

New and/or Expanded SCHEV Duties from the 2025 Legislative Session

Duty	Passed or Still Potential	Bill/Budget Item	Description	Deadline
Campus Food Insecurity Grant Program	Passed/Potential	HB2240/Item 132 #3c	This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund the first year to establish a Hunger-Free Campus Food Pantry grant program administered by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia	Effective July 1, 2025
Public Institutions of Higher Education; Policies for Establishing Eligibility for Accommodations; report	Passed	HB1805	The bill directs SCHEV to study and make recommendations in a report by November 1, 2025, on improving and standardizing the quality and consistency of IEPs or sections of IEPs developed and implemented for students with disabilities dedicated to postsecondary transition planning and services for students with disabilities by public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth.	Report due November 1, 2025
Distribution of VMSDEP Waiver Allocation	Potential	Item 130 #1c	SCHEV shall disburse funds based on the amount of tuition and fees waived at each institution in that fiscal year to offset costs associated with the VMSDEP Waiver. SCHEV shall also report on the status of VMSDEP programs by November 1 of each year.	Effective July 1, 2025
VMSDEP Enrollment and Eligibility Data; report	Potential	HB1694	Directs the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, in coordination with the Department of Veterans Services, to submit to the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations and the House Committee on Appropriations by November 1 of each year a report on (i) the number of individuals who are qualified survivors and dependents, as that term is defined in applicable law, and have been certified as eligible to participate in the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program but are not yet admitted to a public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth and (ii) the best available estimate of the total number of qualified survivors and dependents who are participating in the Program and enrolled in the fall semester at each public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth.	Report due November 1 of each year

Innovative Internship Fund and Program	Potential	Item 132 #2c; Item 113 #1c	The Council shall establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) to transition the employer-focused outreach and engagement components of the Program to those entities in accordance with Item 113.T. The Council and VEDP shall consult with the partners identified in Item 113.T in the development of the MOU to facilitate their continuing collaboration. The MOU shall be completed and reported to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees no later than June 30, 2025.	Effective July 1, 2025
Common Curriculum; LPN to RN	Potential	SB953/H B2548	Requires the Virginia Community College System, in consultation with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the Board of Nursing, and representatives from associate-degree-granting public institutions of higher education that offer nursing programs, to develop a common curriculum for practical nursing programs that shall be implemented at each comprehensive community college in the System that offers a practical nursing program.	Effective July 1, 2026
Tech Talent Award Methodology	Potential	Item 473 #1c	Directs SCHEV to lead a review of award reduction methodology and submit recommendations to the General Assembly.	Effective July 1, 2025
Noncredit Course of Instruction; report	Potential	HB1995	Directs the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to evaluate and make recommendations on exempting certain noncredit courses of instruction operated by private and out-of-state postsecondary institutions from requirements related to obtaining and maintaining certification to operate in the Commonwealth.	Report due November 1, 2025
Livestreaming Board of Visitors Meeting	Potential	HB2452	Requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, in consultation with the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council and a representative from the Library of Virginia, to work with the public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth and with technology experts to develop minimal uniform standards, to the extent practicable, for (i) providing the public with real-time access to the meetings of governing boards of public institutions of higher education and the meetings of committees of such boards, (ii) archiving the recordings of such meetings, and (iii) taking minutes at such meetings.	Effective July 1, 2026