitation services, and care coordination services	\$3,319,123			\$3,319,123			
426 # 1h Taylor	DMV	This amendment provides \$25,000 from the general fund each year to the DMV to backfill for the reduction in nongeneral fund revenues as a result of the passage of House Bill 96 which eliminates fees charged to veterans for specialized license plates	\$25,000			\$25,000			

441 # 1h Green	VDOT	This amendment provides \$50,000 from the general fund each year to backfill VDOT for any reduction in revenues from the passage of House Bill 424 of the 2024 General Assembly session which exempts veterans who have been rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as having a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability from being charged tolls. The funding in this amendment is a placeholder until a detailed fiscal impact is completed	\$50,000			\$50,000			
454 #1h Tata	VADA	This amendment provides \$7.5 million each year from the general fund for the Virginia Military Infrastructure Grant Program. The program provides support to localities for projects address infrastructure, resilience, and improvements that are beneficial for military installations and supporting localities, in support of Department of Defense funding opportunities.	\$7,500,000			\$7,500,000			
454 #2h Reid	VADA	This amendment provides an additional \$125,000 each year from the general fund to support the Governor's Commission on Military Installations and Defense Activities	\$125,000			\$125,000			
454 #3h Price	VADA	This amendment provides \$50,000 the first year from the general fund pursuant to House Bill which 619 allows localities to establish, by ordinance, one or more military centered community zones	\$50,000			\$0			
454 #4h	VADA	This amendment provides \$58.0 million the first year from the general fund to support Albemarle County in the Rivanna Futures project. Rivanna Futures is a project to make siteready 230 acres of land surrounding Rivanna Station in Albemarle County. Albemarle has already acquired 462 acres of land for \$58 million, and is requesting \$58 million in support from the Commonwealth to support site-readiness activities, including engineering, site preparation, and road and utility buildout	\$58,000,000			\$0			

456 #1h Reid	DVS	This amendment provides \$755,430 the first year and \$420,815 the second year from the general fund for House Bill 141, which would establish the Veterans Fellowship for State Government Pilot Program	\$755,430			\$420,815			Goal 1 Action 1.4
456 #2h Webert	DVS	This amendment provides \$250,000 each year from the general fund to support Hero's Bridge supportive services to aging veterans across the Commonwealth.	\$250,000			\$250,000			
462 #1h Wyatt	DMA	This amendment provides \$500,000 each year from the general fund to support JROTC marksmanship programs in Virginia high schools.	\$500,000			\$500,000			
469 #10 Helmer	Central Approp.	This amendment provides \$200,000 from the general fund each year to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 279 which provides that individuals who are employed by the Commonwealth or a political subdivision as a professional firefighter shall receive paid leaves of absence for up to 388 work hours if such person is engaged in federally funded military duty or called by the Governor for military duty. The funding included in the amendment is a placeholder until a detailed fiscal impact analysis is completed.	\$200,000			\$200,000			
C-48 #6h Carr	DMA	This amendment provides \$5.3 million in the first year from the general fund to add a project to the planning pool to construct a Virginia National Guard Museum in Richmond	\$5,321,100			\$0			
C-51 #1h Carr	DVS	This amendment provides \$4,754,053 general fund the first year and adds a project to the state agency construction pool to upfit the Virginia War Memorial Carillon in Richmond for a Memorial and Education Center managed by the Department of Veterans Services. Specifically, this funding will allow for new interior construction museum quality displays and education spaces and the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire protection required to support such spaces to restore the Carillon's interior spaces to its former historic and intended purpose as a museum to honor Virginians killed in World War I	\$4,754,053			\$0			

0 #18s Reeves	Revenues	This amendment accompanies Senate Bill 10 that expands the income tax subtraction on military retirement benefits to include the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the commissioned corps of the United States Public Health Service. This amendment reduces general fund revenue by \$1.0 million each year as a placeholder. The actual revenue impact is to be determined							
31 #2s Reeves	Judicial	This amendment provides \$200,000 GF the first year for one-time funding to support the Rappahannock Veterans Treatment Docket	\$200,000			\$0			
101 #8s Locke	Econ Dev Incentive Payments	This amendment provides an appropriation not to exceed \$40.0 million, or 10 percent of the cost, whichever is less, for infrastructure to house and care for sailors who reside in Newport News when a ship is being built, overhauled, or otherwise is in maintenance at a shipbuilding facility in Newport News. Newport News Economic Development Authority is directed to coordinate with the United States Department of Navy on this project	\$40,000,000			\$0			
125 #2s McPike	Direct Aid to Public Education	This amendment provides supplemental support payments to Stafford County of \$2,000,000 GF in each year to offset two significant cost differentials compared to all other surrounding localities; a significantly higher labor cost than any locality that receives only a partial Cost of Competing Adjustment (COCA) and the highest percentage of Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption costs of all the COCA localities	\$2,000,000			\$2,000,000			
125 #28s Durant	Direct Aid to Public Education	This amendment provides supplemental support payments to Stafford County of \$2,000,000 in each year of the biennium from the general fund to offset two significant cost differentials compared to all other surrounding localities; a significantly higher labor cost than any locality that receives only a partial Cost of Competing Adjustment (COCA) and the highest percentage of Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption costs of all the COCA localities	\$2,000,000			\$2,000,000			

140 #2s Locke	W&M	This amendment provides \$532,000 GF each year of the biennium and 3.0 FTE positions for the Troops to Teachers Virginia Center to help military service members who want to become teachers and work with all colleges across the state to find the best option to become licensed as a teacher. Troops to Teachers is administered by William and Mary for the Virginia Department of Education	\$532,000			\$532,000			
283 #2s Hashmi	HHR	This amendment provides \$43,000 each year from the general fund for the Virginia Department of Health to provide staff support and board member compensation for the Advisory Council on Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention pursuant to Senate Bill 229. The Department will need to contract the services of a part-time coordinator to accomplish tasks outlined in the bill. The coordinator will be responsible for communicating with the Governor's office, convening and facilitating Advisory Council meetings, providing support and feedback to Advisory Council members, and drafting the annual report due to the Governor and General Assembly by the established due date	\$43,000			\$43,000			
296 #5s Deeds	DHBDS	This amendment provides \$3.3 million each year from the general fund to account for inflation in the cost to implement and deliver services associated with the six steps of STEP-VA which did not receive funding adjustments through previous budget actions. This request is in addition to the \$8.7 million included in the introduced budget to address inflation in the first three steps of STEP-VA. Of this amount, \$1.8 million is for crisis services, \$401,874 for military veterans, \$480,558 for peer services, \$181,424 for case management, \$150,250 for psychological rehab, and \$329,802 for care coordination	\$3,319,123			\$3,319,123			



422 #1s Reeves	Dept of Aviation	This amendment provides \$3.8 million GF the first year to advance the Commonwealth's Advanced Air Mobility Network through development of the Advanced Air Mobility Simulation Center and the United States Air Force Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol, Virginia Wing Joint Use Training and Operations Center at Winchester Regional Airport.	\$3,800,000			\$0			
454 #1s Reeves	VADA	This amendment provides \$125,000 GF each year to increase to \$725,000 the contract for services supporting the Governor's Commission on Military Installations and Defense Activities	\$125,000			\$125,000			
454 #2s Craig	VADA	This amendment provides \$7.5 million GF each year for the Virginia Military Community Infrastructure Grant Program	\$7,500,000			\$7,500,000			
456 #1s Reeves	DVS	This amendment provides \$250,000 GF each year for Hero's Bridge Village in Fauquier County to support affordable housing and supportive services for veterans.)	\$250,000			\$250,000			
456 #2s Locke	VADA	This amendment provides \$6.0 million GF each year to establish a pilot program to make electroencephalogram (EEG)-driven, combined transcranial magnetic stimulation (eTMS) available for veterans, current/former first responders, and law enforcement officers, including agents of the Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency, at up to eight treatment sites within the Commonwealth	\$6,000,000			\$6,000,000			
456 #3s Reeves	DVS	This amendment provides \$755,430 GF the first year and \$420,815 GF the second year for the Department of Veterans Services, in collaboration with the Virginia Commonwealth University, to establish the Veteran's Fellowship for State Government Pilot Program, pursuant to Senate Bill 113	\$755,430			\$420,815			Goal 1 Action 1.4
456 #4s Reeves	DVS	This amendment provides \$50,000 GF each year as a placeholder for the fiscal impact of Senate Bill 347, which proposes changes to the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program	\$50,000			\$50,000			

461 #s Sturtevant	DMA	This amendment provides \$50,000 GF each year as a placeholder amount for the potential fiscal impact of Senate Bill 219, which amends the requirements for the National Guard Tuition Assistance Program	\$50,000			\$50,000			JLC 2024-03
473 #1s	Central Approp.	(This amendment provides \$87.0 million GF each year to cover the cost of tuition and fee waivers granted under the Virginia Military and Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP) pursuant to § 23.1- 608, Code of Virginia and this Item.	\$87,000,000			\$87,000,000			
486 #2s Jordan	VRS	This amendment provides \$50,000 the first year from nongeneral funds for the administrative costs to include the Fort Barfoot Fire Department in Blackstone, Virginia as part of the Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System. Working for the the Department of Defense and Department of Military Affairs, they are the only fire department in the Commonwealth operated by state employees. This makes the fire department unique as other departments in the Commonwealth are local employees, federal employees, or contract employees. Firefighters in the Commonwealth receive some form of Hazardous Duty Retirement	\$50,000			\$0			
C-44 10#1s	DMA	This amendment authorizes the funding for detail planning and construction of a Museum of the Virginia National Guard at the Department of Military Affairs	\$5,321,100			\$62,112,700			

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