

ATTACHMENT 6

Status of JLC 2019 Initiatives – as of RECONVENED SESSION – April 3, 2019

INITIATIVE	RECOMMENDATION	STATUS
JLC 2019-01 <i>Increased State Active Duty (SAD) Pay</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly appropriate \$50,000 to ensure that all Virginia National Guardsmen are paid at least at the E6 rate.	Budget Amendment: 416 #2h, 416 #3h, 416 #1s – \$50,000 Legislation: HB1968 (Reid): 2/5: <i>Left in Appropriations</i> HB2626 (Ayala) & HB2788 (Thomas): 2/5: <i>Left in Appropriations</i> SB1246 (Reeves): 2/18: <i>Left in Appropriations</i>
JLC 2019-02 <i>Income Tax Subtraction for Certain Low-Income 100% Disabled Veterans</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly approve an individual income tax subtraction for 100% service-connected disabled veterans with a federally adjusted gross income, not exceeding 150% of the federal poverty level for a four-person household, who have not already claimed another exemption.	Budget Amendment: None Legislation: HB1756 (Miyares): 2/5: <i>Left in Appropriations (did not cross over)</i>
JLC 2019-03 <i>Electronic Return of Voted Ballots by Overseas Military</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly enact legislation and provide budget support of a pilot program at the Virginia State Board of Elections for \$100,000 and funding for one FTE, for a limited pilot program for the electronic return of absentee ballots by Virginia's deployed military service members.	Budget Amendment: 83 #6h \$282,600 (Landes) Legislation: HJ670 (Landes): 1/29: <i>Failed to Report (3-3) (did not cross over)</i> SJ291 (DeSteph): 2/1: <i>PBI (did not cross over)</i>
JLC 2019-04 <i>Personal Property Tax Relief for Certain Disabled Veterans</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly approve legislation creating a standardized, statewide personal property tax exemption for one vehicle for 100% service-connected, total and permanent disabled veterans. <i>The corresponding legislation is a constitutional amendment – a 3 year process</i>	Budget Amendment: N/A Legislation: HJ676 (Filler-Corn): 3/7: <i>Signed by Speaker; 3/9: Signed by President</i> SJ278 (Reeves): 3/7: <i>Signed by Speaker; 3/9: Signed by President</i>
JLC 2019-05 <i>Free Tuition for Virginia National Guardsmen</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly provide budget support of approximately a \$1 million increase in the annual State Tuition Assistance program for a pilot program to cover the estimated 3.5% of Guardsmen seeking a degree who are not currently completely covered by federal and state tuition assistance.	Budget Amendment: In GOV introduced amendments – Senate Removed; House Retained; Conference Removed Legislation: SB1412 (Mason): 2/19: <i>Left in Appropriations</i> HB2455 (Simon): 2/5: <i>Left in Appropriations</i>
JLC 2019-06 <i>Removing Combat</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly remove the requirement that a veteran's disability rating be combat	Budget Amendment: 141 #5s \$1.2M in FY19 &

<p><i>Requirement for VMSDEP</i></p>	<p>related. Instead, a permanent service-connected disability rating of at least 90%, plus satisfaction of the other requirements currently in the Code, would qualify a veteran's spouse or child for VMSDEP benefits.</p>	<p>\$2.7M in FY20 (McPike)</p> <p>Legislation: HB2685 (Torian): 3/18: <i>Signed by Governor</i> SB1173 (McPike): 3/8: <i>Signed by Governor</i> (SB1665 (Stuart): <i>Rolled into SB1173</i>)</p>
<p>JLC 2019-07 <i>Phased-in System for Partial State Tax Exemption for Military Retirement Income</i></p>	<p>That the Governor and General Assembly support changes to the current Virginia tax laws for a phased in system to reduce state tax on military retirement income up to \$40,000.</p>	<p>Budget Amendment: None</p> <p>Legislation: None</p> <p>HJ 674 DVS & TAX: feasibility of exempting military retirement income from taxation, report (Torian); 2/4: Agreed to by House (98-0); 2/20: Agreed to by Senate (voice vote)</p> <p><i>DVS & TAX had their first meeting on March 26</i></p>