

General Assembly 2023

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Gavels in January 11 at noon

Short Session – 45 days

Bills already introduced

Bill Topics

- Immunizations
- Child health
- Abortion access
- Facility Regulation (Hospital/Nursing Home/etc.)
- Emergency Medical Services/Paramedics

Governor's Proposed Budget Items

- Funding to provide sexual assault forensic examiner training for emergency department staff. This training was mandated by HB808 of 2020 [\$125K FY24]
- Increased funding to treat drug-susceptible tuberculosis [\$50K FY24]
- Funding to increase salaries for staff in the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner [\$1.5M FY24]

Governor's Proposed Budget Items

Health Workforce Incentives

- Increase funding for the Nursing Preceptor Incentive Program to increase the awards to \$5,000 per semester (up from \$1,000).
- Expand the eligibility of preceptor awards to include registered nurses and licensed practical nurses to encourage more clinicians to become preceptors. [**\$10M GF FY24**]
- Increase funding for the existing nursing scholarship and loan repayment programs [**\$1M GF FY24**]
- Funding to establish a new loan repayment program for psychiatric registered nurses and psychiatric nurse practitioners who work in Virginia for more than four years
- [**\$5M GF FY24**]
- Funding to establish the “Earn to Learn Nursing Education Acceleration” program to support partnerships between educational and health institutions to increase the number of nursing graduates receiving necessary clinical training to achieve certification. Grantees must provide participating students employment opportunities consistent with their current certification level. [**\$30M GF FY24**]
- Increase funding for the Behavioral Health loan repayment program [**\$2.5M GF FY24**]

Questions?