

Status of Joint Legislative Council 2023 Approved Initiatives
(Prioritized)

<i>JLC Priority</i>	<i>Initiative</i>	<i>JLC Recommendation</i>	
1	<i>Expand Tax Relief for Surviving Spouses of Military Service Members to also include "Died in the Line-of Duty"</i>	Governor and General Assembly reform the Virginia state law, Tax Relief for Surviving Spouse of a Member of the Armed Forces "Killed in Action" through a Virginia Constitutional Amendment to include <i>died on active duty</i> in the section that addresses surviving spouses of members of the armed forces killed in action.	This legislation involves a three-year process since it involves amending the VA Constitution
2	<i>Real Property Tax Exemption Effective Date</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly Amend the Veteran Real Property Tax law to make explicit that local jurisdictions must provide a veteran or surviving spouse the exemption as far back as the veteran or surviving spouse is eligible, but not earlier than January 1, 2011, regardless of when the veteran or surviving spouse applies.	
4	<i>Increase GF Support for State Veterans Cemeteries; Eliminate Spouse Burial Fees</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly appropriate an additional \$300,000 to Virginia Department of Veterans Services so that the spouse burial charge may be eliminated at Virginia State Veterans Cemeteries, and that Virginia work with Congress to secure the funding (in the VA budget) to extend the VA plot allowance to spouses at all state veterans cemeteries nationwide.	Governor supports
3	<i>Removal of Age Requirement Income Tax Subtraction</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly remove the 55-year age limitation on exemption of military retirement income from state tax	#1 initiative Governor supports
5	<i>Virginia National Guard State Park Admission</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly grant free or reduced price admission to Virginia State parks to members of the Virginia National Guard.	Governor supports
6	<i>Virginia National Guard Income Tax Exemption</i>	Governor and General Assembly adjust/increase amount of income excluded from State Income Tax from \$3,000 to \$6,000, and this amount be adjusted every five years to account for inflation. (Changes grades affected from O3 to O5).	