

## New and/or Expanded SCHEV Duties from the 2024 Legislative Session

Duty	Passed or Still Potential	Bill/Budget Item	Description	Deadline
Survey on Campus Food Insecurity; report	Passed/ Potential	HB827/ Item 132 #5c	SCHEV shall (i) survey each public institution of higher education to determine how each such institution is addressing on-campus food insecurity, including specific methods, programs, sources of funding, expenditures, communications strategies, and staffing; (ii) compile and make available to each such institution a guidance document containing best practices for leveraging all available resources and opportunities, including public benefits programs and donation programs, to ensure that students do not face food insecurity on campus.	Report due November 1, 2024
Public Institutions of Higher Education; Policies for Establishing Eligibility for Accommodations; report	Passed	SB21/HB509	SCHEV is charged with studying the processes by which each public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth determines the eligibility for accommodations of an admitted or enrolled student with a temporary or permanent disability, (ii) identify in such processes any potential barriers to establishing eligibility, and (iii) make recommendations on reducing any such barriers and on the development and establishment of a uniform accommodations eligibility determination in the Commonwealth..	Report due October 1, 2024
Distribution of VMSDEP Waiver Allocation	Potential	Item 130 #4c	SCHEV shall work with public higher education institutions to determine the appropriate allocation of funds to offset costs associated with the VMSDEP Waiver. SCHEV shall also report on the status of VMSDEP programs by November 1 of each year.	Effective July 1, 2024
Pell Initiative	Potential	Item 130 #5c	In relation to the Pell Initiative, SCHEV shall establish eligibility criteria, evaluate proposals, determine award sizes, establish performance outcomes and monitor performance in consultation with staff from the House Appropriations and the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, the Office of the Secretary of Education, and the Department of Planning and Budget. The Council shall notify the Chairs of the House Appropriations Committee and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee 30 days prior to releasing funds to institutions. The Council shall report periodically on activities related to this initiative and make recommendations for any potential future support to institutions that successfully meet their defined outcomes. Additionally, by	Report due October 1 of each year

			October 1 of each year within the performance period of any awarded institutional grant, the Council shall report to the Secretary of Education on the outcomes and effectiveness of the awarded funds. Such report shall include, at minimum, data on recruitment, retention, and graduation of Pell-eligible students at institutions receiving funding and performance against the outcomes established.	
Innovative Internship Fund and Program	Potential	Item 132 #2c	SCHEV shall work with the Virginia Department of Workforce Development and Advancement and other stakeholders, to develop and execute a promotional plan to raise awareness and foster expanded internship programs and participation by business and nonprofit organizations. The plan shall highlight the Commonwealth's goal to provide paid internship opportunities to all postsecondary students and shall provide for public recognition of employers based on their level of participation in internship programs. The plan shall include continued development of regional collaboratives among employers, educational organizations, and other regional stakeholders for the purpose of expanding internships in alignment with regional growth and diversification strategies and state and regional economic and workforce development initiatives. The plan also shall address the objective of encouraging secondary students in Virginia and outside Virginia to attend Virginia-based institutions of higher education and remain in the Commonwealth after completion through paid internships and pathways to fulltime Virginia-based employment.	Effective July 1, 2024
State Council of Higher Education; Membership	Passed	HB566; HB1044; SB159	SCHEV Council membership shall consist of at least one nonlegislative citizen member who has served as a chief executive officer of one of the Commonwealth's historically black colleges or universities and at least one nonlegislative citizen member who has served as a chief executive officer of an accredited nonprofit private institution of higher education.	Effective July 1, 2026
Institutional Performance Standards	Potential	Item 4-9.01 #1c	This amendment makes a technical correction to clarify that institution performance assessments shall be done biennially	Effective July 1, 2024
Campus Safety and Emergency Preparedness Training	Passed	HB713	SCHEV is charged with encouraging private institutions of higher education to develop and implement policies requiring a campus safety and emergency preparedness training program be provided to each first-year student by the last day of each student's first academic term and reviewed biennially by each returning student at such institution.	Effective July 1, 2024

Virginia Longitudinal Data System, and the Virginia Workforce Data Trust; report	Passed/ Potential	HB1083/ Item 113#5c	SCHEV is appointed as a member of a workgroup where the Secretary of Education will lead an effort to review the current capabilities and future needs of the Virginia Longitudinal Data System (the System) and the Virginia Workforce Data Trust (the Trust) (collectively, the Databases) and, based on the results of such review, develop a work plan for improving the System. The goal of such work shall be to provide a best-in-class data analytics platform and to support evidence-based research and data-informed decision making by policy makers in the Commonwealth through the maintenance of datasets and the creation of public-facing dashboards regarding education, labor, and the workforce.	Report due November 1, 2024
Task Force on Transparency in Publicly Funded Animal Testing Facilities; report	Passed	HB580; SB411	The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, in collaboration with SCHEV, is charged with convening a Task Force on Transparency in Publicly Funded Animal Testing Facilities for the purpose of identifying potential deficiencies in publicly funded animal testing facilities, and recommending methods and context for making certain information about such animal testing facilities publicly available, including information pertaining to instances of noncompliance with federal animal welfare regulations, guidelines, or policies, as well as the care, use, and approximate numbers of animals used for research, education, testing, or other experimental, scientific, or medical purposes by each public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth, including animals not covered by the federal Animal Welfare Act	Report due November 1, 2024
College and Career Ready Virginia Program and Fund established	Passed	HB1087	SCHEV is charged to serve on an advisory committee and work group for the purpose of developing and recommending a career and technical education program of coursework that is available to all qualified high school students as part of the Program.	Report due November 1, 2024
Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority; Virginia Health Care Career and Technical Training and Education Fund created	Passed	SB155	SCHEV is added as an ex officio with voting privileges member of the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority.	Effective July 1, 2024

The Commission to Study the History of the Uprooting of Black Communities by Public Institutions of Higher Education in the Commonwealth	Potential	Item 1 #4c	This amendment lists SCHEV as a member of the Commission to study and determine (i) whether any public institution of higher education has purchased, expropriated, or otherwise taken possession of property owned by any individual or entity within the boundaries of a community in which a majority of the residents are Black in order to establish or expand the institution's campus and (ii) whether and what form of compensation or relief would be appropriate for any individual described in clause (i) or any of his lineal descendants.	Effective July 1, 2024
Creation of an Online TAG Application	Potential	Item 130 #2c	Upon consultation with and approval from SCHEV, private institutions which participate in this program may develop and distribute the Tuition Assistance Grant application form for electronic administration.	Effective July 1, 2024
Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Program	Potential	Item 14 #1c	The conference budget added additional funding in each year of the biennium to support scholarships for persons who were denied an education in the public schools of Virginia between 1954 and 1964, in jurisdictions in which the public schools were closed to avoid desegregation. The 2023 General Assembly expanded this scholarship to apply to lineal or collateral descendant of such person and includes only persons currently domiciled and residing in the Commonwealth. SCHEV is charged with disbursing these funds.	Effective July 1, 2024
Virginia STEM Education Advisory Board; Purpose and Duties	Passed	HB615	SCHEV, as a member of the Virginia STEM Education Advisory Board, shall identify strategies to promote the participation of historically underrepresented students in STEM education collaborating with institutions of higher education and the private sector in the Commonwealth to educate students on and expand STEM pathways and opportunities in higher education, STEM careers, STEM internships, STEM fellowships, and other STEM enrichment programs. This is an expansion of duties on a board that SCHEV already sits on.	Report due annually by the first day of each regular session of the General Assembly
Duties of Agencies and their Appointing Authorities; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Plans	Passed	HB1452	SCHEV, as a state agency, is charged with establishing an infrastructure to effectively support ongoing progress achievements by reporting diversity, equity, and inclusion goals in coordination with the Governor's Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and the General Assembly.	Effective July 1, 2024