

New and/or Expanded SCHEV Responsibilities from the 2026 Legislative Session

Task	Passed or Potential	Bill/Budget Item	Description	Deadline
Enslaved Ancestors College Access Scholarship and Memorial Program	Passed	HB404	SCHEV shall establish a work group that meets at least semiannually to discuss Program administration, including sharing best practices on administration and research, coordinating funding and fundraising strategies, developing outreach and marketing plans, collaborating on historical and genealogical research efforts, and aligning government and community engagement initiatives; and (iii) develop and maintain a single statewide online portal that describes each institution's program, criteria, and investments in scholarship students or the community, lists designated points of contact at each institution, shares application timelines and processes, and offers historical context and ongoing memorial updates	Effective July 1, 2026
Data Collection Self-identified Students who are Parents	Passed	HB427	SCHEV requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to include in its uniform, comprehensive data information system information on self-identified students who are parents.	Effective July 1, 2026
Guidelines for Developing a Model Transition IEP Report	Passed	HB468	SCHEV in consultation with the Department of Education and representatives of public institutions of higher education and public secondary schools in the Commonwealth, to develop and submit to the Department of Education for public posting and access by the individualized education program (IEP) team of any student with a disability guidelines for developing a transition IEP to help facilitate the timely provision of transition services and accommodations for students with disabilities by public institutions of higher education across the Commonwealth	Report due November 1, 2026
Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority; administration of scholarships	Passed	HB815/SB405	SCHEV shall submit data relevant to the health workforce shall be required to submit such information to the Authority on an annual basis.	Effective July 1, 2026

Data Reporting Student Enrollment at Public Institutions	Passed	HB955	SCHEV shall annually report on the enrollment of Virginia students, non-Virginia students, and international students at each public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth.	Report due February 1, 2026
Financial Aid Simplification	Passed	HB1221/SB 167	SCHEV shall adopt emergency regulations for the administration of financial aid in accordance with the provisions of the first enactment of this act by April 1, 2027. That the Secretary of Education shall establish a work group, consisting of the Director of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia or his designee, representatives from public and private baccalaureate institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth, representatives from associate-degree-granting public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth, one representative from the Strada Education Network, and other relevant stakeholders, for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive review of higher education financial aid systems and processes in the Commonwealth. In conducting its review, the work group shall (i) examine and evaluate the Commonwealth's current higher education financial aid model and processes; (ii) identify best practices for student financial aid administration utilized by other states; and (iii) develop recommendations on strategies for maximizing the efficacy and impact of state financial aid appropriations on accessibility and affordability of higher education in the Commonwealth and on student outcomes in higher education in the Commonwealth.	Report due July 1, 2027
Virginia Military Institute; Task Force	Passed	HB1377	SCHEV shall convene a task force with members of the General Assembly and civilians to examine and evaluate several components of Virginia Military Institute's academics and policies.	Report due January 13, 2027
Governing Boards; Public Institutions of Higher Education	Passed	SB494/HB1 385	SCHEV is tasked with two responsibilities, (1) convene a workgroup to develop modeled shared governance policies, and (2) convene a workgroup to study and make recommendations on several components related to legal counsel of public institutions of higher education	Reports due November 1, 2026 and January 1, 2027