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**Pending Bills Of Interest**

*VGEA Members Should Watch This Legislation*

Each weekly issue of the *VGEA eNews* will have an updated Bill list so you can monitor those bills or budget amendments that are of special interest to you. We will follow them from filing through enactment or defeat and you can look at this week's list and check the bills of your choice by [clicking here](#). You can also check them anytime by visiting Virginia's Legislative Information System at <http://leg1.state.va.us>

**Governor Terry McAuliffe Inaugurated; First General Assembly Week Completed**

The General Assembly's 60-day 2014 session began last Wednesday, January 8. That day, outgoing Governor Bob McDonnell addressed the joint meeting of the House of Delegates and the Virginia Senate, reviewing the highs and lows of his four year term. Governor McDonnell had already introduced [his biennial budget](#) prior to stepping down, and the Commonwealth works with that budget as it transitions to a new Governor and his administration.

Last Saturday, Virginia's new Governor, Terry McAuliffe, was sworn-in and gave his inaugural address. Pictured above, Governor McAuliffe is at the podium on an extremely wet, yet unseasonably warm January 11, flanked by his family, newly named Lt. Governor Ralph Northam and Attorney General Mark Herring, as well as former President Bill Clinton and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (both under umbrella). For highlights of McAuliffe's inauguration speech [click here](#) to read the *Washington-Post* story.

**Roth IRAs Now 4.5 Percent**

The VGEA's [Legislative Priorities](#) for the 2014 General Assembly session, include supporting more salary improvements addressing both market lag

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and salary compression. [Click here](#) to read the list which the VGEA's lobbying team is working hard to advance with the legislators now.

Keep reading the weekly issues of these *VGEA eNews* newsletters to **stay informed about the issues that impact state employees and retirees**. This is important all year long, but especially during the General Assembly, during which we'll also have special Legislative Alerts.

## VGEA Legislative Day Scheduled for Presidents' Day: Monday, February 17

All members, prospective members and guests are invited to attend:

### VGEA Legislative Day

**Monday, February 17, from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m.**

Mark your calendars to attend VGEA's LEGISLATIVE DAY, on Presidents' Day, February 17! This event gets members together to meet with legislators and spend the day learning about the General Assembly and the State Capitol. Don't miss this opportunity to learn and have fun. *More information in the next ForeSight.*

**RSVP by contacting the VGEA by email at [info@vgea.org](mailto:info@vgea.org) or call 877-302-7146 toll-free.**



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