



VIRGINIA  
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## Advocacy News 2019

While advocacy is a year-round task, we always gear up for the General Assembly to convene in January each year. Stay tuned for updates on their work throughout the session this year, and in the meantime, check out our advocacy resources on our website for more information about how you can advocate for your museum!

VAM Advocacy Resources

### Session Overview

This year is the "short session," while there are amendments to the 2018-2020 budget that will be discussed, no new budget bill means a shorter session. The first day of session is January 9th this year, and session will adjourn on February 23rd.

"Crossover", when each house finishes reviewing the bills they put forward and passes them across to the other house to review, will happen on February 6th.

Right now, there are no bills filed that would impact museums in the Commonwealth. Amendments suggested to the budget bill so far seem to have no negative impact on those museums and organizations that receive state monies. We will continue to track these items, and will let you know as we see issues arise. If your museum has a particular issue you would like us to follow, please [let us know](#).

[Review the budget bill](#)

[Review all pre-filed legislation](#)



### Virginia Museum Advocacy Day

Save the date now to join us for Virginia Museum Advocacy Day on February 7th. We have a full day planned complete with training, visiting legislators, and an evening reception honoring our Top Ten Endangered Artifacts winners!

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