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VGEA Members Should Watch This Legislation

Each issue of the VGEA eNews will include a bill list so you can monitor those bills or budget amendments that are of special interest to state employees and retirees. We will follow them from filing through enactment or defeat and you can check the bills by [clicking here](#).

You can also check them anytime by visiting Virginia's Legislative Information System at <http://leg1.state.va.us>

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It's VGEA Scholarship Time! 2014 Applications are Available Now

Once again the Virginia Governmental Employees Association will award **four \$2500 scholarships** for the fall 2014 semester! [Click here](#) for the new application. Complete and return it soon as the **deadline is February 28** and only the first 100 applications are eligible. The application is posted on our homepage at www.vgea.org as well and will continue to be posted there for easy access.

Members' Grandchildren are Now Eligible!

The rules have been expanded this year to include VGEA members' grandchildren this year, due to popular request. That means that now in order to be a scholarship recipient, you must either be a VGEA member, a member's spouse, child, or grandchild.

Add your email address to
our mailing list

Roth IRAs Now 4.5 Percent *Guaranteed!*

The Hanson Agency, Inc., is the VGEA's Retirement Investment partner. Contact Charlie O'Connor for more details at 804-737-2801 or charlieoconnor82@yahoo.com.



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VGEA Lobbying Team at Work; Striving To Achieve Legislative Initiatives

The second week of the General Assembly's 60-day 2014 session ended with some VGEA wins and a couple losses.

The Non-Discrimination Bill [SB 248](#) was shot down in the Senate General Laws and Technology Subcommittee by a tie vote 7-7; alas, the Chairman's nay vote carried more weight than the others. Testifying on behalf of the VGEA and its [principles of fairness and equity](#) in the workplace was new Lobbyist Johnna Cossaboon (pictured left, speaking to the Subcommittee with Bill Patrons: Senators Adam Ebbin (left) and Donald McEachin).



VGEA's Executive Director Ron Jordan often presents the association's priorities and the needs of state employees, retirees and their families to the Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriations Committee and/or one of their many subcommittees. He recently

was asked to speak to the House Compensation and Retirement Subcommittee about what state employees need as far as salaries, benefits and retirement go, and how the state can best meet those needs within the budget. [Click here](#) to read his remarks.

Most times, Jordan and Lobbyist Jim Roberts speak informally with committee members before the votes occur. Please keep informed about the issues by clicking on [Bills of VGEA Interest](#). If you see one that you feel passionate about follow it up with a phone call, letter or even a personal visit to your legislator. You may be pleasantly surprised how easy it is to see your elected official in Richmond! Call their office and make an appointment and plan to visit him or her - maybe even on **VGEA's Legislative Day!** For more about that special event, see the story below.

Keep reading the weekly issues of these VGEA eNews newsletters to **stay informed about the issues that impact state employees and retirees.**

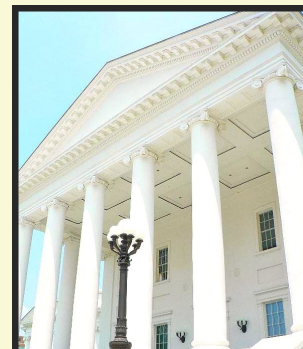
VGEA Legislative Day Scheduled for *Presidents' Day: Monday, February 17*

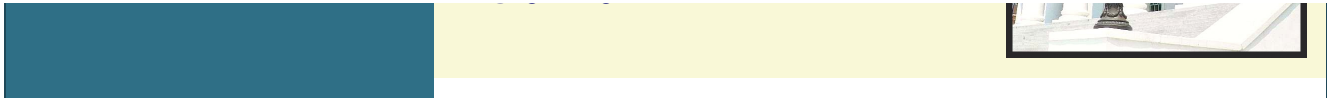
All members, prospective members and guests are invited to attend:

VGEA Legislative Day
Monday, February 17, from 8:30 a.m.
to approximately 2 p.m.

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 experience Virginia's legislature.

RSVP by contacting the VGEA by email at
info@vgea.org or call 877-302-7146 toll-free.





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