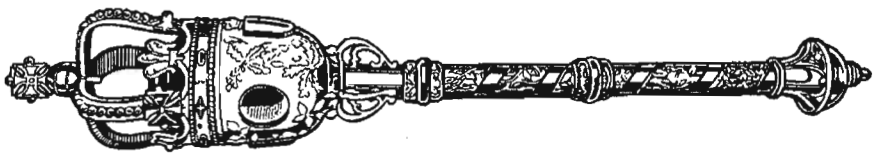
Report of the House Appropriations Subcommittee

on

Higher Education



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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Mr. Chairman, the Subcommittee's recommendations today continue to reflect the course we charted in 2011 when we adopted the "Top Jobs" legislation. They reflect this Committee's consistent goals of increasing access for Virginia students, holding down costs for Virginia families, enhancing the quality of their education and improving their job opportunities.

The late, great New York Yankee manager, Casey Stengel once said, "I don't like them fellas who drive in two runs and let in three." With that in mind, the Subcommittee recommends nearly $290 million in new funding for our public colleges and universities coupled with the expectation that those same institutions limit their in-state tuition increases for each of the next two years to no more than three percent. If I can digress for just a moment, this expectation should not be viewed as the decision point. Many institutions could and should do less. In fact, it would be good news indeed if some would simply look at breaking their "Promise" and perhaps lower their expected increases. I am sure that would make Mr. Jefferson a proud graduate.

The recommendations include $127.4 million allocated to our public institutions to address their priorities of in-state enrollment growth, hiring new faculty, improving retention and supporting basic operations. Another $44.0 million is recommended in the central accounts for a three percent faculty pay increase beginning December 2016. I want to thank Mr. Poindexter for his work on this issue. Mr.

Chairman, thank you for your leadership in making this possible for our hard working state employees.

The Subcommittee also recommends $52.7 million in new financial aid funding. The second year of this funding is contained in the SCHEV budget with a call for reform of the financial aid methodology by the Higher Education Joint Subcommittee. Mr. Chairman, this Subcommittee heard several interesting ideas during session on how to lower the cost of college and how to best address student financial need. Reform of our nearly 40-year-old financial aid model is long overdue.

In addition to these funds, Mr. Chairman, the Subcommittee looked for ways to encourage and reward innovation and research at Virginia colleges and universities. To that end, the Subcommittee recommends $40 million to support a new collaborative approach to research with a more focused eye on commercialization. Again, I want to thank the Chairman for spearheading this new approach in his bill which was unanimously reported by this Committee. In addition, this research initiative leverages the horsepower of the Virginia Growth Opportunity Board. This recommendation also includes $50 million in VCBA bonds to allow for lab renovations and the acquisition of research equipment. Another $10 million is recommended for cancer research at VCU ($6 million) and noninvasive surgery research at UVA ($4 million).

Looking beyond the four-year degree track, the Subcommittee is pleased to recommend $12 million to support a new workforce training program to assist Virginia students in getting the necessary credentials to improve job opportunities in high demand areas.

The Subcommittee also recommends a pilot program at George Mason and James Madison for enhanced autonomy opportunities. In addition, $4 million is recommended for continued development of

online course offerings by George Mason and Old Dominion Universities.

Mr. Chairman, details of our Subcommittee recommendations are attached. Committee staff will review our report and the attached listing of our recommendations in greater detail and I hope that it will be the pleasure of the Committee to adopt them.

Respectfully Submitted by the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education:

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House Bill 30 HIGHER EDUCATION Amendments	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTE
General Assembly of Virginia			
Joint Subcommittee on Future Competitiveness of Virginia Higher Education	0	Language	0.00
Secretary of Education			
Repurpose New Funding	(8,100,000)	0	0.00
State Council Of Higher Education For Virginia			
Correct TAG Award and Repurpose New Initiative Funding	($3,000,000)	Language	0.00
HB 66 Workforce Credentials	$12,000,000	Language	0.00
In-State Undergraduate Financial Aid Reform	$28,598,663	Language	0.00
Repurpose Proposed New Initiatives	($10,754,000)	0	0.00
Substance Abuse Programs	$25,000	Language	0.00
SCHEV - Digital Textbooks	0	Language	0.00
Christopher Newport University			
Repurpose Proposed New Funding	($1,719,080)	0	0.00
House Access and Affordability	$2,453,872	Language	0.00
Move Proposed New Financial Aid to SCHEV (Fin Aid Reform)	($186,591)	0	0.00
The College Of William And Mary In Virginia			
Repurpose Proposed New Funding	($1,931,860)	0	0.00
House Access and Affordability	$3,337,888	Language	0.00
Move Proposed New Financial Aid to SCHEV (Fin Aid Reform)	($131,919)	0	0.00
Richard Bland College			
Repurpose Proposed New Funding	($490,660)	0	0.00
House Access and Affordability	$828,105	Language	0.00
Move Proposed New Financial Aid to SCHEV (Fin Aid Reform)	($57,911)	0	0.00
Virginia Institute Of Marine Science			
Base Operating Support	$1,240,000	0	0.00
Graduate Financial Aid	$300,000	0	0.00
George Mason University			
Repurpose Proposed New Funding	($5,072,840)	0	0.00
House Access and Affordability	$18,876,089	Language	0.00
Move Proposed New Financial Aid to SCHEV (Fin Aid Reform)	($3,064,841)	0	0.00
James Madison University			
Repurpose Proposed New Funding	($5,088,760)	0	0.00
House Access and Affordability	$8,264,089	Language	0.00
Move Proposed New Financial Aid to SCHEV (Fin Aid Reform)	($301,326)	0	0.00
Longwood University			
Repurpose Proposed New Funding	($1,287,380)	0	0.00
House Access and Affordability	$2,125,545	Language	0.00
Move Proposed New Financial Aid to SCHEV (Fin Aid Reform)	($366,214)	0	0.00
Norfolk State University			
Repurpose Proposed New Funding	($1,140,520)	0	0.00
House Access and Affordability	$1,552,217	Language	0.00
Move Proposed New Financial Aid to SCHEV (Fin Aid Reform)	($2,950,444)	0	0.00
Old Dominion University			
Repurpose Proposed New Funding	($7,404,240)	0	0.00
House Access and Affordability	$14,722,921	Language	0.00
Move Proposed New Financial Aid to SCHEV (Fin Aid Reform)	($4,340,632)	0	0.00
Radford University			
Repurpose Proposed New Funding	($2,207,920)	0	0.00
House Access and Affordability	$4,143,104	Language	0.00
Move Proposed New Financial Aid to SCHEV (Fin Aid Reform)	($1,685,086)	0	0.00

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University Of Mary Washington			
Repurpose Proposed New Funding	($1,997,280)	0	0.00
House Access and Affordability	$4,821,097	Language	0.00
Move Proposed New Financial Aid to SCHEV (Fin Aid Reform)	($234,822)	0	0.00
James Monroe Museum Support	$100,000	0	0.00
University Of Virginia			
Repurpose Proposed New Funding	($3,303,920)	0	0.00
House Access and Affordability	$10,353,929	Language	0.00
Move Proposed New Financial Aid to SCHEV (Fin Aid Reform)	($232,735)	0	0.00
Focused Ultrasound Surgery Research Center	4,000,000	0	0.00
University Of Virginia's College At Wise			
Repurpose Proposed New Funding	($903,080)	0	0.00
House Access and Affordability	$1,042,777	Language	0.00
Move Proposed New Financial Aid to SCHEV (Fin Aid Reform)	($365,638)	0	0.00
Virginia Commonwealth University			
Repurpose Proposed New Funding	($6,181,220)	0	0.00
House Access and Affordability	$13,323,120	Language	0.00
Move Proposed New Financial Aid to SCHEV (Fin Aid Reform)	($4,417,541)	0	0.00
Massey Cancer Center	$6,000,000	0	0.00
Virginia Community College System			
Repurpose Proposed New Funding	($13,298,560)	0	0.00
House Access and Affordability	$19,060,272	Language	0.00
Move Proposed New Financial Aid to SCHEV (Fin Aid Reform)	($3,927,747)	0	0.00
Transfer Credentials Funding to SCHEV & Repurpose Proposed New Funding	($25,100,000)	0	0.00
Health Workforce	0	Language	0.00
Virginia Military Institute			
Repurpose Proposed New Funding	($519,720)	0	0.00
House Access and Affordability	$746,089	Language	0.00
Move Proposed New Financial Aid to SCHEV (Fin Aid Reform)	($45,312)	0	0.00
Unique Military Activities	$900,000	0	0.00
Virginia Polytechnic Institute And State University			
Repurpose Proposed New Funding	($9,523,340)	0	0.00
House Access and Affordability	$14,341,161	Language	0.00
Move Proposed New Financial Aid to SCHEV (Fin Aid Reform)	($590,288)	0	0.00
Technical Change - Transfer Funding to Correct Program	($2,450,000)	0	0.00
Unique Military Activities	400,000	0	0.00
Defer Proposed New Initiative	(950,000)	0	0.00
Virginia Cooperative Extension And Agricultural Experiment Station			
Fund Split	0	Language	0.00
Virginia State University			
Repurpose Proposed New Funding	($831,620)	0	0.00
House Access and Affordability	$1,467,625	Language	0.00
Move Proposed New Financial Aid to SCHEV (Fin Aid Reform)	($1,199,616)	0	0.00
Eastern Virginia Medical School			
Base Operating Support	400,000	0	0.00
New College Institute			
Operating Support	200,000	0	0.00
Institute for Advanced Learning and Research			
Utilities and Maintenance Support	700,000	0	0.00
Roanoke Higher Education Authority			
Programmatic and Operational Support	500,000	0	0.00

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Jefferson Labs			
Utilize Opportunity Fund for Ion Collider Upgrades	(2,400,000)	Language	0.00
Higher Education Research Initiative			
Implement House Bill 1343	0	Language	0.00
Virginia College Building Authority			
HEETF Allocations for GMU, ODU, VT, UVA-Wise & Richard Bland	0	Language	0.00
Frontier Culture Museum Of Virginia			
Additional Interpreters and Operating Support	200,000	0	2.00
Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation			
JYF 2019	4,000,000	0	0.00
The Library Of Virginia			
Eastern Shore Public Library	500,000	Language	0.00
Smyth-Bland Regional Library (Saltville)	40,000	Language	0.00
Digital Archives	395,000	0	0.00
Virginia Commission for the Arts			
Grant Funding	350,000	0	0.00
Central Appropriations			
Global Genomics and Bioinformatics Research Institute	0	Language	0.00
Part IV			
Technical Language Change (Financial Aid)	0	Language	0.00
VT / Carilion Partnership	0	Language	0.00
Technical Language Change (Reporting)	0	Language	0.00
Level II Authority Pilot Program	0	Language	0.00
Implement JLARC Recommendations	0	Language	0.00

Item 1 #4h

Legislative Department

General Assembly of Virginia — Language

Language:

Page 10, after line 14, insert:
"2. As part of its deliberations, the Joint Subcommittee shall review opportunities for mergers, shared governance or cooperative agreements between and among public four-year institutions and higher education centers and institutes. Public institutions are encouraged to submit proposals to the Joint Subcommittee for consideration.

3. As part of its deliberations, the Joint Subcommittee shall review alternative tuition or fee structures, including discounted tuition, flat tuition rates, discounted student fees, or student fee and student services flexibility, to any first-time, incoming freshman undergraduate student."
Page 10, line 15, strike "3." and insert "5."
Page 10, line 21, strike "4." and insert "6."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires the Higher Education Joint Subcommittee to review two additional issues.)

Item 256 #1h

Education

Virginia College Building Authority — Language

Language:

Page 203, line 44, strike the first "$80,000,000" and insert "$82,470,000".
Page 203, line 50, strike the first "$3,947,024" and insert "$4,347,024".
Page 204, line 2, strike the first "$5,016,192" and insert "$5,416,092".
Page 204, line 9, strike the first "$5,240,458" and insert "$6,190,458".
Page 204, line 16, strike the first "$250,861" and insert "$770,861".
Page 204, line 32, strike the first "$160,149" and insert "$360,149".
Page 204, line 36, strike the first "$175,306" and insert "$175,307".
Page 204, line 36, strike the second "$175,306" and insert "$175,307".
Page 204, line 51, strike "$524,529" and insert "$524,429".
Page 204, line 53, strike the first "$65,000,000" and insert "$66,520,000".
Page 204, line 53, strike the first "$15,000,000" and insert "$15,950,000".
Page 205, line 1, after "activities", insert:
"related to the New Economy Industry Credential Assistance Training Grant Program".

Page 205, after line 1, insert:
"E. 1. Out of the research allocations for Virginia Tech, $950,000 the first year is designated for radar equipment to enhance the unmanned aircraft test range.

2. Out of the allocations for the University of Virginia at Wise, $520,000 the first year is designated for the acquisition of a Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer.

3. Out of the allocations for Richard Bland College, $200,000 the first year is designated for the acquisition and installation of information technology security devices.

4. Out of the allocations for George Mason University, $400,000 the first year is designated for the acquisition and installation of equipment for the development and delivery of online courses and programs.

5. Out of the allocations for Old Dominion University, $400,000 the first year is designated for the acquisition and installation of equipment for the development and delivery of online courses and programs."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional allocations for five institutions, clarifies legislative intent for workforce equipment and makes technical corrections to the equipment trust fund table.)