

2023 General Assembly Preview

December 2022



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2023 GA Preview—Timeline

- Governor's FY23/24 budget presentation—December 15
- General Assembly convenes—January 11
- Crossover Day—February 7
- Adjournment—February 25
- Typically 2,000 bills during a “short” session



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2023 GA Preview—Current State Budget

- Chapter 2 in effect 6/22/22
- GF: \$31.7 billion in FY23 and \$28 billion in FY24
- \$3.8 billion over the biennium in tax relief (standard deduction, rebates, grocery tax, EITC, military)
- Agency budget requests being considered by Administration for possible inclusion in governor's proposed budget amendments



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2023 GA Preview—Budget Items?

- \$2.8 - \$2.9 billion in additional revenues possible for FY23/24 above budgeted amounts
- Demand for new mandatory and high priority spending also is down from previous years
- Money likely to be available for additional tax relief
- Sweetening pay hikes/bonuses for state employees, state-supported locals and SOQ-recognized school employees in FY24 (1% = \$110 million+)
- Focus likely to be on one-time expenditures to address deferred needs and not overcommitting in future years



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2023 GA Preview—Possible Legislation

- Tax Policy: Money will be available to provide additional relief: Local option sales tax, additional state income tax relief, corporate tax changes?
- Affordable Housing: Governor’s “Make Virginia Home” plan to propose “guard rails” for zoning/local review processes and reform of land use and zoning laws; also stormwater regulations?
- Short Term Rentals: Legislation possible to restrict local authority to regulate through local ordinances



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2023 GA Preview—Local/Regional

- TJPD Legislative Program approved by local governing bodies (one more to go)
- Local legislative/budget initiatives being requested by several member localities
- Look for TJPD Legislative Newsletters every week or so during the session; special updates or calls to action necessary.



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2023 GA Preview—Lay of the Land

- House is 52-47 GOP; Senate is 21-18 Dems
- Election year: All 140 House and Senate seats up for grabs in new districts; could see huge turnover in membership
- Mood factors/House/Senate relationships
- Headlines: Tax relief, abortion restrictions, K-12 education, emission standards, gun violence, etc.



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2023 GA Preview—Resources

- Legislative Information System (<https://lis.virginia.gov/>)
- State Budget Page (<https://budget.lis.virginia.gov/>)
- TJPDC Legislative Page (<https://tjpd.org/our-work/legislative-liaison/>)

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