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*Pay raise in budget!*

**March 10, 2016**



**Save the Date  
For Your VGEA  
Regional  
Meeting!**

**Northern Virginia  
Regional Meeting:**

**April 11, 6 p.m.**  
Electric Palm Restaurant,  
Woodbridge

**Southwest Virginia  
Regional Meeting:**

**April 21, 6 p.m.**, Bone Fire  
SmokeHouse at the Hardware,  
Abingdon

**Far Southwest Virginia  
Regional Meeting:**

**May 19, 6 p.m.**, Park Avenue  
Bar & Grill, Holiday Inn, Norton

**Roanoke Regional  
Meeting:**

**June 6, 6 p.m.**, Hilton Garden  
Inn, Roanoke

**Southside Virginia**

**State Employees to Get 3 Percent  
Salary Increase in December 2016!**

Budget negotiators for the Virginia House of Delegates and Senate have completed their work on the budget conference reports for House Bills 29 and 30, Senate Finance Co-Chairs Thomas K. Norment, Jr. (R-James City) and Emmett W. Hanger, Jr. (R-Augusta) and House Appropriations Committee Chairman S. Chris Jones (R-Suffolk) announced March 9. Under the resolution agreed to by both chambers, **final votes on the conference reports are expected on March 11.**

Provided the budget report passes and it is signed by Governor McAuliffe, **State employees and faculty will receive a 3 percent across the board raise in the first December 2016 paycheck.**

The budget also **funds the annual contribution to the Virginia Retirement System at 100 percent** of the Board certified rate, fulfilling our requirement two years ahead of schedule. In addition, it **accelerates the \$189.5 million repayment to the VRS** for the contribution rate deferral in 2010. This is six years ahead of schedule and **saves \$44 million per year** moving forward. These savings were used to help fund the pay increase.

Thank the **conferees** for remembering to include a raise for State employees! They are:

**Regional Meeting:**  
**July 21, 6 p.m.**, Mary's Diner,  
 Danville

**Shenandoah Regional Meeting:**  
**August 18, 6 p.m.**, Frontier Culture Museum, Staunton

**VGEA ANNUAL MEETING:**  
**September 17, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, Westin, 6631 W. Broad St., Richmond

**Tidewater Virginia Regional Meeting:**  
**October 20, 6 p.m.**, Cutlass Grille, Chesapeake

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**Senators:** Emmett Hanger (R-Mount Solon); Tommy Norment (R-Williamsburg); Stephen Newman (R-Forest); Frank Ruff (R-Clarksville); Frank Wagner (R-Virginia Beach); Janet Howell (D-Reston); and Dick Saslaw (D-Springfield).

**Delegates:** Chris Jones (R-Suffolk); Kirk Cox (R-Colonial Heights); Steven Landes (R-Verona); John O'Bannon (R-Richmond); Tag Greason (R-Lansdowne); and Luke Torian (D-Dumfries).

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**Last Legislation Left**

**General Assembly Bills Pending**

*Click on the Bill Number links below to go to the description of each bill on the Virginia Legislative Information System. This information will include each individual bill's summary and status. Unfortunately, some computer networks will not allow this link access. If the links seem to be broken, please go to the [Virginia's Legislative Information System](http://lis.virginia.gov) at <http://lis.virginia.gov/lis.htm> and type in the bill number you want to see.*

**[HB 220 Virginia FOIA; public access to resumes](#)** and other information related to gubernatorial appointee.

**Chief patron:** Taylor  
*Bill communicated to Governor 3/9/16. Action deadline 4/11/16.*

**[HB 665 Employee Retirement Security & Pension Reform](#)**, Commission on; established, report, sunset provision.

**Chief patron:** Howell  
*House: VOTE: Adoption (99-Y, 0-N) 3/9/16.*

**[HB 773 Government Nondiscrimination Act](#)**; created.

**Chief patron:** Gilbert  
*Senate passed a substitute. Back to House, Speaker ruled Senate substitute 16105751D-S1 not germane 3/9/16.*

**[SB 51 Virginia Retirement System](#)**; technical corrections to programs.

**Chief patron:** Howell  
*Approved by Governor-Chapter 263 (effective 7/1/16).*

**[SB 271 Adoption](#)**; leave benefit.

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**Chief patron:** Garrett  
*House continued to 2017 in Appropriations by voice vote.*

**SB 294 State officers and employees;** retaliatory actions against persons providing certain testimony.

**Chief patron:** DeSteph  
*Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB294ER) 3/10/16.*

**SB 364 Health insurance plan;** Department of Human Resource Management to consider all participants.

**Chief patron:** Chafin  
*Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB364ER) 3/8/16.*

**SB 746 Government entities; liabilities for certain inspections.**

**Chief patron:** Wagner  
*Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB746ER) 3/10/16.*

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