

*Request to Amend House Bill 29, as Introduced*

Chief Patron: Austin

Item 451 #1h

**Transportation**

**FY22-23**

**FY23-24**

Department of Transportation

\$0

\$50,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 187, line 19, strike "\$96,749,414" and insert "\$96,799,414".

Page 187, after line 19, insert:

"F. Included in the amounts in this item, \$50,000 from the general fund in the second year is provided for sponsorship support for the 2024 Mobility Talks International Conference."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$50,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2024 to support the Mobility International Talks Conference.)

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Chief Patron: Ballard

Item 2 #1h

**Legislative Department**

Auditor of Public Accounts

Language

**Language:**

Page 4, line 4, strike "Not set out." and insert:

"Item 2	First Year FY2023	Second Year FY2024
Legislative Evaluation and Review (78300)	\$15,637,832	\$15,637,832
Financial and Compliance Audits (78301)	\$15,637,832	\$15,637,832
Fund Sources:		
General	\$13,704,429	\$13,704,429
Special	\$1,933,403	\$1,933,403

Authority: Article IV, Section 18, Constitution of Virginia; Title 30, Chapter 14, Code of Virginia.

A. Out of this appropriation shall be paid the annual salary of the Auditor of Public Accounts, \$218,491 from July 10, 2022 to June 9, 2023, ~~and~~ \$229,416 from June 10, 2023 to *December 9, 2023*, and \$234,004 from *December 10, 2023* to June 30, 2024.

B. On or before November 1 of each year, the Auditor of Public Accounts shall report to the General Assembly the certified tax revenues collected in the most recently ended

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fiscal year pursuant to § 2.2-1829, Code of Virginia. The Auditor shall, at the same time, provide his report on (i) the 15 percent limitation and the amount that could be paid into the Revenue Stabilization Fund and (ii) any amounts necessary for deposit into the Fund in order to satisfy the mandatory deposit requirement of Article X, Section 8 of the Constitution of Virginia as well as the additional deposit requirement of § 2.2-1829, Code of Virginia.

C. The specifications of the Auditor of Public Accounts for the independent certified public accountants auditing localities shall include requirements for any money received by the sheriff. These requirements shall include that the independent certified public accountant must submit a letter to the Auditor of Public Accounts annually providing assurance as to whether the sheriff has maintained a proper system of internal controls and records in accordance with the Code of Virginia. This letter shall be submitted along with the locality's audit report.

D.1. Each locality establishing a utility or enacting a system of service charges to support a local stormwater management program pursuant to § 15.2-2114, Code of Virginia, shall provide to the Auditor of Public Accounts by October 1 of each year, in a format specified by the Auditor, a report as to each program funded by these fees and the expected nutrient and sediment reductions for each of these programs. For any specific stormwater outfall generating more than \$200,000 in annual fees, such report shall include identification of specific actions to remediate nutrient and sediment reduction from the specific outfall.

2. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall include in the Specifications for Audits of Counties, Cities, and Towns regulations for all local governments establishing a utility or enacting a system of service charges to support a local stormwater management program pursuant to § 15.2-2114, Code of Virginia, a requirement to ensure that each impacted local government is in compliance with the provisions of § 15.2-2114 A., Code of Virginia. Any such adjustment to the Specifications for Audits of Counties, Cities, and Towns regulations shall be exempt from the Administrative Process Act and shall be required for all audits completed after July 1, 2014.

E. The Auditor of Public Accounts' Specifications for Audits of Counties, Cities, and Towns and the Specifications for Audits of Authorities, Boards, and Commissions, for the independent certified public accountants auditing localities and local government entities, shall include requirements related to the communication of other internal control deficiencies or financial matters, commonly referred to as a management letter. These requirements shall include that any such communication issued by the independent certified public accountants related to other internal control deficiencies or other financial matters that merit the attention of management and the governing body must be made in the form of official, written communication.

F. Out of the amounts appropriated in this item, \$325,000 the first year and \$325,000 the second year from the general fund shall be available to implement compensation adjustments to address recruitment and retention. Implementation of the salary adjustments is contingent on the approval of a compensation plan by the Committee on Joint Rules

*G. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall include in the annual Specifications for Audits of Counties, Cities, and Towns, and Specifications for Audits of Authorities, Boards, and Commissions, for the independent certified public accountants auditing localities and local*

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*government entities, requirements to ensure that each city and county and applicable local government entity comply with the provisions of Article 12 (§ 2.2-2365 et seq.) of Chapter 22 of Title 2.2, Code of Virginia, and any guidelines, procedures, and criteria set forth by the Opioid Abatement Authority relating to opioid abatement funds. Any such adjustment to the requirements in the Specifications for Audits of Counties, Cities, and Towns and the Specifications for Audits of Authorities, Boards, and Commissions, shall be exempt from the Administrative Process Act and shall be required for audits effective for fiscal years beginning on July 1, 2024, and thereafter.”*

**Explanation:**

(This language only amendment directs annual audits of local expenditures to include a review of the use of any opioid settlement funds. Such review is to ensure compliance with guidelines, procedures, and criteria set forth by the Opioid Abatement Authority, and in turn, compliance with specific national agreements and Virginia court orders related to such settlements, the overarching statewide memorandum of understanding for allocation of opioid abatement monies, and the provisions of Article 12, Chapter 22 of the Code of Virginia. A companion amendment to House Bill 30 proposes the same language to require such reviews in ongoing biennia.)

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Chief Patron: Bennett-Parker

Item 370 #1h

**Labor**

**FY22-23**

**FY23-24**

Virginia Employment Commission

\$0

\$464,676 GF

**Language:**

Page 167, line 9, strike "\$639,054,137" and insert "\$639,518,813".

Set out Item 370, and insert:

"L.1. Out of this appropriation, \$464,676 the second year from the general fund is provided for staff, including overhead costs necessary for staff to resolve outstanding claim issues from 2020 to 2022 including, but not limited to, review and issuance of benefits owed, Pandemic Unemployment Assistance conversions, processing of retroactive Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation applications, and dissemination and review of overpayment waiver applications."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$464,676 in fiscal year 2024 for additional staff at the Virginia Employment Commission to resolve outstanding Unemployment Insurance claims.)

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Chief Patron: Carr

Item 137 #1h

**Education**

**FY22-23**

**FY23-24**



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**Language:**

Page 198, line 51, strike "38,996,516" and insert "36,144,968".

Page 200, strike line 1 through 2.

Page 200, line 21, strike "74,863,584" and insert "72,012,036".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment eliminates a proposed action to revert \$2.8 million provided from the American Rescue Plan Act for early voting.)

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Chief Patron: Carr

Item 3-5.14 #1h

**Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections**

Sunset Dates for Income Tax Credits and Sales and Use Tax Exemptions

Language

**Language:**

Page 233, line 15, after "Virginia." insert:

"This requirement shall not apply to § 58.1-439.30 authorizing awards of Virginia housing opportunity tax credits through December 31, 2025."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment ensures the Virginia Housing Opportunity Tax Credit will expire at the end of 2025, consistent with the provisions in the Code of Virginia establishing the program.)

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Chief Patron: Cole J.

Item C-18.50 #1h

**Education**

University of Mary Washington

Language

**Language:**

Page 206, line 13, strike "Not set out.", and insert:

"Item C-18.50

First Year - FY 2023	Second Year - FY 2024
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Improvements: Acquire and Renovate Multi-Use Building (18694) \$0

\$15,000,000

Fund Sources:

General

\$0

\$15,000,000

Out of this appropriation, \$15,000,000 is authorized for the acquisition of a multi-use building

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adjacent to the University of Mary Washington, *which is following the process established under § 2.2-1149, Code of Virginia*. Any funds not needed for the acquisition are authorized for use by the institution for *multi-use building* facility space build-out, *repairs, and maintenance*. *This multi-use building contains portions leased to private entities and the University of Mary Washington may continue to lease portions of the multi-use building to private entities.*"

**Explanation:**

(This language amendment makes clarifications regarding a previously-authorized capital acquisition for the University of Mary Washington.)

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Chief Patron: Hayes

Item 115 #1h

**Commerce and Trade**

**FY22-23**

**FY23-24**

Department of Housing and  
Community Development

\$0

\$3,500,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 24, line 54, strike "\$151,560,442" and insert "\$155,060,442".

Page 24, after 54, Set out Item 115, and strike:

"Q. Out of this appropriation, \$1,500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, as established by § 36-140.01, Code of Virginia." and insert:

"Q. Out of this appropriation, \$5,000,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, as established by § 36-140.01, Code of Virginia."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides an additional \$3.5 million for the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund in fiscal year 2024.)

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Chief Patron: Herring

Item 114 #1h

**Commerce and Trade**

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

**Language:**

Set out Item 114.

Page 24, after line 53, insert:

Page 99, after line 39, insert:

"Q. 50 percent of any proceeds generated by Virginia's sale of allowances in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative auctions, including the auction held on December 6, 2023, that are

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not otherwise already appropriated, shall be appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development for the Housing Innovations in Energy Efficiency program."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment requires the appropriation of at least 50 percent of any proceeds generated by the sale of allowance in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) to the Innovations in Energy Efficiency Program. Balances in this RGGI funded program are estimated at \$356.0 million.)

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Chief Patron: Herring

Item 374 #1h

**Natural and Historic Resources**

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Language

**Language:**

Page 173, after line 51, insert:

"Y. Forty-five percent of any proceeds generated by Virginia's sale of allowances in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative auctions, including the auction held on December 6, 2023, that are not otherwise already appropriated, shall be appropriated by the Department of Conservation and Recreation for the Community Flood Preparedness Fund."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs 45 percent of the any proceeds generated by the December 6, 2023 RGGI be appropriated for the Community Flood Preparedness Fund.)

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Chief Patron: Herring

Item 381 #1h

**Natural and Historic Resources**

Department of Environmental Quality

Language

**Language:**

Page 174, set out Item 381.

Page 174, after line 15, insert:

"C. Three percent of any proceeds generated by Virginia's sale of allowances in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative auctions, including the auction held on December 6, 2023, that are not otherwise already appropriated, shall be appropriated to the Department of Environmental Quality to cover reasonable administrative expenses of Virginia's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and to carry out statewide climate change planning and mitigation activities."

**Explanation:**

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(This amendment directs three percent of the December 6, 2023 RGGI auction proceeds be provided to the Department of Environmental Quality to support its RGGI-related administrative expenses.)

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Chief Patron: Herring

Item 381 #2h

**Natural and Historic Resources**

Department of Environmental Quality

Language

**Language:**

Page 174, set out Item 381.

Page 174, after line 15, insert:

"C. As a condition on all appropriations in this act and notwithstanding any other provision of this act, or any other law, no expenditures from general, special, or other nongeneral fund sources from any appropriation by the General Assembly shall be used to take any action that impedes or otherwise interferes with Virginia's rejoining of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative or continued participation therein. As a further condition on all appropriations in this act and notwithstanding any other provision of this act, or any other law, any state agency or authority with responsibilities identified in Code § 10.1-1330 must immediately take all actions necessary to rejoin the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and continue participating therein. Such required actions include, but are not limited to, repealing the final regulation titled 9VAC5-140, Regulation for Emissions Trading Programs published in the Virginia Register on July 31, 2023, reissuing the final regulation titled 9VAC5-140, Regulation for Emissions Trading Programs published in the Virginia Register on August 3, 2020, selling the allowances generated by the reissued regulatory program through auctions run by the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, distributing auction proceeds in accordance with Code § 10.1-1330(C) and appropriations included herein, and providing annual reporting in accordance with Code § 10.1-1330(D). Any regulatory action necessary to effectuate the requirements of this provision is hereby exempted from the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.); the Department of Environmental Quality must complete such regulatory action without further action by the Air Pollution Control Board and the reissued regulatory program must take effect no later than 90 days from the effective date of this act."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Director, Department of Environmental Quality to take all efforts necessary for Virginia to rejoin the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative within 90 days of the effective date of the Appropriations Act. The amendment conditions all general and nongeneral fund appropriations in the act upon the implementation of the aforementioned requirement.)

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Chief Patron: Hodges

Item 465 #1h



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**Transportation**

Virginia Port Authority

Language

**Language:**

Page 188, line 5, strike "Not set out." and insert:

"Item 465	First Year FY2023	Second Year FY2024
Financial Assistance for Port Activities (62800)	\$11,612,325	\$11,612,325
Aid to Localities (62801)	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (62802)	\$5,612,325	\$5,612,325
Fund Sources:		
Special	\$1,612,325	\$1,612,325
Commonwealth Transportation	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Dedicated Special Revenue	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000

Authority: Title 62.1, Chapter 10, Code of Virginia.

A. Of the amounts authorized in Item 113 A.1, \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year from the general fund may be deposited in the Port of Virginia Economic and Infrastructure Development Zone Grant Fund, created pursuant to § 62.1-132.3:2, Code of Virginia. The Executive Director of the Virginia Port Authority shall disburse the funding in the form of grants to qualified companies in accordance with the provisions of § 62.1-132.3:2, Code of Virginia.

B. Of the amounts in this item, \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year from the Commonwealth Port Fund is appropriated for previously awarded Aid to Local Ports which were unreimbursed in the year of the initial award.

C. Out of amounts in this item, \$4,000,000 the first year and \$4,000,000 the second year from amounts transferred to this item pursuant § 3-1.01 M. of this act, the Authority shall award a grant of funds to a qualified applicant or applicants to support a dredging project or projects that have been approved by the Authority. The source of the grant funds shall be the Virginia Waterway Maintenance Fund created pursuant to § 62.1-132.3:3. Applicants shall be limited to political subdivisions and the governing bodies of Virginia localities. The Authority shall develop guidelines establishing an application process as set out in Chapter 642, 2018 Session of the General Assembly. Projects for which the Authority may award grant funding include (i) feasibility and cost evaluations, pre-project engineering studies, and project permitting and contracting costs for a waterway project conducted by the Commonwealth; (ii) the state portion of a nonfederal sponsor funding requirement for a federal project, which may include the beneficial use of dredged materials that are not covered by federal funding; (iii) the Commonwealth's maintenance of shallow-draft navigable waterway channel maintenance

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dredging and the *design, lease or purchase of upland containment areas where the material can be selectively excavated and used beneficially for environmental restoration or for mitigation of coastal erosion* ~~construction and management of areas for the placement of dredged material;~~ and (iv) the beneficial use, for environmental restoration and the mitigation of coastal erosion or flooding, of dredged materials from *approved waterway dredging* projects conducted by the Commonwealth. Special consideration shall be given to any locality which provides a three-to-one match for any requested funding in the first year."

**Explanation:**

(This language amendment provides clarifications regarding the allocation of grants by the Virginia Port Authority for small dredging projects. A companion amendment to House Bill 30 makes the same clarifications and provides additional funding for the grant program.)

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Chief Patron: Krizek

Item 274 #1h

**Finance**

**FY22-23**

**FY23-24**

Department of Taxation

\$0

\$546,530 GF

**Language:**

Page 93, line 20, strike "\$64,590,357" and insert "\$65,136,887".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides general fund appropriation in the second year for the Department of Taxation in support of legislation passed by the 2023 General Assembly that made amendments to the Bank Franchise Tax. A companion amendment to House Bill 30 provides ongoing financial support o effectuate the purposes of the law change.)

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Chief Patron: Morefield

Item 136 #3h

**Education**

**FY22-23**

**FY23-24**

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$0

\$500,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 30, line 14, strike "\$60,314,482" and insert "\$60,814,482".

Page 31, line 20, strike "\$0" and insert "\$500,000".

Page 42, line 43, after "year" insert "and \$500,000 the second year"

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$500,000 the second year from the general fund to continue support

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for PBS Appalachia.)

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Chief Patron: O'Quinn

Item 244 #1h

**Education**

**FY22-23**

**FY23-24**

Virginia Commission for the Arts

\$0

\$1,000,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 91, line 42, strike "\$6,157,412" and insert "\$7,157,412".

Page 91, line 42, strike "Not set out." and insert:

"Authority: Title 2.2, Chapter 25, Article 4, Code of Virginia.

A. In the allocation of grants to arts organizations, the Commission shall give preference to the performing arts.

B. It is the objective of the Commonwealth to fund the Virginia Commission for the Arts at an amount that equals one dollar for each resident of Virginia.

C. *Out of this appropriation, \$920,500 the second year from the general fund is designated for the renovation of the State Theatre of Virginia.*

D. *Out of this appropriation, \$1,000,000 the second year from the general fund is designated to the town of Abingdon to support the William King Museum of Art.*

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million the second year from the general fund to Abingdon to support the William King Museum of Art.)

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Chief Patron: O'Quinn

Item 487.50 #1h

**Central Appropriations**

Central Appropriations

Language

**Language:**

Page 203, unstrike lines 15 and 16.

Page 203, strike line 17.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes proposed actions to the change the administrative oversight for the Advanced Manufacturing Talent Investment Program and Fund from the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to the Secretary of Labor. This allows the remaining current appropriation for the Advanced Manufacturing Talent Investment Program and Fund project to

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be distributed to projects based on eligibility. There is a current process and plan in place to distribute the remaining balance to projects to help meet the hiring needs of manufacturers in Hampton Roads and Southwest Virginia.)

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Chief Patron: Phillips

Item 240 #1h

**Education: Other Education**

**FY22-23**

**FY23-24**

The Library Of Virginia

\$0

\$160,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 91, line 38, strike "\$24,297,584" and insert "\$24,457,584".

Page 91, line 38, strike "Not set out." and insert:

"Authority: Title 42.1, Chapter 3, Code of Virginia.

A. It is the objective of the Commonwealth that all local public libraries receiving state aid provide access to their patrons to worldwide electronic information on the Internet. It is the intent of the General Assembly that local public libraries receiving state aid invest in the technology necessary to provide or enhance this service.

B. Included in this appropriation is \$190,070 the first year and \$190,070 the second year from the general fund to supplement the state formula aid distribution provided in Title 42.1, Code of Virginia, for Fairfax Public Library System.

C. Out of this appropriation, \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year from the general fund of the total amounts for aid to libraries may be used for summer reading materials and programs or for STEAM instructional materials.

D. Out of this appropriation, \$350,000 the first year from the general fund is designated for the Eastern Shore Regional Library and Heritage Center.

E. It is the objective of the Commonwealth to fully fund the state formula for state aid to local libraries. The additional appropriations in the first and second years begin a four-year phase-in of full funding. It is the objective of the General Assembly to complete the phase-in in fiscal year 2026.

*F. Out of this appropriation, \$160,000 the second year from the general fund is designated for the Pittsylvania County Public Library Gretna Branch.*

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$160,000 the second year from the general fund to renovate the Pittsylvania County Public Library - Gretna Branch.)

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Chief Patron: Rasoul

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<b>Education</b>	<b>FY22-23</b>	<b>FY23-24</b>
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$0	\$500,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 30, line 14, strike "\$60,314,482" and insert "\$60,814,482".

Page 30, line 31, strike "\$350,000" and insert "\$850,000".

Page 40, line 28, strike "\$350,000" and insert "\$850,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides a \$500,000 increase the second year from the general fund to continue support for PBS Blue Ridge, for a total of \$850,000 in the second year.)

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Chief Patron: Rasoul

Item 304 #2h

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Medical Assistance Services Language

**Language:**

Page 136, after line 51, inser:

"BBBBB. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall implement a process no later than July 1, 2024 for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) to notify the department of any changes in the scope of services offered by a FQHC, pursuant to Section 1902(bb)(3) of 42 U.S.C. 1396a. Notifications of changes in the scope of services submitted no later than October 1, 2024 may include changes in the scope of service since October 1, 2018. Thereafter, notification must be received within 15 months of the increase or decrease in the scope of services by the FQHC. The department is authorized to reimburse FQHCs for unreimbursed costs for the two years prior to an initial request for a change in scope under the new process."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds language directing the agency to implement a change in scope process July 1, 2024 by which FQHCs may request a reimbursement change to reflect the scope for services that have been added or changed. It further provides that FQHCs can request this scope of services change dating back to October 1, 2018 as long as the request is made no later than October 1, 2024. Thereafter, a request for a change in scope must be made within 15 months of the change taking place. This will allow the FQHCs to cover their costs of patient care during this period through receipt of the full federal match for these reimbursements.)

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Chief Patron: Rasoul

Item 386 #1h

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<b>Natural and Historic Resources</b>	<b>FY22-23</b>	<b>FY23-24</b>	
Department of Historic Resources	\$0	\$225,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 174, line 22, strike "\$22,472,048" and insert "\$22,697,048".

Page 178, line 22, strike "\$275,000" and insert "\$500,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment increases from \$275,000 to \$500,000 the amount provided in fiscal year 2024 for the Virginia Museum of Transportation.)

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Chief Patron: Sewell Item 313 #1h

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY22-23</b>	<b>FY23-24</b>	
Grants to Localities	\$0	\$10,000,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 141, line 35, strike "\$702,036,687" and insert "\$712,036,687".

Page 144, line 41, strike "\$70,588,710" and insert "\$80,588,710".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$10 million the second year from the general fund for permanent supportive housing for individuals with serious mental illness. This amendment would restore the permanent supportive housing funding to the total amount of \$80.6 million passed in Chapter 1, 2023 Special Session I.)

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Chief Patron: Sickles Item 304 #1h

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	Language

**Language:**

Page 128, strike lines 35 through 40.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment strikes language directing the Department of Medical Assistance Services to implement a modified emergency room utilization program effective January 1, 2024.)

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Chief Patron: Sickles Item 447 #1h

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**Transportation**

Department of Rail and Public Transportation

Language

**Language:**

Page 187, after line 15, insert:

"F. The provisions of Virginia Code § 33.2-1526.1 (K) are temporarily suspended for fiscal years 2025 and 2026. This section of code shall resume in fiscal year 2027. This Code change provides a two-year suspension of the requirement that limits the annual Virginia operating assistance for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to no more than three percent over the prior year's approved budget."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment includes language clarifying that the CTB is authorized to approve operating assistance to WMATA above the Code specified cap for fiscal year 2025 and fiscal year 2026.)

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Chief Patron: Sullivan

Item 340 #1h

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Social Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 150, line 20, strike "\$3.0" and insert "\$5.0".

Page 150, line 22, after "Development", insert:  
"and local departments of social services".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment clarifies that nongeneral funds from the Percentage of Income Payment Program (PIPP) Fund shall be used to reimburse local departments of social services for the administration of the PIPP program, consistent with § 56-585.6 of the Code of Virginia. This amendment also increases the maximum amount allowable for reimbursement from \$3.0 million to \$5.0 million.)

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Chief Patron: Taylor

Item 486 #2h

**Central Appropriations**

Central Appropriations

Language

**Language:**

Page 194, after line 31, insert:

"13) Funds authorized in paragraph A.2.f. 12) a) 2023 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, and

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paragraph B.2.k.4), Item 479.20 of Chapter 1, 2021 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, which have been authorized by Department of Environmental Quality prior to January 1, 2024 for the South Central Wastewater Authority (SCWWA) may be used to reimburse SCWWA for costs incurred for wastewater treatment facility improvements and implementation of the Enhanced Nutrient Removal Certainty Program, as provided for in § 62.1-44.19:14, Code of Virginia. To facilitate the timely use of such funds in accordance with applicable federal deadlines, the Department of Environmental Quality may reimburse costs incurred using such funds prior to applying other state or local funds."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides flexibility in the use of previously authorized ARPA funds for the South Central Wastewater Authority.)

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