

Staff Summary of SFAC Select Workgroup on VMSDEP Meetings

November 7, 2024

Background

- The SFAC Select Workgroup on the Virginia Military Survivors Education and Dependents Program (VMSDEP) was formed by the SFAC Chair in June 2024 due to concerns raised about adopted budget language that made changes to that program and other tuition waivers.
- In addition, the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees requested that the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) conduct an independent review of VMSDEP to identify options and/or recommendations for the program.

Summary of Meetings

- **June 28th:** Staff presentations provided an overview of VMSDEP and federal education benefits for veterans' families.
- **September 9th:** Presentations were provided by the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), Department of Veterans Services (DVS), and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV).
- **November 7th:** Presentations were provided by JLARC and SFAC staff.

Public comment was accepted through an online form and in-person at the June 28th and November 7th meetings.

Select Workgroup on
VMSDEP Written Public Comment



Written public comment will be accepted from
November 7th through November 12th.