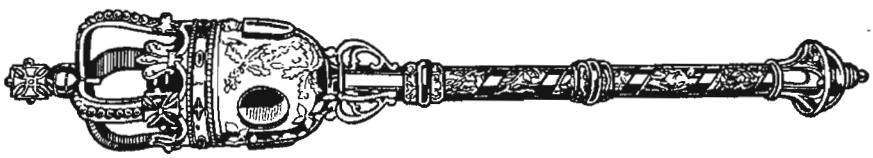
Report of the House Appropriations Subcommittee

on

Public Safety



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REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Looking toward our need to have a fiscally sound budget, the Subcommittee on Public Safety has several recommendations to enhance the structural budget soundness of the several agencies within our sections of the budget. In our report, you will find the Subcommittee recommends restoring $34.5 million over the biennium for the costs to the Department of Corrections of providing inmate health care that were not included in the introduced budget due the assumed expansion of Medicaid.

The Subcommittee has also recommended $5.0 million each year be provided to the Department of Corrections in order to hire 89 additional correctional officers. This is substantial progress in reducing the number of understaffed security posts – close to 20 percent – within our state correctional facilities, and will represent an advance in ensuring the continued safety of correctional officers and our citizens.

For our local and regional jails, $21.5 million is included in the Subcommittee report for per diem payments to fully recognize the expected contributions of the Commonwealth over the biennium. This is the first time in six years that the Commonwealth's budget will fully recognize this obligation before the beginning of a new biennium.

As you know, Mr. Chairman, this Session in the House of Delegates, we had as a major priority taking further steps to address the issue of domestic violence in the Commonwealth. I am happy to report that the recommendations of the Subcommittee include $3.2 million in support of House Bills passed to address a number of issues relating to domestic violence, including expanding and toughening penalties for repeat violations of protective orders, and expanding penalties for those who use stalking as a way to intimidate and abuse their victims.

Consideration of the proposed reforms to our juvenile justice system has been an important discussion among the members of the Subcommittee. In order to identify the long-term facility needs for the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Subcommittee report includes language directing the Department to evaluate and report on various alternatives for securely housing juvenile offenders. Developing an informed and comprehensive facility plan is of utmost importance as the Department undertakes the difficult task of transforming the delivery of juvenile justice in the Commonwealth. Such a plan is necessary in order to ensure that our juvenile facilities, both effectively and efficiently, reflect and meet the educational, mental health, and other critical needs of our juvenile population.

And finally Mr. Chairman, as a veteran myself, my commitment to the Commonwealth's veteran population is no secret. That is why I'm pleased to report an additional $4.9 million over the biennium and 39 positions to bolster the Commonwealth's delivery of critical employment, educational, and mental-health related services to our veteran population. In addition, to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation, $476,000 has been provided to support the operations of the soon-to-open expansion of the Virginia War Memorial.

Mr. Chairman, the report of the Subcommittee is now before you and the Members of the Committee. Committee staff will review the report in more detail, and I hope it will be the Committee's pleasure to adopt the Subcommittee's report.

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Budget Amendment Recommendations

Amendment	House Bill 29 FY 2016	2016-18 Biennial Total General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTE
PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY				
Compensation Board				
Adjust SAVIN Appropriation		120,540		
Estimated Jail Per Diem Payments		21,527,576		
VCBR Costs to Nottoway County		200,000		
Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control				
ABC Hours		Language		
Cost of Goods Sold in Agency Stores		-	45,000,000	
Department of Corrections				
Ment. Hlth. Specialists in Comm. Corrections		(4,400,000)	-	(11.00)
Pilot Program Funds		(3,200,000)		(19.00)
Delay Culpeper Women's C.C. Opening		(10,868,836)		
Restore Inmate Medical Funding		34,585,639		
Deposit in Corrections Spec. Reserve Fund		3,485,171		
Add'l. Corr. Officers Positions and Funding		6,000,000		53.00
Department of Criminal Justice Services				
Ment. Hlth. Pilot Program Review		(5,000,000)		
Rappahannock Reg. Just. Training Acad.		Language		
Special Conservators of the Peace		Language		
HB 599 - Adjustment to 3.0% GF Growth		(3,103,432)		
Department of Juvenile Justice				
Evaluation of DJJ Capital Needs		Language		
Department of Military Affairs				
Priority List of Needs		Language		
Department of State Police				
Gun Law Violation Tip Line		(100,000)		
Establish Area Office in New River Valley		530,379		2.00
Restoration of Rights Funding		(378,038)		
Virginia Parole Board				
Elim. Geriatric Conditional Review Lang.		Language		
Veterans and Defense Affairs				
Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Defense Affairs				
Working Grp. To Review JLARC Findings		393,494		
U.S. Navy Master Jet Base		Language		
Department of Veterans Services				
Add'l. Support for Benefits Field Offices		355,812		
New VVFS Funding		(786,988)		
Virginia War Memorial		475,823		3.00
Central Appropriations				
State Police IT Needs		Language		

Budget Amendment Recommendations

Amendment	House Bill 29 FY 2016	2016-18 Biennial Total General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTE
Part 3				
HB 29				
Interfund Transfers				
ABC Net Profit Transfer	Language			
HB 30				
Interfund Transfers				
ABC Net Profit Transfer		Language		

Item 3-1.01 #3h

ABC Net Profit Transfer

Language

Language:

Page 207, line 47, strike "80,200,000" and insert "84,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment increases the transfer of net profits from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to the general fund by $3,800,000 in fiscal year 2016. A companion amendment to Part 3 in House Bill 30 increases the transfer of net profits in fiscal years 2017 and 2018.)

Item 69 #1h

Administration	**FY16-17**	**FY17-18**	
Compensation Board	$60,270	$60,270	GF

Language:

Page 42, line 13, strike "$460,643,124" and insert "$460,703,394".
Page 42, line 13, strike "$465,911,600" and insert "$465,971,870".
Page 45, line 24, strike "$1,004,500" and $1,004,500" and insert:
"$1,064,770" and "$1,064,770".

Explanation:

(This amendment increases the general fund appropriation for use of the Statewide Automated Victim Notification (SAVIN) system to reflect increased vendor costs.)

Item 70 #1h

Administration	**FY16-17**	**FY17-18**	
Compensation Board	$10,394,662	$11,132,914	GF

Language:

Page 45, line 50, strike "$50,115,331" and insert "$60,509,993".
Page 45, line 50, strike "$50,115,331" and insert "$61,248,245".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides for the total estimated cost to the general fund of per diem payments to local and regional jails.)

Item 70 #2h

Administration	**FY16-17**	**FY17-18**	
Compensation Board	$100,000	$100,000	GF

Language:

Page 45, line 50, strike "$50,115,331" and insert "$50,215,331".
Page 45, line 50, strike "$50,115,331" and insert "$50,215,331".
Page 48, after line 37, insert:
"L. Out of the amounts appropriated in this item, $100,000 the first year and $100,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the purpose of reimbursing the County of Nottoway for the expense of confining residents of the Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation arrested for new offenses and held in Piedmont Regional Jail at the expense of the County."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides $100,000 from the general fund each year to be reimbursed to Nottoway County. The County currently bears the costs of confining in Piedmont Regional Jail those residents arrested for new offenses and confined in the jail facility.)

Item 387 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control — Language

Language:

Page 328, after line 41, insert:
"D. Notwithstanding § 4.2-102, Code of Virginia, the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board may open certain government stores, as determined by the Board, for the sale of alcoholic beverages on New Year's Day, and on Sunday after 12:00 p.m."

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to open state-run stores of its choosing on New Year's Day, and to open stores for an additional hour on Sundays.)

Item 387 #2h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	**FY16-17**	**FY17-18**	
Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control	$15,000,000	$30,000,000	NGF

Language:

Page 328, line 22, strike "$643,469,809" and insert "$658,469,809".
Page 328, line 22, strike "$644,924,228" and insert "$674,924,228".

Explanation:

(This amendment increases the non-general appropriation for the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control each year to reflect the estimated increase in costs of acquiring goods sold in agency stores. This is a technical amendment that was not included in the Governor's introduced budget.)

Item 388 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	**FY16-17**	**FY17-18**

Department of Corrections	($2,200,000)	($2,200,000)	GF
	-11.00	-11.00	FTE

Language:

Page 328, line 48, strike "$31,016,944" and insert "$28,816,944".
Page 328, line 48, strike "$31,189,332" and insert "$28,989,332".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes new funding totaling $2.2 million from the general fund each year and 11 positions for mental health services in probation and parole offices.)

Item 393 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	**FY16-17**	**FY17-18**	
Department of Corrections	($1,600,000)	($1,600,000)	GF
	-19.00	-19.00	FTE

Language:

Page 331, line 45, strike "$954,262,420" and insert "$952,662,420".
Page 331, line 45, strike "$951,894,843" and insert "$950,294,843".
Page 333, strike lines 54 through 56.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes new funding and positions included in the introduced budget to create a pilot program in six local and regional jails for re-entry programs for state-responsible inmates held and directly-released from those facilities.)

Item 393 #2h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	**FY16-17**	**FY17-18**	
Department of Corrections	($10,285,427)	($583,409)	GF

Language:

Page 331, line 45, strike "$954,262,420" and insert "$943,976,993".
Page 331, line 45, strike "$951,894,843" and insert "$951,311,434".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces the general fund appropriation to the Department of Corrections by $10.3 million the first year and $583,409 the second year to reflect the delay in opening the Culpeper Correctional Center for Women from January 1, 2017 to July 1, 2017.)

Item 393 #3h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	**FY16-17**	**FY17-18**	
Department of Corrections	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	GF
	53.00	53.00	FTE

Language:

Page 331, line 45, strike "$954,262,420" and insert "$957,262,420".
Page 331, line 45, strike "$951,894,843" and insert "$954,894,843".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides $3.0 million from general funds each year and 53 positions to reduce the vacancy savings the Department of Corrections is required to generate to pay for required operating costs by holding correctional officer positions vacant.)

Item 393 #4h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	**FY16-17**	**FY17-18**	
Department of Corrections	$9,865,826	$24,719,813	GF

Language:

Page 331, line 45, strike "$954,262,420" and insert "$964,128,246".
Page 331, line 45, strike "$951,894,843" and insert "$976,614,656".

Explanation:

(This amendment restores funding for inpatient hospital services for inmates removing from the Department of Corrections in the introduced budgets related to the assumed savings of Medicaid expansion.)

Item 394 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	**FY16-17**	**FY17-18**	
Department of Corrections	$3,585,171	$0	GF

Language:

Page 334, line 28, strike "$99,727,076" and insert "$103,312,247".
Page 336, line 17, strike "$300,000" and insert "$3,885,171".
Page 336, line 19, after "below." strike rest of line.
Page 336, strike line 20.
Page 336, line 19, after "below.", insert:
"The Department of Corrections is hereby authorized to use the amounts paid into the

Corrections Special Reserve Fund established in accordance with § 30-19.1:4, Code of Virginia, for one-time costs in either the first or second year."
Page 336, strike lines 21 through 29.
Page 336, after line 20, insert:
"1. House Bill 102 -- $50,000.
2. House Bill 177 -- $50,000.
3. House Bill 510 -- $76,852.
4. House Bill 602 -- $50,000.
5. House Bill 610 -- $2,783,958.
6. House Bill 625 -- $50,000.
7. House Bill 752 -- $50,000.
8. House Bill 754 -- $50,000.
9. House Bill 765 -- $50,000.
10. House Bill 809 -- $50,000.
11. House Bill 886 -- $81,914.
12. House Bill 922 -- $50,000.
13. House Bill 1087 -- $242,447.
14. House Bill 1189 -- $50,000.
15. House Bill 1292 -- $50,000.
16. House Bill 1317 -- $50,000.
17. House Bill 1386 -- $50,000.
18. House Bill 1391 -- $50,000."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides a total of $3,885,171 from the general fund the first year for deposit in the Corrections Special Reserve Fund in order to reflect the estimated impact on incarceration resulting from the criminal sentencing bills set out in the amendment.)

Item 398 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Criminal Justice Services — Language

Language:

Page 337, after line 48, insert:
"c. Notwithstanding B.1.b. of this item, the Board of Criminal Justice Services may approve a new criminal justice academy serving the Counties of Clarke, Frederick, and Warren; the City of Winchester; the Towns of Berryville, Front Royal, Middletown, Stephens City and Strasburg; the Northwestern Adult Detention Center; the Rappahannock Shenandoah Warren Regional Jail; and, the Frederick County Emergency Communications Center, to be supported with local funds, consistent with written agreement which shall be provided to the Board between the local governing bodies, chief executive officers, and chief law

enforcement officers of the aforementioned localities, and the Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy. No additional state funds are provided from this item for the new academy serving the aforementioned jurisdictions."

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes the Board of Criminal Justice Services to approve a new criminal justice training academy supported with local funds and comprised of the entities listed in the amendment. The language conditions this approval on the transmission to the Board of Criminal Justice Services an written agreement approving creation of the new academy endorsed by the local governing bodies, and chief executive and law enforcement officials of the jurisdictions served by the academy. These jurisdictions are currently served by a satellite campus of the Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy in Middletown. No additional state funds are to be provided for the new academy.)

Item 398 #2h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	**FY16-17**	**FY17-18**	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	($2,500,000)	($2,500,000)	GF

Language:

Page 337, line 9, strike "$80,006,361" and insert "$77,506,361".
Page 337, line 9, strike "$80,006,361" and insert "$77,506,361".
Page 340, strike lines 5 through 36.
Page 340, after line 4, insert:
"J. 1. The Department of Criminal Justice Services shall solicit proposals from local or regional jails to establish pilot programs to provide services to mentally ill inmates, or to provide pre-incarceration crisis intervention services to prevent mentally ill citizens from entering jails. The Department of Criminal Justice Services shall evaluate the proposals in consultation with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and shall report a list of up to three recommended pilot sites to the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, and the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees no later than August 15, 2016.

2. In its solicitation for proposals, the Department of Criminal Justice Services shall require submissions to include proposed actions to address the following minimum conditions and criteria:

a. Use of mental health screening and assessment instruments designated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services;

b. Provision of services to all mentally ill inmates in the designated pilot program, whether state or local responsible;

c. Use of a collaborative partnership among local agencies and officials, such as community

services board, community corrections agency, local law enforcement agencies, Commonwealth's attorneys, courts, and non-profit organizations;

d. Establishment of a crisis intervention team or plans to establish such a team;

e. Training for jail staff in dealing with mentally ill inmates;

f. Provision of a continuum of services; and g. Use of evidence-based programs and services.

g. Funding necessary to provide services including, but not limited to: mental health treatment services, behavioral health services, case managers to provide discharge planning for individuals, re-entry services, and transportation services.

3. In evaluating proposals and recommending pilot sites, the Department of Criminal Justice Services in consultation with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, shall at minimum give consideration to following factors:

a. The readiness of the local or regional jail to undertake the proposed pilot program;

b. The proposed shares of cost to be funded by the Commonwealth, localities, or other sources, respectively;

c. The need for such a program demonstrated by the local or regional jail;

d. The demonstrated collaborative relationship between the jail and community mental health treatment providers; and

e. To the extent feasible, ensuring the recommendation of pilot sites representing a mix of both rural and urban setting."

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language and associated funds included in the introduced budget for mental health programs in local and regional jails, and directs DCJS to solicit proposals for jails to establish pilot programs, review those solicitations in conjunction DBHDS, and report their recommended pilot sites to the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security and Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees no later than July 15, 2016.)

Item 398 #3h

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Criminal Justice Services — Language

Language:

Page 340, after line 36, insert:
"K. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 19.2-13(D), Code of Virginia, or any other provision of law, neither the Criminal Justice Services Board nor any other state agency shall expend

any funds or resources in developing or promulgating regulations, forms or other mandates establishing insurance requirements for special conservators of the peace in excess of those established and existing as of June 30, 2015."

Explanation:

(This amendment allows additional time to consider the economic impact of potentially significant increases in insurance requirements on special conservators of the peace.)

Item 400 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	**FY16-17**	**FY17-18**	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	($1,551,716)	($1,551,716)	GF

Language:

Page 340, line 43, strike "$179,136,938" and insert "$177,585,222".
Page 340, line 43, strike "$179,136,938" and insert "$177,585,222".
Page 341, line 7, strike "$179,136,938" and "$179,136,938" and insert:
"$177,585,222" and "$177,585,222".
Page 341, line 9, strike "3.9" and insert "3.0".

Explanation:

(This amendment revises House Bill 599 aid to localities to police departments to reflect assumed growth in general fund revenues of 3.0 percent in fiscal year 2017. As introduced, the language included an assumed general fund growth rate of 3.9 percent.)

Item 415 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Juvenile Justice — Language

Language:

Page 350, after line 25, insert:
"C.1. The Department of Juvenile Justice shall evaluate and develop alternative recommendations regarding the future capital needs for secure juvenile correction centers for state-responsible juvenile offenders. The Department shall present is findings and recommendations to the Governor and Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees no later than November 1, 2016.

2.a. In conducting its evaluation and developing recommendations, the Department shall consider various alternatives relating to juvenile correctional centers and present related analysis in its final report, including (i) the number of juveniles held in each facility; (ii) the amount and type of of mental health, educational or other services provided and the design

and size of spaces needed to accommodate such services within juvenile correctional centers; (iii) the appropriateness of alternative housing models such as double-bunking, dormitories, or others models for the juvenile population held in state facilities; and , (iv) the number and geographical location of facilities.

b. In its evaluation, the Department shall identify existing juvenile correctional centers and other property currently or previously operated by the Department as secure housing for juvenile offenders, the extent to which the recommendations developed pursuant to Paragraph C.2.a. of this item may be accommodated within said properties, and the costs of construction or renovation of existing facilities to accommodate the recommendations of Paragraph C.2.a. of this item. The Department shall also identify that potential revenues realized from the sale of existing real property of the Department.

c. In evaluating these alternatives, the Department shall give consideration and report on the estimated costs of construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities, and the potential impact of these alternatives to the outcomes for juveniles identified in Paragraphs B.1 and B.3 of this item.

3. The Department of Corrections, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and all other agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide technical assistance upon request of the Director, Department of Juvenile Justice or the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security.

4. The Director, Department of Juvenile Justices, is authorized to procure such consultant or other services as are necessary to conduct and complete its review. The Director is authorized to use funds identified in Paragraph A of this item for such purposes."

Explanation:

(This amendment establishes an inter-agency working group comprised of the Departments of Juvenile Justice, Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and Corrections to study the future capital needs of the Commonwealth with relation to secure juvenile correctional centers, and to report their findings to the Governor and General Assembly no later than November 1, 2016.)

Item 419 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Military Affairs — Language

Language:

Page 351, after line 38, insert:
"C. The Department of Military Affairs shall report to the Governor and Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees a prioritized list of operating and capital needs related to its duties to the Commonwealth that are not funded by the federal

government, including, but not limited to, training and preparedness for state active duty, armory operations and maintenance, and vehicles. The Department shall provide its report no later than August 15, 2016."

Explanation:

(This amendment is self-explanatory.)

Item 422 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	**FY16-17**	**FY17-18**	
Department of State Police	($50,000)	($50,000)	GF

Language:

Page 352, line 25, strike "$55,546,684" and insert "$55,496,684".
Page 352, line 25, strike "$53,486,484" and insert "$53,436,484".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes new general funds equaling $50,000 each year included in the introduced budget for the State Police to establish a gun law violation tip line.)

Item 423 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	**FY16-17**	**FY17-18**	
Department of State Police	$295,699	$234,680	GF
	2.00	2.00	FTE

Language:

Page 353, line 41, strike "$259,530,675" and insert "$259,826,374".
Page 353, line 41, strike "$259,525,668" and insert "$259,760,348".
Page 355, after line 41, insert:
"P. The Superintendent of Virginia State Police shall establish a new area office in the New River Valley. Out of the amounts appropriated for this item are $295,699 the first year and $234,680 the second year from the general fund to establish the new area office."

Explanation:

(This amendment is self-explanatory.)

Item 424 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	**FY16-17**	**FY17-18**

Department of State Police	($180,801)	($197,237)	GF
	-3.00	-3.00	FTE

Language:

Page 355, line 42, strike "$22,887,845" and insert "$22,707,044".
Page 355, line 42, strike "$24,787,961" and insert "$24,590,724".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes new funding and positions each year included in the introduced budget for the State Police to handle increased workload related to the restoration of rights process.)

Item 426 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Virginia Parole Board — Language

Language:

Page 356, strike lines 46 through 51.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates language directing the Virginia Parole Board to annually review the cases of eligible inmates for geriatric conditional release pursuant to § 53.1-40.01, Code of Virginia.)

Item 466 #1h

Veterans and Defense Affairs	**FY16-17**	**FY17-18**	
Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs	$393,494	$0	GF

Language:

Page 393, line 3, strike "$1,083,052" and insert "$1,476,546".
Page 393, line 8, before "Included" insert "A. ".
Page 393, after line 10, insert:
"B.1. There is hereby established a working group comprised of the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs, the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, and the Director, Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, or their designees. The working group shall be chaired by the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs.

2. The working group shall conduct a review of mental health and rehabilitative services for veterans, and make recommendations for efficient and effective coordination and monitoring of services for veterans in Virginia, as set forth in § 2.2- 2001.1. This review fulfills the

requirements of recommendations 13 and 14 of the 2015 JLARC report "Operation and Performance of the Department of Veterans Services.

3. The working group shall conduct a rigorous and objective review to (i) determine the nature of monitoring and coordination needed by veterans in order to receive adequate and timely mental health and rehabilitative services, (ii) measure the current and projected need for coordination and monitoring of mental health and rehabilitative services for veterans; (iii) measure the current and projected capacity of private, federal, state, regional, and local entities to provide monitoring and coordination of mental health and rehabilitative services to veterans, by geographic region of the state; (iv) assess the extent of any gap between need and capacity; and (v) review and report how other states coordinate and monitor mental health and rehabilitative services for veterans. The review of other states shall include an assessment of the advantages and disadvantages of models used by other states.

4. After thoroughly considering alternatives approaches, the working group shall recommend how the state can best monitor and coordinate mental health and rehabilitative services to ensure that veterans receive adequate and timely mental health and rehabilitative services as required by statute. The recommendations should include (vi) organizational structures, programs, partnerships, staff responsibilities, staff qualifications, and licensure; (vii) statutory or regulatory changes, as necessary; and (viii) estimates of the cost to the state and local governments of implementing these recommendations.

5. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide technical or other assistance to the working group, upon request.

6. The working group shall direct the appropriate agency staff to develop a detailed implementation plan for the Virginia Veteran and Families Support program, and present the plan to the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission no later than November 15, 2016.

7. Upon unanimous request from the members of the working group, the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall transfer $393,494 from the general fund amounts included within this Item to the Department of Veterans Services for the purpose of implementing the recommendations of the working group for the Virginia Veteran and Families Support program."

Explanation:

(This amendment creates a working group within the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs to study JLARC findings related to the Virginia Veteran and Family Support program, to develop a detailed implementation plan based upon its work, and to present its plan to the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission no later than November 15, 2016.)

Item 467 #1h

Veterans and Defense Affairs

Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs — Language

Language:

Page 393, line 15, after "A." insert "1.".
Page 393, after line 19, insert:
"2. In the event that dedicated special revenues generated pursuant to the provisions of the 2014-16 Appropriations Act exceed the amounts needed to fund the requirements set out in that Act, any excess dedicated special fund revenue up to $2,500,000 is hereby appropriated to the provide additional assistance to the locality in which the United States Navy Master Jet Base auxiliary landing field is located for the purpose of purchasing property or development rights and otherwise converting such property to an appropriate compatible use and prohibiting new uses or development which is deemed incompatible with air operations arising from such Master Jet Base."

Explanation:

(This amendment ensure that the recurring, dedicated special component of the U.S. navy Master Jet Base and Auxiliary Landing Field encroachment mitigation program is continued through the biennium. this does not require any additional state funds.)

Item 470 #1h

Veterans and Defense Affairs	**FY16-17**	**FY17-18**	
Department of Veterans Services	$177,906	$177,906	GF

Language:

Page 394, line 7, strike "$14,458,083" and insert "$14,635,989".
Page 394, line 7, strike "$15,314,180" and insert "$15,492,086".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides $177,906 each year from general funds to cover increased operating expenses at existing Benefit Services Field Offices that were not included in the Governor's introduced budget.)

Item 470 #2h

Veterans and Defense Affairs	**FY16-17**	**FY17-18**	
Department of Veterans Services	($786,988)	$0	GF

Language:

Page 394, line 7, strike "$14,458,083" and insert "$13,671,095".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces funding for the Virginia Veteran and Family Support program by $786,988 from the general fund the first year to reflect implementation of their program restructuring plan for only the second-half of the fiscal year. A companion amendment directs the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs to chair a work group assessing the findings of JLARC's review of the Department of Veterans Services VVFS program, and authorizes the Department of Planning and Budget to release one-half year's funding after completion of the working group's review.)

Item 471 #1h

Veterans and Defense Affairs	**FY16-17**	**FY17-18**	
Department of Veterans Services	$166,269	$309,554	GF
	2.00	3.00	FTE

Language:

Page 394, line 39, strike "$3,016,895" and insert "$3,183,164".
Page 394, line 39, strike "$3,016,895" and insert "$3,326,449".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional funding for Virginia War Memorial operations, and funds costs necessary to prepare for the opening of the Memorial's new 26,000 square foot addition. Two additional positions the first year and three additional positions the second year and two wage positions are required to both meet current service demand and to prepare for the additional demands resulting from the opening of the addition in fiscal year 2018.)

Item 476 #3h

Central Appropriations

Central Appropriations — Language

Language:

Page 408, line 1, after "I.", insert "1."
Page 408, line 7, after "Agency." insert:
"These funds may not be transferred until the requirements of Paragraph I.2. of this item have been fulfilled.
2.The Superintendent of State Police shall develop a prioritized list of information technology projects for the Department of State Police, justify the need for the projects, and

identify costs associated with such projects. The Superintendent shall also identify the potential or expected projects to be addressed using the appropriation provided in Paragraph I.1. of this item. The Superintendent shall report the list of projects to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees no later than August 15, 2016."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires the State Police to report on a priority list of information technology projects, a justification for such projects, and the costs of implementing such projects to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees.)

Item 3-1.01 #1h

Transfers

Interfund Transfers — Language

Language:

Page 442, line 39, strike "78,900,000" and insert "83,600,000".
Page 442, line 40, strike "79,500,000" and insert "89,100,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment increases the transfer of net profits from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to the general fund by $4,700,000 the first year and $9,600,000 the second year. A companion amendment to House Bill 29 increases the transfer of net profits by $3,800,000 in fiscal year 2016.)