

MEMORANDUM

TO: External Relations Committee
FROM: COL Kimberly Parker
SUBJECT: 2024 Higher Education Legislation
DATE: 10 April 2024

General Assembly members introduced over 3500 bills and resolutions during the 2024 legislative session. More than 2000 passed. The Governor vetoed 153 bills and made recommendations or amendments on others for the General Assembly to address during the reconvened session on Wednesday, 17 April.

A lighter number of higher education bills were introduced this Session, but VMI still had 150 bills and resolutions on its tracking report. Attached is a copy of the tracking report. To date, 21 bills on the Institute tracking report have been vetoed by the Governor. Currently, neither chamber of the General Assembly has the votes to override his vetoes so those bills are likely dead for this year.

The Governor completed his review of the conference report on House Bill 30, the FY 2025-2026 budget. His review resulted in 233 amendments that the General Assembly will address at the reconvened session. In short, the Governor's amendments reduced the operations and financial aid funding for VMI and added a tuition cap requirement for the affordability funds. The good news is that the Governor's amendments did not impact the Institute's capital projects.

The Institute will monitor the work of the reconvened session. The successful bills become effective 1 July 2024.