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Purple Heart  
Military Order of the  
World Wars  
National Vet Court Alliance  
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## **Statement on the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP)**

May 29, 2024

The Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations (the JLC) met on May 29, 2024.

The JLC members voted unanimously to request that the Governor and General Assembly call a special session to postpone the upcoming changes to the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP) pending study of the premises for the changes and their impact.

Much of the deliberation for these changes occurred without public input or dialogue. This issue is too important to decide behind closed doors.

Executive Directive Seven established a taskforce to review the changes and to help minimize the impact on military and veteran families.

Given the significant impact on our military families, it is crucial that we take the time to reassess these changes thoroughly.

We must act before July 1, 2024 to mitigate the impact on this year's students.