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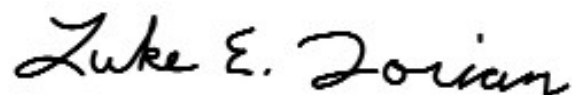
TO HOUSE BILL 1600

INTRODUCTION

This document contains proposed amendments to House Bill 1600, the 2024-2026 Appropriations Act. The amendments are presented in the following order: Part 1 - Operating Expenses; Part 2 - Capital Outlay; Part 3 - Miscellaneous; and Part 4 - General Provisions. For ease of review, each amendment is listed sequentially by item number. A brief explanation of the purpose of each amendment also is provided.

Increased or (decreased) appropriations are drawn to program totals which appear under columns labeled "Appropriations". Fund sources are designated in the amendments either as General Fund (GF) or Non-General Fund (NGF).

Approved changes are then entered at the appropriate sub-program level in the "Item Details" columns, when the bill is enrolled. Please contact our staff at (804) 698-1590 if you desire any information on these amendments.



Luke E. Torian
Chairman



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Item 0 #1h

Revenues

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Language

Language:

Page 1, strike lines 36 through 48, and insert:

	"First Year	Second Year	Total
Unreserved Balance	\$12,757,442,466	\$0	\$12,757,442,466
Additions to Balance	(\$8,229,230,452)	(\$500,000)	(\$8,229,730,452)
Official Revenue Estimates	\$30,692,736,462	\$31,363,849,381	\$62,056,585,843
Transfers	\$1,359,219,476	\$1,541,043,937	\$2,900,263,413
Total General Fund Resources Available for Appropriation	\$36,580,167,952	\$32,904,393,318	\$69,484,561,270"

Page 2, strike lines 2 through 19, and insert:

	"First Year	Second Year	Total
Balance, June 30, 2024	\$12,329,216,528	\$0	\$12,329,216,528
Official Revenue Estimates	\$55,907,896,328	\$57,386,605,811	\$113,294,502,139
Lottery Proceeds Fund	\$943,824,250	\$875,335,350	\$1,819,159,600
Internal Service Fund	\$2,548,392,953	\$2,661,451,414	\$5,209,844,367
Bond Proceeds	\$866,029,060	\$406,085,243	\$1,272,114,303
Total Nongeneral Fund Revenues Available for Appropriation	\$72,595,359,119	\$61,329,477,818	\$133,924,836,937
TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES	\$109,175,527,060	\$94,233,871,136	\$203,409,398,207"

Explanation:

(This amendment adjusts the front page revenue assumptions based on the Committees amendments.)

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Item 1 #1h

Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
General Assembly of Virginia	\$0	\$200,000	GF

Language:

Page 4, line 5, strike "\$65,280,825" and insert "\$65,480,825".
Page 11, line 46, strike the second "\$28,760" and insert "\$228,760."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding to the Commission Studying History of Uprooting of Black Communities by Public Institutions of Higher Education which is evaluating (i) whether any public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth has purchased, expropriated, or otherwise taken possession of property owned by any individual within the boundaries of a community in which a majority of the residents are Black in order to establish or expand the institution's campus and (ii) whether and what form of compensation or relief would be appropriate for any such individual or any of his lineal descendants.)

Item 1 #2h

Legislative Department		Language
General Assembly of Virginia		

Language:

Page 7, line 51, after "Building", insert:
", Old City Hall, and Lot 27".
Page 7, line 52, after "Services," strike the remainder of the line.
Page 7, line 53, strike "and Review Commission,".

Explanation:

(This language amendment makes technical updates to reflect recent changes in the legislative facility ownership.)

Item 1 #3h

Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
General Assembly of Virginia	\$1,000,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 4, line 5, strike "\$65,305,825" and insert "\$66,305,825".

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Page 13, after line 17, insert:

"5. Out of this appropriation, \$1,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to support public engagement, facilitation and technical support for the Joint Subcommittee."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million the first year from the general fund to support the Joint Subcommittee to Study Elementary and Secondary Funding's ongoing work to review Virginia's K-12 funding formula. This is supported by a reversion of Transformation Office balances the Governor announced would be designated for a K-12 funding review.)

Item 5 #1h

Legislative Department

Division of Legislative Automated Systems

Language

Language:

Page 17, after line 25, insert:

"F. There is hereby established a workgroup to serve as an advisory body to the Joint Committee on Rules with the purpose of reviewing the operations and implementation of technology for the legislative branch. Membership of the committee shall include at least one designated representative from each of the following legislative entities: Clerk of the House, Clerk of the Senate, House Appropriation Committee staff, Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee staff, Division of Legislative Services, Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, Division of Capitol Police, and additional representatives from other legislative entities as so designated by the Clerk of the House, the Clerk of the Senate, or upon decision of the aforementioned workgroup representatives. Meetings of the workgroup may occur upon call of any designated member and shall be staffed by collaborative effort of the member entities. The purview of the workgroup is to include, but not be limited to, review, discussion, and recommendations regarding such services provided by the Division of Legislative Automated Services (DLAS) as (i) ongoing operational support; (ii) system development, implementation, refresh, and maintenance; (iii) information technology security; (iv) incident response; and (v) any other services provided to workgroup members. The workgroup may direct DLAS to seek input from non-legislative stakeholders as needed to enhance the efficiency, effectiveness, and user-friendly capabilities of public-facing legislative systems. Finally, the workgroup shall, as needed, provide updates to the Joint Committee on Rules with regard to operational or performance concerns, recommendations, or other feedback as needed to ensure the optimal operation of legislative entities."

Explanation:

(This language amendment establishes a workgroup in the legislative branch to serve in an advisory capacity to the Joint Committee on Rules on the operations and implementation of technology for the legislative branch.)

Item 6 #2h

Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26
Division of Legislative Services	\$275,325	\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 17, line 33, strike "\$9,640,479" and insert "\$9,915,804".

Page 18, after line 7, insert:

"F. Out of this appropriation, \$275,325 the first year from dedicated special revenue is provided to implement the recommendations of the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund Advisory Committee."

Explanation:

(This amendment appropriates \$275,325 in dedicated special revenue generated from sales of the "Friends of the Chesapeake Bay" license plate for the recommendations of the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund Advisory Committee.)

Item 6 #3h

Legislative Department	Language
Division of Legislative Services	

Language:

Page 18, after line 7, insert:

"F.1. The replacement of the legacy legislative bill drafting system shall be completed by the Division of Legislative Automated Services (DLAS) as directed by, and subject to the approval of, the Director of the Division of Legislative Services (DLS) or their designee. DLAS shall provide DLS with a comprehensive status report on the replacement system's progress, capabilities, and implementation timeline no later than November 1, 2025. DLS, upon receipt and review of the status report, may opt to (i) continue with the replacement system as proposed and developed in-house by DLAS, (ii) coordinate with DLAS to contract with an outside vendor to complete the replacement, or (iii) proceed separately on procuring a replacement system through an independent vendor. DLS will work collaboratively with House and Senate Clerk's Offices on the integration of the bill drafting system with e-filing, at an appropriate time, as determined by the new Legislative IT Oversight workgroup set out in Item 5 of this act. The House and Senate Clerks' Offices will determine how best to meet their functional requirements with e-filing, either through DLAS or independently.

2. In the event DLS chooses to proceed with the selection of an independent vendor in accordance with (ii) or (iii) in F.1. above, the Director of DLS or their designee shall have final approval of the selection of vendor and the terms of the contract including the scope of work.

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DLAS shall grant the vendor full access to both the replacement and legacy legislative bill drafting systems and shall cooperate fully as needed with any independent system procurement, development, implementation, and maintenance. DLS is also hereby authorized to utilize available funds to support costs associated with system development and implementation.

3. Upon implementation of a replacement bill drafting system, whether developed in-house by DLAS or by an outside or independent vendor, DLAS shall be responsible for providing ongoing support, maintenance, and security of the system. DLAS shall cooperate fully with any vendor selected by DLS in accordance with (ii) or (iii) in F.1. above in providing such continued support, maintenance, and security. Any changes or improvements to the system must be completed at the direction of DLS, or must be approved by the Director of DLS or their designee if not made at the request of DLS.

4. The replacement legislative bill drafting system will be the property of DLS and the documents, materials, and intellectual property within the system over which DLS serves as custodian are also property of DLS."

Explanation:

(This language amendment provides guidelines regarding the replacement of the division's legacy bill drafting system.)

Item 6 #4h

Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Division of Legislative Services	0.00	3.00	FTE

Language:

Explanation:

(This amendment provides three additional positions for the Division in the second year to reflect current workloads and responsibilities.)

Item 6 #5h

Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Division of Legislative Services	\$0	\$120,000	GF
	0.00	1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 17, line 33, strike "\$9,640,479" and insert "\$9,760,479".

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$120,000 the second year from the general fund and one position to serve as staff support for the Commission on Women's Health established by House Bill 2617.)

Item 7 #1h

Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Capitol Square Preservation Council	(\$262,288) -2.00	(\$262,288) -2.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 18, line 15, strike "\$262,288" and insert "\$0".

Page 18, line 15, strike "\$262,288" and insert "\$0".

Page 18, strike lines 13 through 22.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$262,288 each year from the general fund and two positions to sunset a legislative council.)

Item 10 #1h

Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in the United States	\$0	\$17,600	GF

Language:

Page 19, line 1, strike "\$87,522" and insert "\$105,122".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$17,600 the second year from the general fund to reflect operational cost increases.)

Item 12 #1h

Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council	\$75,000 0.00	\$265,990 2.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 19, line 29, strike "\$269,146" and insert "\$344,146".

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Page 19, line 29, strike "\$269,146" and insert "\$535,136".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$75,000 the first year and \$265,990 the second year from the general fund to augment operational support and staffing for the Freedom of Information Advisory Council to address increased workloads.)

	Item 20 #1h	
Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26
Joint Commission on Health Care	\$0	\$175,000 GF
	0.00	1.00 FTE

Language:

Page 22, line 38, strike "\$1,041,882" and insert "\$1,216,882".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$175,000 the second year from the general fund to accept transfer of a health policy analyst position from the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC). A companion amendment removes an equal amount of funding and a position from JLARC, resulting in an overall net-zero cost impact.)

	Item 23 #1h	
Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26
Virginia State Crime Commission	\$0	\$100,000 GF

Language:

Page 23, line 24, strike "\$1,844,034" and insert "\$1,944,034".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 the second year from the general fund to support staffing costs for the Virginia State Crime Commission.)

	Item 23 #2h	
Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26
Virginia State Crime Commission	\$25,000	\$0 GF

Language:

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Page 23, line 24, strike "\$1,844,034" and insert "\$1,869,034".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$25,000 the first year from the general fund to support costs associated with an ongoing serology study.)

Item 25 #2h

Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission	\$0 0.00	(\$175,000) -1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 26, line 19, strike "\$6,244,847" and insert "\$6,069,847".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$175,000 the second year from the general fund to transfer a health policy analyst position from the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC), to the Joint Commission on Health Care (JCHC). A companion amendment to JCHC appropriates an equal amount of funding and a position, resulting in an overall net-zero cost impact.)

Item 27 #1h

Legislative Department

Legislative Department Reversion Clearing Account Language

Language:

Page 30, line 22, strike "\$200,000" and insert "\$250,000".

Page 30, line 23, strike "\$200,000" and insert "\$250,000".

Page 30, after line 26, insert:

"C. On or before June 30, 2025, the Committee on Joint Rules shall authorize a reversion to the general fund of \$4,517,615 representing savings generated by legislative agencies in the first year of the 2024-2026 biennium. The total savings amount includes estimated savings within the following legislative agencies:

Legislative Agency	Estimated Savings - FY 2025
107: Division of Legislative Services	\$500,000
110: Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission	\$1,000,000
820: Capitol Square Preservation Council	\$764,114

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961: Division of Capitol Police

\$2,253,501

Total:

\$4,517,615".

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes a transfer in the first year of \$4,517,615 in general fund balances from legislative branch agencies and makes a technical language correction.)

	Item 28 #1h	
Judicial Department	FY24-25	FY25-26
Supreme Court	\$0	\$573,414 GF

Language:

Page 31, line 3, strike "\$16,544,935" and insert "\$17,118,349".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$573,414 the second year from the general fund for costs associated with House Bill 2723. Companion amendments provide funding for this purpose to the Compensation Board for Clerks of Circuit Court and Commonwealth's Attorneys, to Virginia State Police, and to the Indigent Defense Commission.)

	Item 28 #2h	
Judicial Department	FY24-25	FY25-26
Supreme Court	\$83,416	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 31, line 3, strike "\$16,544,935" and insert "\$16,628,351".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$83,416 the first year from the general fund for costs associated with House Bill 1665, related to the provision of itemized statements to defendants. The funding is provided in the first year to allow time for system updates to be made prior to the bill's effective date.)

	Item 33 #1h	
Judicial Department	FY24-25	FY25-26

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Circuit Courts	\$0	\$339,212	GF
	0.00	1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 36, line 10, strike "\$137,464,210" and insert "\$137,803,422".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$339,212 the second year from the general fund and one position to support an additional judgeship authorized by House Bill 2729.)

Item 33 #2h

Judicial Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Circuit Courts	\$0	(\$100,000)	GF

Language:

Page 36, line 10, strike "\$137,464,210" and insert "\$137,364,210".

Page 37, strike lines 39 through 41.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$100,000 the second year from the general fund to revert balances in the Sealing Fee Fund in accordance with the provisions of House Bill 2723.)

Item 33 #3h

Judicial Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Circuit Courts	\$2,000,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 36, line 10, strike "\$131,392,451" and insert "\$133,392,451".

Page 36, line 40, strike "\$139,541,179" and insert ""\$141,541,179".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million the first year from the general fund for deposit to the Criminal Fund to support court-appointed attorney costs associated with House Bill 2217, relating to the court appearance of a person not free on bail.)

Item 33 #4h

Judicial Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
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Circuit Courts \$0 \$2,500,000 GF

Language:

Page 36, line 10, strike "\$137,464,210" and insert "\$139,964,210".

Page 36, line 40, strike "\$145,526,138" and insert "\$148,026,138".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.5 million the second year from the general fund for deposit to the Criminal Fund to support the cost of court-appointed attorneys with regard to the implementation of House Bill 2555. This bill creates a process for automatic hearings to modify certain marijuana-related offenses; accordingly, this amendment reflects one-time funding to the Criminal Fund. A companion amendment to Virginia State Police provides additional funding to support the costs of this bill.)

Item 34 #1h

Judicial Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
General District Courts	\$0	\$1,348,808	GF
	0.00	5.00	FTE

Language:

Page 37, line 47, strike "\$153,148,993" and insert "\$154,497,801".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.3 million the second year from the general fund and five positions to support additional judgeships and support staff in accordance with the provisions of House Bill 2729.)

Item 35 #1h

Judicial Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts	\$0	\$2,012,282	GF
	0.00	8.00	FTE

Language:

Page 38, line 35, strike "\$121,716,328" and insert "\$123,728,610".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million the second year from the general fund and eight positions to support additional judgeships and support clerk staff in accordance with the provisions of House Bill 2729.)

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Item 40 #1h

Judicial Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Indigent Defense Commission	\$0	\$138,193	GF
	0.00	1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 41, line 15, strike "\$88,875,818" and insert "\$89,014,011".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$138,193 the second year from the general fund and one position for costs associated with House Bill 2723. Companion amendments provide funding for this purpose to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court, the Compensation Board for Clerks of Circuit Court and Commonwealth's Attorneys, and to Virginia State Police.)

Item 40 #2h

Judicial Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Indigent Defense Commission	\$0	\$810,985	GF
	0.00	10.00	FTE

Language:

Page 41, line 15, strike "\$88,875,818" and insert "\$89,686,803".
 Page 36, line 40, strike "\$145,526,138" and insert, "\$146,337,123."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$810,985 the second year from the general fund and ten positions to support the provisions of House Bill 2217, relating to the court appearance of a person not free on bail. A companion amendment to the Circuit Court provides additional appropriation for deposit to the Criminal Fund to support the provisions of this bill.)

Item 44 #1h

Executive Offices

Office of the Governor

Language

Language:

Page 45, after line 48, insert:
 "H. From the amounts initially appropriated in Chapter 2, 2022 Special Session I, \$1,000,000 of

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the carryforward balances shall revert to the general fund. The executive branch shall not issue any procurement related to development of a model simulator to predict effects of K-12 formula changes."

Explanation:

(This amendment reverts \$1.0 million in unexpended general funds from Transformation Office balances the Governor announced would be used to support a procurement for a contractor to simulate changes to Virginia's K-12 funding formula. These funds are redirected to the Joint Subcommittee to Study Elementary and Secondary Funding to lead this work.)

Item 49 #1h

Executive Offices	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Attorney General and Department of Law	\$0 0.00	(\$192,260) -1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 47, line 18, strike "\$57,628,102" and insert "\$57,435,842".
Page 49, line 13, unstrike "\$1,300,000" and strike "\$1,492,260".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$192,260 the second year from the general fund and one position that were proposed in House Bill 1600 to expand Operation Ceasefire to Northern Virginia.)

Item 51 #1h

Executive Offices	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Attorney General and Department of Law	\$0 0.00	(\$277,077) -2.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 49, line 23, strike "\$7,563,623" and insert "\$7,286,546".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces general fund by \$277,077 in the second year for two positions proposed in the Introduced Budget.)

Item 51 #2h

Executive Offices	FY24-25	FY25-26
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Attorney General and Department of Law \$0 (\$500,000) NGF

Language:

Page 49, line 23, strike "\$7,563,623" and insert "\$7,063,623".
Page 49, line 31, unstrike "\$1,250,000" and strike "\$1,750,000".
Page 49, line 43, unstrike "\$1,250,000" and strike "\$1,750,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment adjusts nongeneral fund appropriation and language to reflect a continuation of the transfer from the Regulatory, Consumer Advocacy, Litigation, and Enforcement Revolving Trust Fund at the current level.)

	Item 61 #1h	
Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26
Compensation Board	\$0	\$200,000 GF

Language:

Page 58, line 30, strike "\$43,714,791" and insert "\$43,914,791".
Page 61, line 22, strike the second "\$215,939" and insert "\$415,939".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$200,000 the second year from the general fund to reimburse Nottoway County to cover the costs of treating residents of the Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation (VCBR) when they are transferred to Piedmont Regional Jail after having committed an offense at VCBR.)

	Item 64 #1h	
Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26
Compensation Board	\$0	\$5,754,959 GF

Language:

Page 63, line 16, strike "\$104,851,189" and insert "\$110,606,148".
Page 65, after line 47, insert:
“L.1. Out of the amounts in this item, \$5,754,959 from the general fund the second year is provided in an amount sufficient to fund an additional 120 paralegal positions for statewide Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices. The Compensation Board may decide to utilize the funding to fund either paralegal or assistant attorney positions and shall distribute any such positions in accordance with existing staffing standard needs to assist with anticipated workload increases

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resulting from implementation of House Bill 2723 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly.

2. If directed by the Compensation Board to do so, all Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices shall report, in such format and on such timeline as prescribed by the Board, required information regarding workloads directly resulting from implementation of the bill's provisions."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$5.8 million the second year from the general fund for Commonwealth's Attorney costs associated with House Bill 2723. Companion amendments provide funding for this purpose to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court, the Compensation Board for Clerks of Circuit Court, to Virginia State Police, and to the Indigent Defense Commission.)

	Item 64 #2h	
Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26
Compensation Board	\$0	\$270,970 GF

Language:

Page 63, line 17, strike "\$104,851,189" and insert "\$105,122,159".

Page 65, after line 47, insert:

"L. Out of this appropriation, \$270,970 the second year from the general fund is provided to convert the Commonwealth's Attorneys offices in Bath County and Highland County to full-time status."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$270,970 the second year from the general fund and language directing distribution of the funds to Bath County and Highland County to convert their existing part-time Commonwealth's Attorneys' positions to full-time.)

	Item 65 #1h	
Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26
Compensation Board	\$0	\$5,524,340 GF

Language:

Page 65, line 49, strike "\$72,444,858" and insert "\$77,969,198".

Page 68, after line 16, insert:

"O.1. Out of the amounts in this item, \$5,524,340 from the general fund the second year is provided to support an additional 120 Deputy Clerk IV positions. The Compensation Board shall distribute these positions so that one goes to every Circuit Court Clerk office to assist with

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anticipated workload increases resulting from implementation of House Bill 2723 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly.

2. If directed by the Compensation Board to do so, all Circuit Court Clerk offices shall report, in such format and on such timeline as prescribed by the Board, information with regard to workloads directly resulting from the bill that is not otherwise collected in the staffing study authorized by paragraph V. of Item 67 of this act."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$5.5 million the second year from the general fund for Circuit Court Clerk costs associated with House Bill 2723. Companion amendments provide funding for this purpose to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court, the Compensation Board for Commonwealth's Attorneys, to Virginia State Police, and to the Indigent Defense Commission.)

Item 67 #1h

Administration

Compensation Board

Language

Language:

Page 70, line 12, strike the second "1,379", and insert "1,499".

Page 70, line 13, strike the second "1,158", and insert "1,278".

Explanation:

(This amendment updates the position count table in the Compensation Board to reflect additional positions for the implementation of House Bill 2723. Companion amendments provide funding to support these positions for Circuit Court Clerks and Commonwealth's Attorneys.)

Item 67 #2h

Administration

Compensation Board

Language

Language:

Page 70, line 12, strike the second "1,379", and insert "1,381".

Explanation:

(This amendment updates the position count table in the Compensation Board to reflect two additional positions to convert the Commonwealth's Attorney positions in Bath and Highland

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County from part- to full-time. A companion amendment to Item 64 provides the additional funding associated with these conversions.)

Item 70 #1h

Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of General Services	\$0	\$250,000 NGF

Language:

Page 75, line 1, strike "\$67,972,051" and insert "\$68,222,051".

Page 75, after line 34, insert:

"F. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the second year from the nongeneral fund is provided to the department to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1922 of the 2025 General Assembly Session."

Explanation:

(This amendment provide \$250,000 for the Department of General Services to update procurement data in eVA, the state's electronic procurement system, that it receives from the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity.)

Item 74 #1h

Administration

Department of Human Resource Management

Language

Language:

Page 80, after line 51, insert:

"K. The Director of the Department of Human Resource Management, with the assistance of the Director of the Virginia Retirement System, shall convene a workgroup to evaluate total compensation, including retirement benefits for law enforcement officers employed by the Commonwealth and covered under the VaLORS retirement system. The working group shall include a representative from the House Appropriations Committee; a representative from the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee; a representative from the Secretary of Public Safety; a representative of the Capitol Police and one chief of campus police departments from four-year public institutions of higher education in Virginia. The working group shall consider (i) current levels of compensation and benefits, specifically access to hazardous duty plans relative to Virginia State Police and local police officers; (ii) recruitment and retention issues faced by these Departments caused by any differences in compensation and benefits identified in (i); and (iii) recommendations and the associated fiscal impact to change compensation and benefits. Compensation strategies to be examined include salary adjustments, benefits enhancements, stipends, and other forms of monetary and non-monetary compensation. The

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Director shall submit a final report with findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Secretary of Public Safety, the Chairs of the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee, and other relevant stakeholders by October 1, 2025."

Explanation:

(This amendment convenes a workgroup to evaluate compensation for law enforcement personnel in the VaLORS retirement program.)

Item 74 #2h

Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Human Resource Management	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)	GF

Language:

Page 78, line 47, strike "\$122,474,053" and insert "\$122,374,053".

Page 78, line 47, strike "\$122,820,610" and insert "\$122,720,610".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces general fund by \$100,000 each year to reflect the removal of a proposed program to create a cabinet leadership academy in the Executive Branch; comparable leadership training program opportunities already exist for state employees.)

Item 77 #1h

Administration

Department of Elections

Language

Language:

Page 84, line 16, strike "\$500,000" and insert "\$422,000".

Page 84, after line 28 insert:

"J. Out of this appropriation, \$78,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1657 of the 2025 General Assembly Session. Any amounts remaining from the general fund appropriation identified in this paragraph that remain unspent at the end of the first year shall be reappropriated in the next fiscal year."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$78,000 for the Department of Elections to administer the provisions of House Bill 1657 of the 2025 General Assembly Session.)

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Item 81 #1h

Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Information Technologies Agency	(\$2,000,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 88, line 15, strike "\$57,101,374" and insert "\$55,101,374".
 Page 90, line 17, strike "\$2,000,000 the first year and".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$2.0 million the first year from the general fund that was proposed for a new initiative for VITA to run a Project Management Center of Excellence. With this amendment, a net of \$2.0 million remains in the second year to support anticipated costs of the new program.)

Item 81 #2h

Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Information Technologies Agency	\$0 0.00	\$100,000 1.00	NGF FTE

Language:

Page 88, line 15, strike "\$62,288,610" and insert "\$62,388,610".
 Page 90, after line 21, insert:
 "H. Out of this appropriation, \$100,000 the second year from the nongeneral fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1922 of the 2025 General Assembly Session."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 and one position for the Virginia Technologies Agency to review and maintain accurate reporting in eVa, the state's procurement system.)

Item 81 #3h

Administration	
Virginia Information Technologies Agency	Language

Language:

Page 90, line 17, after "G." insert "1."
 Page 90, after line 21, insert:
 "2. Out of the general fund amounts provided for this program the second year, the agency shall

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first utilize funds as needed to support implementation costs associated with House Bill 2541."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Virginia Information Technologies Agency, to the extent the agency incurs costs in the implementation of House Bill 2541, to first utilize general fund appropriation to support any such costs.)

Item 82 #1h

Administration

Virginia Information Technologies Agency

Language

Language:

Page 92, line 28, after "Commission", insert "(JLARC)".

Page 92, line 30, after "participants", insert:

"including JLARC staff conducting oversight of VITA".

Explanation:

(This language amendment clarifies the role and involvement of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission with regard to a newly proposed Joint Subcommittee on Cyber Risk.)

Item 86 #1h

Agriculture and Forestry

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Agriculture and
Consumer Services

\$0

\$450,000 GF

Language:

Page 94, line 35, strike "\$27,685,267" and insert "\$28,135,267".

Page 96, after line 24, insert:

"M. Out of the amounts in this item, \$450,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the Large Animal Veterinary Grant Program."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$450,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 for the Large Animal Veterinary Grant Program pursuant to House Bill 2303. A companion amendment to the Department of Health removes funding a language proposed in House Bill 1600 as introduced to establish Large Animal Veterinary Loan Repayment Program.)

Item 86 #2h

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Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$0	(\$250,000)	GF

Language:

Page 94, line 35, strike "\$27,685,267" and insert "\$27,435,267".
Page 96, strike lines 20 through 24.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$250,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 provided for a proposed Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage Insurance Premium Assistance Fund.)

Item 86 #3h

Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$0	\$25,000	GF

Language:

Page 94, line 35, strike "\$27,685,267" and insert "\$27,710,267".
Page 96, after line 24, insert:

"M. Out of the amounts in this item, \$25,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the County of Stafford to support the Rappahannock Education Farm."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$25,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to support the Rappahannock Education Farm in Stafford County.)

Item 87 #1h

Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$0	\$250,000	GF

Language:

Page 96, line 25, strike "\$2,452,698" and insert "\$2,702,698".
Page 96, line 30, strike "\$1,500,000" and insert "\$1,750,000".
Page 96, line 33, strike "\$250,000" and insert "\$500,000".

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides in additional \$250,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 for the Blue Catfish Processing, Flash Freezing, and Infrastructure Grant Program.)

	Item 101 #1h	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Economic Development Incentive Payments	\$1,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 104, line 21, strike "\$100,022,331" and insert "\$101,022,331".

Page 105, line 27, strike "\$5,000,000" and insert "\$6,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$1.0 million for the Virginia Motion Picture Opportunity Fund. These additional resources will allow the Virginia Film Office it meet its current financial obligations.)

	Item 101 #2h	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Economic Development Incentive Payments	\$4,500,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 104, line 21, strike "\$100,022,331" and insert "\$104,522,331".

Page 108, after line 9, insert:

"V. Out of this appropriation, \$4,500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to support a non-profit operating a pharmaceutical manufacturing facility that will accelerate the development of a fast-acting insulin to increase access and affordability for Virginians. Prior to any funds being disbursed, the authority shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a non-profit organization that includes performance objectives related to the availability of a fast-acting biosimilar insulin in the Commonwealth. The MOU shall identify: (i) performance objectives agreed to by both parties including a price of not more than \$30 per vial and not more than \$55 for five pre-filled insulin pens, (ii) estimated savings to residents of the Commonwealth from purchase of low-cost insulin; (iii) estimated potential savings to the Commonwealth as a self-insured employer from the availability of affordable insulin manufactured at a non-profit facility in Virginia; and (iv) this non-profit shall cause or cause to be made a matching amount of not less than \$5,000,000 for the project. The authority shall not require the achievement of the performance metrics outlined in the MOU prior to the release of these funds to an eligible non-

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profit company. Any funding remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$4.5 million to invest in the development of a fast-acting insulin to reduce the cost of this drug for consumers to no more than \$30 per vial.)

		Item 101 #3h	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Economic Development Incentive Payments	\$20,000,000	(\$20,000,000)	GF

Language:

Page 104, line 21, strike "\$100,022,331" and insert "\$120,022,331".

Page 104, line 21, strike "\$134,381,826" and insert "\$114,381,826".

Page 106, line 27, strike "\$20,000,000" and insert "\$40,000,000".

Page 106, line 28, strike "\$70,000,000" and insert "\$50,000,000".

Page 106, after line 44, insert:

"5. The transfer of \$20,000,000 to the first year of the biennium reflects the administrative transfer of second year funds provided in Chapter 2, 2024 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I.

6. Notwithstanding § 4-1.03 c.5 of this act, the Director, Department of Planning and Budget shall not be permitted to transfer appropriations in this paragraph from the second year to the first year."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides a \$50.0 million base appropriation for the Virginia Business Ready Sites Fund. Budget language prohibits the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget from transferring second year appropriations to the first year for this program.)

		Item 101 #4h	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Economic Development Incentive Payments	\$0	(\$1,400,000)	GF

Language:

Page 104, line 21, strike "\$134,381,826" and insert "\$132,981,826".

Page 107, line 44, strike "in" and insert "for".

Page 107, strike lines 51 through 54.

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Page 108, strike line 1.

Page 108, line 2, strike "U." and insert "T."

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$1.4 million, reflecting the first anticipated incentive payment for Micron. House Bill 2358 of the 2025 General Assembly sets the parameters for the payment of custom performance grants to the company in exchange for the creation of 340 jobs and invest \$2.2 billion and requires the first payment to the company in fiscal year 2027. This amendment also addresses a technical update to language included in the introduced budget to reimburse Wythe County for improvements made for Progress Park.)

	Item 101 #5h	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Economic Development Incentive Payments	\$5,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 104, line 21, strike "\$100,022,331" and insert "\$105,022,331".

Page 108, after line 9, insert:

"V. Out of this appropriation, \$5,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Roanoke for the improvement of an existing facility to create advanced laboratory space for new cell/gene therapy companies across southwestern Virginia. Prior to the release of any funding in this paragraph, the City of Roanoke shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority and shall cause or cause to be made a matching amount of not less than \$5,000,000 for the project, and demonstrate the commitment of an anchor tenant to operate in the renovated lab space. Any funding remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$5.0 million to retrofit existing lab space in Roanoke, Virginia for an anchor tenant to research and develop new cell and gene therapy technologies.)

	Item 101 #6h	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Economic Development Incentive Payments	\$21,250,000	(\$21,250,000) GF

Language:

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Page 104, line 21, strike "\$100,022,331" and insert "\$121,272,331".

Page 104, line 21, strike "\$134,381,826" and insert "\$113,131,826".

Page 106, line 24, strike "\$21,250,000" and insert "\$42,500,000".

Page 106, line 24, after "year" strike the remainder of the line.

Page 106, line 25, strike "second year".

Explanation:

(This amendment moves a fiscal year 2026 deposit of \$21.3 million to the Major Headquarters Workforce Grant Fund to the first year.)

Item 102 #1h

Commerce and Trade

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 111, unstrike lines 3 through 26.

Page 111, after line 26, insert:

"7. The department shall implement this program no later than May 4, 2025. Such implementation shall include making funds available to successful applicants."

Explanation:

(This amendment restores the down-payment assistance pilot program included in Chapter 2, 2024 Acts of Assembly, Special Session 1. This grant program will provide second forgivable mortgages to home buyers, and is funded with unobligated Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative balances.)

Item 102 #2h

Commerce and Trade

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 111, after line 47, insert:

"R. The department shall identify programs designed to keep long-term residents in their primary homes as real property tax liabilities increase, including the Longtime Owner Occupancy Program (LOOP) as implemented in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The department shall review and provide recommendations for eligibility criteria based on financial indicators, financing options including voluntary locality contributions or offsets, and assess feasibility, equity, and efficiency of administration and implementation at the local, regional, or state level.

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The department shall convene a group of national, state, and local tax and housing experts to assist with developing recommendations, with the support of the Department of Taxation and the Commission on Local Government. The Department shall submit their findings to the Chairs of House General Laws and Senate General Laws and Technology by September 1, 2025."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide recommendations to help long-term, low-income homeowners continue to keep their properties in areas where property liabilities have increased substantially overtime.)

Item 102 #3h

Commerce and Trade

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Housing and
Community Development

\$0

\$15,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 108, line 24, strike "\$310,725,885" and insert "\$325,725,885".

Page 111, after line 47, insert:

"R. Out of this appropriation, \$15,000,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1598 of the 2025 General Assembly Session. Of the amounts in this paragraph, the department may use up to \$300,000 to administer this program."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$15.0 million to award grants to first-time homebuyers in the Commonwealth. Eligible homebuyers can receive a grant equal to 5 percent of the sale price, up to \$10,000.)

Item 102 #4h

Commerce and Trade

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 109, after line 39, insert:

"4. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 36-142, Code of Virginia, out of the amounts in this paragraph, \$161,000 shall be used by the department to implement the provisions of House Bill 2048 of the 2025 General Assembly Session."

Explanation:

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(This amendment authorizes the Department of Housing and Community Development to use \$161,000 from the Virginia Housing Trust Fund to implement the provisions of House Bill 2048 of the 2025 General Assembly Session, which requires DHCD to complete annual geographic equity impact assessment to identify areas of the Commonwealth that have received an overconcentration of low-income housing developments.)

Item 102 #5h

Commerce and Trade

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 110, unstrike lines 28 through 55.

Page 111, unstrike lines 1 through 2.

Page 111, after line 2, insert:

"7. The department shall implement this program no later than May 4, 2025. Such implementation shall include making funds available to successful applicants."

Explanation:

(This amendment restores a pilot program included in Chapter 2, 2024 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I to assist nonprofits and associations of tenants residing in manufactured home parks acquire mobile home park land. This program is funded with unobligated balances of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.)

Item 102 #6h

Commerce and Trade

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Housing and
Community Development

\$0

\$1,500,000 GF

Language:

Page 108, line 24, strike "\$310,725,885" and insert "\$312,225,885".

Page 111, after line 47, insert:

"R. Out of this appropriation, \$1,500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 2149 of 2025 General Assembly Session. The department is authorized to use the funds provided in this paragraph to support the administrative costs of this legislation."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.5 million to fund a pilot program to incentivize localities to adopt favorable zoning practices.)

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Item 102 #7h

Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$0	\$500,000	GF

Language:

Page 108, line 24, strike "\$310,725,885" and insert "\$311,225,885".

Page 111, after line 47, insert:

"R. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the City of Suffolk to support the construction of a homeless shelter."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 to the City of Suffolk to finish the construction of a homeless shelter in the Western Tidewater Region.)

Item 102 #8h

Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$0	\$25,000	GF

Language:

Page 108, line 24, strike "\$310,725,885" and insert "\$310,750,885".

Page 111, after line 47, insert:

"R. Out of this appropriation, \$25,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the City of Fredericksburg to support Central Virginia Housing Coalition's Housing Counseling Program."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs \$25,000 to the City of Fredericksburg to support Central Virginia Housing Coalition's Housing Counseling Program, which helps low-income families in Planning District 16 access funding for security deposits when applying to rent an apartment.)

Item 102 #9h

Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
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Department of Housing and Community Development	\$0	\$500,000	GF
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Language:

Page 108, line 24, strike "\$310,725,885" and insert "\$311,225,885".
 Page 110, line 3, strike second "\$3,450,000" and insert "\$3,950,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$500,000 from the general fund for the Virginia Eviction Prevention and Diversion program.)

Item 102 #10h

Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$0	\$1,350,000	GF

Language:

Page 108, line 24, strike "\$310,725,885" and insert "\$312,075,885".
 Page 109, line 8, strike second "\$1,775,000" and insert "\$1,100,000".
 Page 111, after line 47, insert:

"R. Out of this appropriation, \$2,025,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to support the organizational capacity and administrative needs of the Continuum of Care lead agencies in Virginia, including local planning groups in the Balance of State Continuum of Care, as they serve persons at risk of or experiencing homelessness in their regions. The department shall determine, with input from Continuum of Care lead agencies and other stakeholders, the activities that are eligible for funding, which shall include but are not limited to i) the development and management of homeless crisis response systems; ii) grant administration and reporting; iii) staff training, and iv) essential operational tasks. The department shall provide these funds as grants in a formula determined by the department with input from stakeholders."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides one-time support of \$2.0 million to support organizational capacity at Continuum of Care lead agencies, which serve Virginia's homeless population. These funds provide \$75,000 of support across Virginia's 27 Continuum of Care lead agencies.)

Item 102 #11h

Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
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Department of Housing and
Community Development

\$14,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 108, line 25, strike "\$335,850,885" and insert "\$349,850,885".

Page 111, after line 47, insert:

"R.1. Out of this appropriation, \$14,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the department to awards grants to localities or planning district commissions that have established or will establish by December 31, 2025 a local Housing Trust Fund for long-term local investments related to affordable housing. The department shall develop criteria and guidelines for these one-time grants on or before August 1, 2025. Of the amounts in this paragraph, \$5,000,000 shall be provided to Prince William County to support affordable housing. Of the amounts in this paragraph, \$1,000,000 shall be provided to the City of Emporia to support an affordable housing project. Any funding remaining at the end of fiscal year shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$14.0 million for one-time grants to local governments that have established Housing Trust Funds for the purpose of investing local resources in the development of affordable housing and assisting families with housing access and security. It also directs \$5.0 million to support affordable housing efforts in Prince William County and the City of Emporia.)

Item 102 #12h

Commerce and Trade

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 111, strike lines 32 through 47, and insert:

"Q.1. Out of this appropriation, \$25,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the department to establish and administer a program for the purposes of providing relief to residents of Virginia that lost or sustained residential property damage as a result of a disaster occurring on or after September 25, 2024, but before October 3, 2024, and subject to a Major Disaster Declaration (FEMA-4831-DR) issued by President Biden on October 1, 2024.

2. The department shall establish procedures for filing and resolving claims, which shall include measures to prevent fraud, and which may include any criteria the department determines reasonable to carry out the provisions of this paragraph. The amount of relief provided to an eligible applicant shall be up to 100 percent of the property value for the realty that represents a total loss and up to 50 percent of the property value for the realty that sustained major damage, as defined by 7. and 8. below, not to exceed \$500,000. If an eligible applicant owns multiple,

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noncontiguous properties in an area affected by the disaster in paragraph Q.1. of this item, the eligible applicant may file separate claims for each parcel, and the maximums described in this paragraph shall apply to each separate claim. The department shall reduce payments by any federal or state relief or insurance payments received by the eligible applicant for property repairs or damage related to the disaster described in paragraph Q.1. of this item.

3. Payments under paragraph Q. of this item shall be subject to the availability of funds. If claims exceed available funds, the department shall make payments in the order that claims were received.

4. The department shall not provide relief under this section for a residential realty that was abandoned or uninhabited at the time of the disaster described in paragraph Q.1 of this item.

5. No recourse may be had by any person, organization, or entity against a recipient of payment under this paragraph, absent any evidence of misuse of funds. Misuse of funds shall be established by a showing that a recipient knowingly misapplied the proceeds of a payment received under this paragraph. If a showing of misuse of funds has been made, then a person may seek recourse against the recipient for an amount no greater than the extent of the payment.

6. Relief awarded pursuant to this paragraph is excluded from gross income and is not subject to taxation.

7. "Total loss" means real property that has been destroyed, such that there is a total loss of the structure, the structure is not economically feasible to repair, or there is a complete failure to major structural components, such as the collapse of the basement, wall, or roof.

8. "Major damage" means real property that has substantial failure to its structural elements, such as walls, floor, or foundation, or that has sustained damage that will take more than 30 days to repair.

9. "Eligible applicant" means any individual property owner that lost or sustained residential property damage as a result of a disaster occurring on or after September 25, 2024, but before October 3, 2024, and subject to a Major Disaster Declaration (FEMA-4831-DR) issued by President Biden on October 1, 2024.

10. The department shall report to the General Assembly on the expenditure of funds from this paragraph within 90 days of the completion of this assistance program to include total assistance deployed by type of loss, total victims served, and completion of funded repairs or new residential construction."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs \$25.0 million to assist victims of Hurricane Helene that suffered major residential property damage, including the total loss of a home.)

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Department of Housing and Community Development	(\$15,000,000)	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 111, line 49, strike "\$150,752,325" and insert "\$135,752,325".
Page 120, strike lines 26 through 48.

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$15.0 million proposed for a child care facilities grant program to support mixed delivery early childhood education.)

Item 103 #2h

Commerce and Trade	Language
Department of Housing and Community Development	

Language:

Page 114, line 35, after "L." insert:
"It is the intent of the General Assembly that the funding provided in this paragraph L.1. shall be continued in the next biennium."

Explanation:

(This amendment indicates its the priority of the General Assembly to continue funding for the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative in the next biennium.)

Item 103 #3h

Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$2,600,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 111, line 49, strike "\$150,752,325" and insert "\$153,352,325".
Page 113, line 36, strike "\$9,000,000" and insert "\$11,600,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.6 million to the Industrial Revitalization Fund.)

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Item 103 #4h

Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$4,200,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 111, line 49, strike "\$150,752,325" and insert "\$154,952,325".

Page 121, after line 18, insert:

"AA. Out of this appropriation, \$4,200,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the Urban Public-Private Partnership Redevelopment Fund in accordance with the provisions of House Bill 1702 of the 2025 General Assembly Session. Of the amounts in this paragraph, \$200,000 is provided to the department for program administration."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$4.2 million to capitalize the Urban Public-Private Partnership Redevelopment Fund.)

Item 103 #5h

Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$6,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 111, line 49, strike "\$150,752,325" and insert "\$156,752,325".

Page 121, after line 18, insert:

"AA. Out of this appropriation, \$6,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Portsmouth to support community development projects, including water, sewer, drainage, and stormwater management improvements. Any funding remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$6.0 million to the City of Portsmouth to support community development projects, such as water line and sewer repairs.)

Item 103 #6h

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Department of Housing and
Community Development

\$1,200,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 111, line 49, strike "\$150,752,325" and insert "\$151,952,325".

Page 121, after line 18, insert:

"AA. Out of this appropriation, \$1,200,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to Prince William County to support the Occoquan Riverwalk project. Any funding remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.2 million to the Town of Occoquan for the expansion of the Riverwalk in the town's historic downtown district.)

Item 103 #7h

Commerce and Trade

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Housing and
Community Development

\$15,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 111, line 49, strike "\$150,752,325" and insert "\$165,752,325".

Page 121, after line 18, insert:

"AA. Out of this appropriation, \$15,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to Pulaski County for site readiness improvements including a road extension, grading, and natural gas pipeline extension. Prior to the release of any funding in this paragraph, Pulaski County shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the department and shall demonstrate at a minimum a dollar for dollar match of non-state resources for these site readiness improvements. Any funding remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$15.0 million to Pulaski County for site readiness improvements to help secure up to \$3.0 billion in capital investment in the region through the construction of a data center and powerplant in the County.)

Item 109 #1h

Commerce and Trade

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Department of Energy

0.00

5.00 FTE

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Language:

Explanation:

(This amendment provides 5.0 nongeneral fund positions for the Department of Energy to administer federal funds available from the Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act and Inflation Reduction Act.)

	Item 109 #2h	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Energy	\$0	\$2,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 123, line 13, strike "\$4,766,189" and insert "\$6,766,189".

Page 123, after line 48, insert:

"F. Out of this appropriation, \$2,000,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to capitalize the Electric Vehicle Rural Infrastructure Fund, pursuant to House Bill 1791 of the 2025 General Assembly Session."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million the second year to capitalize the Electric Vehicle Rural Infrastructure Fund.)

	Item 109 #3h	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Energy	\$0	\$2,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 123, line 13, strike "\$4,766,189" and insert "\$6,766,189".

Page 123, after line 48, insert:

"F. Out of this appropriation, \$2,000,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the Solar Interconnection Grant Program pursuant to the provisions of House Bill 2113 of the 2025 General Assembly Session."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million for the Solar Interconnection Grant Program proposed in House Bill 2113 of the 2025 General Assembly Session. This program will provide grants to

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localities to connect solar facilities to the grid. This is intended to be a one-time investment of funds in the program.)

	Item 111 #1h	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity	\$250,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 124, line 14, strike "\$9,326,797" and insert "\$9,576,797".

Page 125, after line 54, insert:

"J. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Richmond for the Metropolitan Business League's and Bridging Virginia's Capital Access Program. Any funding remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$250,000 to the City of Richmond to support the Metropolitan Business League's and Bridging Virginia's Capital Access Program. This program provides resources to small businesses owned by individuals from historically marginalized communities and with economically disadvantaged backgrounds.)

	Item 111 #2h	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity	\$0 0.00	\$187,020 GF 2.00 FTE

Language:

Page 124, line 15, strike "\$8,912,875" and insert "\$9,099,895".

Page 125, after line 54, insert:

"J. Out of this appropriation, \$187,020 the second year from the general fund is provided to the department to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1922 of the 2025 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$187,020 to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1922 of the 2025 General Assembly, which codifies Executive Order 35 related to Small, Women, and Minority owned business utilization in state contracts.)

Commerce and Trade

Virginia Economic Development Partnership

Language

Language:

Page 129, after line 13, insert:

"T. On or before June 30, 2025 the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall revert to the general fund any unused balances from this item, at an amount estimated at \$1,987,000 for expenses related to recruitment and training services for the benefit of the operators of a nitrile butadiene rubber production plant and a medical-grade glove manufacturing facility slated for development in Progress Park in the County of Wythe authorized in Chapters 1 and 2 of the 2022 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I."

Explanation:

(This amendment reverts money to the general fund previously provided for talent training and recruitment services for Blue Star Manufacturing. This economic development project has stalled and funding is no longer required for these services.)

Commerce and Trade

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Economic Development Partnership

\$0

\$6,000,000

GF

Language:

Page 127, line 8, strike "\$53,451,862" and insert "\$59,451,862".

Page 128, after line 46, insert:

"5. "The Virginia Office of Education and Labor Market Alignment in partnership with the State Council of Higher Education and the Virginia Department of Workforce Development and Advancement, and in consultation with agencies participating in the Virginia Longitudinal Data System, Virginia Workforce Data Trust, and nonprofit education partners shall evaluate the need to establish the Virginia Office of Education and Labor Market Alignment as an independent entity in state government with the primary responsibility for maintaining and allowing access to Virginia's education and workforce data systems by internal agency and qualified external organizations, addressing key education and workforce policy questions, and conducting research. The Virginia Office of Education and Labor Market Alignment shall provide the results of this evaluation to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2025."

Page 129, after line 13, insert:

"T.1.Out of this appropriation, \$6,000,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to support employer-focused activities that further the goal of providing all postsecondary students

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in Virginia with one or more paid internships during their undergraduate course of study. Out of the amounts provided in this paragraph, \$150,000 shall be transferred by the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget to the Department of Human Resource Management to support an internship coordinator position for state government. The authority shall have lead responsibility for initiatives to increase employer participation in paid internship and other work-based learning programs pursuant to § 23.1-903.4, Code of Virginia, including the following activities: (i) developing and implementing a statewide promotion, convening, and marketing program to encourage, assist, and recognize employers that increase employment of student interns; (ii) arranging for administration of the matching grant program for certain employers of student interns as provided in this paragraph; (iii) arranging for deployment of an online platform to efficiently connect employers and students for internships and subsequent employment opportunities; (iv) coordinating regional collaboratives to serve as intermediaries for employers seeking to initiate or expand employment of student interns in a region; and (v) measuring and reporting program participation and progress toward identified goals through the Virginia Office of Education and Workforce Alignment. In carrying out the foregoing responsibilities, the authority shall engage stakeholders from business, industry, education, economic and workforce development, and government, including the following primary partners for employer engagement: Virginia Chamber of Commerce; Virginia Business Higher Education Council; Virginia Department of Workforce Development and Advancement; and other non-profit education partners. The authority also shall partner with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and institutions of higher education to integrate the employer-focused activities authorized in this paragraph with campus internship centers and other activities related to postsecondary paid and credit-bearing internships that are implemented pursuant to Item 132.I.

2. The authority shall arrange for implementation of a program of matching grants for small and midsize Virginia-based employers that hire undergraduate student interns, and shall establish criteria for the grants in consultation with the partners identified in this paragraph. Such criteria shall include: (i) a limitation of eligibility to for-profit business and nonprofit organizations, excluding institutions of higher education, with physical operations and facilities in Virginia and 150 or fewer Virginia-based employees; (ii) certification of employer eligibility by the authority following a training program of reasonable duration and agreement by the employer to reasonable mentoring and reporting obligations; (iii) a limitation of grant awards to reimbursement, not to exceed \$7,500 per internship, for a maximum of one-half of wages, including FICA, and workplace subsidies, including transportation, housing, and other internship-related expenses, paid to or for the benefit of a student participating in a qualifying internship; (iv) the minimum and maximum number of hours required to ensure the student gains valuable work experience; (v) a limitation of the qualifying number of internships per employer; and (vi) the maximum timeframe for employers to be eligible to receive the grants. Prioritization of grant awards may consider employers of 50 or fewer employees. The authority may provide other services to employers, including arranging for one or more staffing agencies to provide services related to intern recruitment and placement, but eligibility for matching grants shall not be conditioned on an employer's engagement with or use of such staffing

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agency or other services.

3. The authority may employ a program leader, contract for professional services related to marketing and communications, and take such other actions within its existing authority as it deems appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this paragraph and facilitate the partnerships and collaboration described herein."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Virginia Office of Education and Labor Market Alignment to evaluate the need to transition from the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to an independent agency within state government with responsibility for Virginia's workforce and education data systems. It also makes the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority responsible for the business related aspects of the state's internship program.)

	Item 114 #1h	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Virginia Tourism Authority	\$3,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 129, line 19, strike "\$37,859,929" and insert "\$40,859,929".

Page 131, line 28, strike "\$5,000,000" and insert "\$8,000,000".

Page 131, line 31, after "event" insert "occurring on August 2, 2025".

Page 131, line 31, after "event." insert:

"From this amount, \$3,000,000 is provided to Prince William County to support the promotion of a major sporting event occurring between June 6th through June 8th of 2025."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides clarification on the allocation of \$500,000 from the Virginia Sports Tourism Incentive Program to the City of Bristol for the 2025 MLB Speed Way Classic. It also directs \$3.0 million from the program to support the LIV Golf League's tournament at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Gainesville, Virginia. Total support for this grant program is \$8.0 million.)

	Item 114 #2h	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Virginia Tourism Authority	\$250,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 129, line 19, strike "\$37,859,929" and insert "\$38,109,929".

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Page 131, after line 31, insert:

"S. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Norfolk for Nauticus to support education programming for Schooner Virginia."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$250,000 to support education programming related to Schooner Virginia, a reproduction of the last all sail vessel built for the Virginia Pilot Association. This tall ship serves as an educational asset for the Hampton Roads region for maritime hands-on-learning.)

	Item 114 #3h	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Virginia Tourism Authority	\$50,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 129, line 19, strike "\$37,859,929" and insert "\$37,909,929".

Page 131, after line 31, insert:

"S. Out of this appropriation, \$50,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to Wise County for the Blue Highway Festival."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50,000 for the Blue Highway Festival, an annual music festival held in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, which attracts tourist and musicians from around the world.)

	Item 114 #4h	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Virginia Tourism Authority	\$0	\$2,500,000 GF

Language:

Page 129, line 18, strike "\$26,014,929" and insert "\$28,514,929".

Page 131, after line 31, insert:

"S. Out of this appropriation, \$2,500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the authority to develop a marketing campaign to attract out of state visitors from Black, Indigenous, and Hispanic communities."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.5 million for the Virginia Tourism Authority to launch a media campaign to bring travelers from Black, Indigenous, and Hispanic communities to the state.)

Item 115 #1h

Commerce and Trade

Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority

Language

Language:

Page 136, line 46, after "P." insert "1."

Page 137, after line 7, insert:

"2. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the funding provided in this paragraph shall be continued in the next biennium."

Page 137, line 8, after "Q." insert "1."

Page 137, after line 27, insert:

"2. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the funding provided in this paragraph shall be continued in the next biennium."

Page 137, line 28, after "R." insert "1."

Page 137, after line 46, insert:

"2. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the funding provided in this paragraph shall be continued in the next biennium."

Page 137, line 47, after "S." insert "1."

Page 138, after line 4, insert:

"2. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the funding provided in this paragraph shall be continued in the next biennium."

Explanation:

(This amendment clarifies that \$90.0 million of investment in four life sciences initiatives are to be continued in the next biennium.)

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Commerce and Trade

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Innovation Partnership
Authority

(\$35,000,000)

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 131, line 38, strike "\$167,539,319" and insert "\$132,539,319".

Page 138, strike lines 28 through 57.

Page 139, strike lines 1 through 28.

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$25.0 million of proposed life sciences funding to other general fund

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priorities, and transfers \$5.0 million provided for the development of a fast acting insulin and \$5.0 million for the City of Roanoke to retrofit lab space to Economic Development Incentive Payments.)

Item 115 #3h

Commerce and Trade

Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority

Language

Language:

Page 134, strike lines 40 through 44.
Page 134, line 45 strike "9." and insert "8."

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language requiring the Commonwealth Health Research Board collaborate with the Virginia Biosciences Health Research Corporation (Virginia Catalyst).)

Item 117 #1h

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Education, Central
Office Operations

\$0

(\$500,000) NGF

Language:

Page 140, line 40, strike "\$167,583,520" and insert "\$167,083,520".
Page 144, strike lines 9 through 12.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$500,000 the second year from Commonwealth Opioid Abatement And Remediation Funds that were proposed in the introduced budget to support a contract with the Children and Parent Resources Group to provide the Life Changing Experience Program in public schools.)

Item 118 #1h

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Education, Central
Office Operations

\$5,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

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Page 144, line 13, strike "\$20,828,186" and insert "\$25,828,186".

Page 146, after line 31, insert:

"K. Out of this appropriation, \$5,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for enhancements to the Virginia Individualized Education Plan (IEP) system, including modules to support student progress tracking, document translation, family engagement, IEP and 504 processes, and a dashboard to support performance monitoring. Any balances appropriated for the purposes specified in this paragraph that are unexpended on June 30, 2025 shall not revert to the general fund but shall be reappropriated for expenditure for the same purpose."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$5.0 million the first year from the general fund to support system enhancements to the Virginia Individualized Education Plan (IEP) System. These enhancements include modules to support student progress tracking, document translation, family engagement, IEP and 504 processes, and a dashboard to support performance monitoring.)

Item 119 #1h

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Education, Central
Office Operations

(\$58,115,353)

(\$4,300,000) GF

Language:

Page 146, line 33, strike "\$101,051,012" and insert "\$42,935,659".

Page 146, line 33, strike "\$51,917,836" and insert "\$47,617,836".

Page 146, line 42, strike "\$86,380,678" and insert "\$28,267,325".

Page 146, line 43, strike "\$30,380,678" and insert "\$25,380,678".

Page 147, strike lines 1 through 21.

Page 147, after line 40, insert:

"E. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of law, the Department shall pursue an extension to current assessment contracts to June 30, 2027 and is authorized to pursue additional extensions to current assessment contracts through December 31, 2027 to allow sufficient time for the Department to complete procurement processes as necessary to select an assessment vendor. Extensions to the existing assessment contracts shall not be subject to the provisions for renewals of high risk contracts.

F. Out of this appropriation, \$700,000 the second year is provided for contracted support to assist the Department with analysis of options for implementing a new state assessment system.

The Department shall issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure a vendor to analyze options for implementing an innovative new statewide assessment system to support high-quality teaching and learning in Virginia public schools. The new assessment system shall align with Virginia's Standards of Learning and be implemented in the 2027-2028 school year. The

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selected vendor shall be a consultant or organization that has demonstrated expertise in K-12 statewide assessment systems and the development of comprehensive reports with recommendations for state education agencies.

1. At a minimum, the scope of work for such RFP shall include these deliverables:

a. Recommendations for a high-quality assessment system for Virginia based on an analysis of assessment systems in other states, emphasizing models that incorporate: (i) alignment with state standards and instructional goals; (ii) non-traditional assessments, such as project-based or performance-based approaches, including associated cost estimates and feasibility; (iii) accessibility for English learners and students with disabilities, with examples of accommodations and multilingual assessments from other states; (iv) advanced technology integration, such as adaptive testing and online platforms, including infrastructure requirements and associated costs; (v) integration of authentic growth measures that provide formative feedback for educators and could be integrated into a statewide assessment system; (vi) feedback on the application of knowledge and higher-level reasoning skills as described in the standards; and (vii) best practices for release of rubrics, sample items and tasks, anchor papers, exemplars, and other resources that clarify the benchmarks for success.

b. Evaluation of the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of pilot testing components of the proposed assessment system before full implementation.

c. Guidance and recommendations for the Department to develop a competitive RFP for vendors to redesign and manage the statewide assessment system.

d. Implementation timelines and key performance indicators for a successful transition to the new system.

2. The project timeline and deliverables for this procurement shall be as follows:

a. The RFP for this analysis shall be posted by the Department of Education within three weeks of this Act being signed into law.

b. The Department of Education, in consultation with the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget, Chair of the House Education Committee and the Chair of the Senate Education and Health Committee, or selected designees, shall select a vendor no later than June 15, 2025.

c. The vendor shall submit a detailed project plan, along with two interim status reports, to the Department of Education, the respective committee chairs, as well as staff for the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget, Chair of the House Education Committee and the Chair of the Senate Education and Health Committee, or selected designees, before the final report.

d. The final report and recommendations, including options for building a high-quality assessment system and associated costs, shall be submitted to the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget, Chairs of the House Appropriation Committee, House Education Committee, Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee, and Senate Education and Health

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Committee, by January 1, 2026. The report shall also be posted on the Department of Education website by January 2, 2026.

3. The analysis and recommendations provided by the vendor shall consider themes and priorities outlined in paragraph F.1, with a general directive to explore and incorporate these as appropriate.

4. The vendor shall ensure all recommendations and guidance comply with federal requirements, including the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

5. The selected vendor shall not be eligible to bid on the RFP for the assessment contract to be implemented in the 2027-2028 school year.

6. The Department of Education is directed to provide the vendor support and information as needed in the course of its work."

Explanation:

(This amendment saves \$58.1 million in fiscal year 2025 and \$4.3 million in fiscal year 2026 by deferring the implementation of the next statewide assessment contract until the 2027-2028 school year. In lieu of proceeding with an RFP for an assessment contract, this amendment provides \$700,000 in one-time funds in fiscal year 2026 for a vendor with national expertise in statewide assessment systems to advise how best to proceed with a procurement in the next biennium. In addition, this amendment provides \$2.7 million in fiscal year 2025 to support extension costs for the current assessment contract. Extension costs for fiscal year 2026 are addressed through additional federal funds included in the introduced budget.)

	Item 120 #1h	
Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Education, Central Office Operations	(\$50,000,000)	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 147, line 42, strike "\$60,289,341" and insert "\$10,289,341".

Page 148, strike lines 34 through 56.

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$50.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 proposed in the introduced budget to establish a Board of Education-directed fund. These redirected funds enable the elimination of the support cap.)

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Item 120 #2h

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Education, Central Office Operations	(\$250,000) -2.00	(\$1,000,000) -6.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 147, line 42, strike "\$60,289,341" and insert "\$60,039,341".

Page 147, line 42, strike "\$16,024,149" and insert "\$15,024,149".

Page 148, line 5, after "Accreditation," strike the remainder of the line.

Page 148, line 6, strike:

"Support as identified by the School Performance and Support Framework".

Page 148, strike lines 30 through 33 and insert:

"D. The Department of Education shall maintain at least 30 full-time employees in the Office of School Quality to support schools and school divisions not meeting state benchmarks. At least six of these positions shall be deployed as regional support specialists focused on academic improvement in math, literacy, and science."

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$250,000 the first year and \$1.0 million the second year from the general fund and six proposed positions to provide regional support positions. Chapter 2, 2022 Special Session I, provided an additional 18 positions for the Office of School Quality to support school improvement activities. This amendment ensures that those additional positions are used for their intended purpose and for the regional support positions as proposed in the introduced bill.)

Item 123 #1h

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Education, Central Office Operations	(\$1,900,000)	(\$3,100,000)	GF

Language:

Page 150, line 21, strike "\$29,194,418" and insert "\$27,294,418".

Page 150, line 21, strike "\$31,269,584" and insert "\$28,169,584".

Explanation:

(This amendment saves \$1.9 million the first year and \$3.1 million the second year from the general fund by redirecting proposed general fund support for Virginia's Visualization and Analytics Solution, or VVAAS. These funds are repurposed for other public education purposes. VVAAS was implemented by the administration using pandemic relief funds.)

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Item 124 #1h

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$0	\$300,000	GF

Language:

Page 152, line 16, strike "\$51,544,567" and insert "\$51,844,567".

Page 154, after line 7, insert:

"Virginia Symphony Orchestra \$0 \$300,000".

Page 165, after line 26, insert:

"GGG. Out of this appropriation, \$300,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the Virginia Symphony Orchestra to provide supplemental music education programs aligned with the Standards of Learning for fourteen school divisions in Southeast Virginia."

Explanation:

(This amendment is self-explanatory.)

Item 124 #2h

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$0	\$150,000	GF

Language:

Page 152, line 16, strike "\$51,544,567" and insert "\$51,694,567".

Page 152, line 35, strike "\$850,000" and "\$850,000" and insert:

"\$850,000" and "\$1,200,000".

Page 161, line 56, strike "\$850,000" and "\$850,000" and insert:

"\$850,000" and "\$1,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$150,000 the second year from the general fund for Blue Ridge PBS, for a total of \$1.0 million the second year.)

Item 124 #3h

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$0	\$750,000	GF

Language:

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Page 152, line 16, strike "\$51,544,567" and insert "\$52,294,567".

Page 154, after line 7, insert:

"Excel Center - Goodwill Industries of the Valleys \$0 \$750,000"

Page 165, after line 26, insert:

"GGG. Out of this appropriation, \$750,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to support the Diplomas for All Program at the Goodwill Industries of the Valley's Excel Center to help adults earn high school diplomas and workforce credentials."

Explanation:

(This amendment is self-explanatory.)

Item 124 #4h

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY24-25

FY25-26

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$0

\$2,500,000

GF

Language:

Page 152, line 15, strike "\$51,544,567" and insert "\$54,044,567".

Page 152, line 50, strike "\$2,500,000" and "\$2,500,000" and insert: "\$2,500,000" and "\$5,000,000".

Page 164, line 44, strike "\$2,500,000" and "\$2,500,000" and insert: "\$2,500,000" and "\$5,000,000".

Page 164, line 46, after "Grants.", insert:

"The Department shall award grants to school divisions and Communities in Schools and its affiliates to support the development and implementation of community schools initiatives that provide a framework for integrated student supports, expanded and enriched learning time and opportunities, active family and community engagement, and collaborative leadership practices."

Explanation:

(This amendment increases support for Community Schools Development and Implementation Planning Grants by \$2.5 million the second year, for a total of \$5.0 million annually. This amendment also expands eligible grant recipients to include Communities in Schools and its affiliates.)

Item 124 #5h

Education: Elementary and Secondary

Direct Aid to Public Education

Language

Language:

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Page 162, line 3, strike "pilot".

Page 162, line 4, after "opportunities", insert:

"in curriculum based learning loss programs through".

Page 162, line 5, after "Academies" insert:

"or after school programs".

Explanation:

(This amendment allows the existing appropriation for YMCA Power Scholars Academy to be used for after school learning loss programs. Currently, funds are limited to the summer program.)

	Item 124 #6h	
Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$0	\$2,500,000 GF

Language:

Page 152, line 16, strike "\$51,544,567" and insert "\$54,044,567".

Page 154, after line 7, insert:

"Firearm Detection Grants \$0 \$2,500,000".

Page 165, after line 26, insert:

"GGG. Out of this appropriation, \$2,500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for grants to school divisions to contract with an approved private vendor for firearm detection software to detect and alert division personnel and first responders about the presence of visible, unholstered firearms on school property. Grants shall be provided to at least one school division in each superintendent region. The Department shall certify and provide to school divisions a list of approved firearm detection software vendors no later than July 1, 2025."

Explanation:

(This amendment is self-explanatory.)

	Item 124 #7h	
Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$0	\$144,320 GF

Language:

Page 152, line 16, strike "\$51,544,567" and insert "\$51,688,887".

Page 154, after line 7, insert:

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"Fairfax Title I Elementary School Enrichment Programming \$0 \$144,320".

Page 165, after line 26, insert:

"GGG. Out of this appropriation, \$144,320 the second year from the general fund is provided to Fairfax County Public Schools to support afterschool programming at Title I elementary schools, including tutoring to support literacy and math for at-risk students, and student engagement opportunities in the arts."

Explanation:

(This amendment is self-explanatory.)

Item 124 #8h

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$0	\$250,000	GF

Language:

Page 152, line 16, strike "\$51,544,567" and insert "\$51,794,567".

Page 153, line 46, strike "\$500,000" and "\$500,000" and insert: "\$500,000" and "\$750,000".

Page 159, line 2, strike "\$500,000" and "\$500,000" and insert: "\$500,000" and "\$750,000".

Page 159, line 5, after "schools." insert:

"The additional support in the second year shall be used to grow teacher placement in hard-to-staff schools in Northern Virginia and explore an expansion to the Hampton Roads area."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$250,000 the second year from the general fund for Teach for America, for a total of \$750,000 in fiscal year 2026. These additional funds will be used to address teacher shortages in the Northern Virginia area and to plan for expansion of the program into the Hampton Roads area.)

Item 124 #9h

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$0	\$750,000	GF

Language:

Page 152, line 16, strike "\$51,544,567" and insert "\$52,294,567".

Page 154, after line 7, insert:

"Children's Museum of Richmond \$0 \$750,000".

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Page 165, after line 26, insert:

"GGG. Out of this appropriation, \$750,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to support renovations at the Children's Museum of Richmond."

Explanation:

(This amendment is self-explanatory.)

Item 124 #10h

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$0	\$50,000	GF

Language:

Page 152, line 16, strike "\$51,544,567" and insert "\$51,594,567".

Page 154, after line 7, insert:

"REACH Literacy \$0 \$50,000".

Page 165, after line 26, insert:

"GGG. Out of this appropriation, \$50,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to support REACH's literacy initiatives for children at risk of homelessness in Coastal Virginia."

Explanation:

(This amendment is self-explanatory.)

Item 124 #11h

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$0	\$50,000	GF

Language:

Page 152, line 16, strike "\$51,544,567" and insert "\$51,594,567".

Page 154, after line 7, insert:

"My 2k Foundation \$0 \$50,000".

Page 165, after line 26, insert:

"GGG. Out of this appropriation, \$50,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to support My 2k Foundation's initiatives to tackle the root cause of violence and empower individuals through support services and educational programs."

Explanation:

(This amendment is self-explanatory.)

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Item 124 #12h

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$0	\$150,000	GF

Language:

Page 152, line 16, strike "\$51,544,567" and insert "\$51,694,567".

Page 152, line 31, strike "\$750,000" and "\$750,000" and insert: "\$750,000" and "\$900,000".

Page 164, line 47, strike "\$750,000" and "\$750,000" and insert: "\$750,000" and "\$900,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides a \$150,000 increase the second year from the general fund, for the AP, IB, and Cambridge Assessment Exam Fee Reduction program, for a total of \$900,000 in fiscal year 2026. The program covers all except the last \$20 of these exam fees for eligible lower-income students. Current demand for the program has outpaced existing funding.)

Item 124 #13h

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$0	\$150,000	GF

Language:

Page 152, line 16, strike "\$51,544,567" and insert "\$51,694,567".

Page 152, strike line 52 and insert: "CodeVA \$550,000 \$700,000".

Page 161, after line 39, insert:

"3. Out of this appropriation, \$150,000 the second year from the general fund is provided as a one-time appropriation to CodeVA to support an Artificial Intelligence education pilot program to equip students to become creators, developers, and engineers of AI and machine learning technologies."

Explanation:

(This amendment is self-explanatory.)

Item 124 #14h

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$0	\$125,000	GF

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Language:

Page 152, line 16, strike "\$51,544,567" and insert "\$51,669,567".

Page 154, line 1, strike "\$125,000" and insert "\$250,000".

Page 163, line 21, strike "\$125,000" and insert "\$250,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$125,000 in the second year from the general fund for the Virginia Holocaust Museum, for a total of \$250,000 each year.)

Item 124 #15h

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY24-25

FY25-26

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$0

\$750,000 GF

Language:

Page 152, line 16, strike "\$51,544,567" and insert "\$52,294,567".

Page 153, line 17, strike "\$250,000" and "\$250,000" and insert: "\$250,000" and "\$1,000,000".

Page 163, line 55, strike "\$250,000" and "\$250,000" and insert: "\$250,000" and "\$1,000,000".

Page 163, after line 56, insert:

"Of this amount, \$500,000 the second year is provided to support one-time studio equipment costs."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$750,000 the second year from the general fund for PBS Appalachia, for a total of \$1,000,000 the second year. Of the additional funds, \$250,000 supports ongoing operations, and \$500,000 is provided as one-time support to purchase studio equipment.)

Item 124 #16h

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY24-25

FY25-26

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$1,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 152, line 16, strike "\$79,959,567" and insert "\$80,959,567".

Page 153, line 3, strike "\$1,157,065" and "\$1,157,065" and insert: "\$2,165,065" and "\$1,157,065".

Page 162, line 37, strike "\$1,157,065" and "\$1,157,065" and insert:

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"\$2,165,065" and "\$1,157,065".

Explanation:

(This amendment increases support for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program by \$1.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2025, for a total appropriation of \$2.2 million in fiscal year 2025.)

Item 125 #1h

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY24-25

FY25-26

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$0

(\$50,000,000)

GF

Language:

Page 165, line 28, strike "\$10,555,596,888" and insert "\$10,505,596,888".

Page 167, strike line 10.

Page 200, strike lines 49 through 52.

Page 201, strike lines 1 through 26.

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$50.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 by removing the proposed Virginia Opportunity Scholarship Program. These redirected funds allow the support cap to be eliminated.)

Item 125 #2h

Education: Elementary and Secondary

Direct Aid to Public Education

Language

Language:

Page 184, line 37, strike "\$55,790,000" and "\$55,950,800" and insert: "\$55,764,000" and "\$55,924,800".

Page 184, line 44, strike "\$55,790,000" and insert "\$55,764,000".

Page 184, line 45, strike "\$55,950,800" and insert "\$55,924,800".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces the amount of equipment technology notes issued each year, reflecting an update to the number of eligible schools.)

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Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26
Direct Aid to Public Education	(\$25,000,000)	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 165, line 28, strike "\$10,567,091,936" and insert "\$10,542,091,936".
Page 200, strike lines 38 through 48.

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$25.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 proposed in the introduced budget to expand College Partnership Laboratory Schools to public and private Historically Black Colleges and Universities. These redirected funds enable elimination of the support cap.)

Item 125 #4h

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$0	\$222,915,021 GF

Language:

Page 165, line 28, strike "\$10,555,596,888" and insert "\$10,778,511,909".
Page 179, strike lines 43 through 48.

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$222.9 million the second year from the general fund to eliminate the cap on funded support positions, reverting to the methodology used prior to 2009 to fund support positions. This is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education Funding.)

Item 125 #5h

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$0	\$52,782,732 GF

Language:

Page 165, line 28, strike "\$10,555,596,888" and insert "\$10,608,379,620".
Page 166, after line 23, insert:
"Special Education Add-On \$0 \$52,782,732".
Page 180, after line 17, insert:

"c. In addition to the funds provided to support the state share of Special Education instructors in paragraphs a and b, an add-on payment shall be provided to support each special education

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student as provided in House Bill 1954, based on a 4.75 percent add-on to basic aid per service Level I students and a 5.25 percent add-on to basic aid for Service Level II students."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$52.8 million in fiscal year 2026 for an add on to basic aid of 4.75 percent for special education students receiving Level I services and 5.25 percent for special education students receiving Level II services. Level I services are less intense than Level II services. This is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education Funding.)

Item 125 #6h

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$2,664,007	\$2,669,076	GF

Language:

Page 165, line 28, strike "\$10,567,091,936" and insert "\$10,569,755,943".
Page 165, line 28, strike "\$10,555,596,888" and insert "\$10,558,265,964".

Explanation:

(This amendment includes \$2.7 million each year, reflecting updated literacy screening data for Fairfax County.)

Item 125 #7h

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$2,454,974	\$2,704,111	GF

Language:

Page 165, line 28, strike "\$10,567,091,936" and insert "\$10,569,546,910".
Page 165, line 28, strike "\$10,555,596,888" and insert "\$10,558,300,999".

Explanation:

(This amendment includes \$2.5 million in fiscal year 2025 and \$2.7 million in fiscal year 2026, reflecting the increase in school breakfast reimbursements that was provided in Chapter 2, 2024 Special Session I. The introduced bill did not include funds for this action.)

Item 125 #8h

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
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Direct Aid to Public Education

\$140,527,598

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 165, line 28, strike "\$10,567,091,936" and insert "\$10,707,619,534".

Page 167, after line 10, insert:

"Bonus Payment \$140,527,598 \$0".

Page 201, after line 26, insert:

"46. Bonus Payment

a. Out of this appropriation, \$140,527,598 the first year from the general fund is provided for a one-time bonus payment of \$1,000 on September 1, 2025, per funded SOQ instructional position and support position and per Academic Year Governor's School and Regional Alternative Education Program instructional and support position. Funded SOQ instructional positions shall include all teacher, guidance counselor, librarian, instructional aide, principal, and assistant principal positions.

b. Sufficient funding is provided for the entire cost of an average \$1,000 bonus per funded SOQ instructional and support position in this act. Sufficient funding is provided for the entire cost of an average \$1,000 bonus per Academic Year Governor's School and Regional Alternative Education Program instructional and support position based on the most-recently available full-time equivalent position counts, as reported to the Department of Education. School divisions shall have discretion to determine the amount of bonuses per employee to maximize the use of these funds to promote retention among instructional and support positions in this act. The funds for which a division is eligible to receive shall require no match by the local government. Localities are encouraged to use additional available funds to provide bonuses to other eligible instructional and support positions.

c. These funds shall not revert to the general fund at the end of fiscal year 2025 but shall be reappropriated for expenditure for the same purpose in fiscal year 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$140.5 million the first year from the general fund to provide a \$1,000 bonus on September 1, 2025 for state supported instructional and support positions.)

Item 125 #9h

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY24-25

FY25-26

Direct Aid to Public Education

(\$150,000,000)

\$10,000,000 NGF

Language:

Page 165, line 28, strike "\$10,567,091,936" and insert "\$10,417,091,936".

Page 165, line 28, strike "\$10,555,596,888" and insert "\$10,565,596,888".

Page 199, line 10, strike "\$100,000,000" and insert "\$110,000,000".

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Page 199, line 10, strike "and".

Page 199, strike line 11.

Page 199, line 12, strike "School Construction Fund".

Explanation:

(This amendment (i) increases the amount available for school construction assistance grants by \$10.0 million the second year, recognizing additional available fiscal year 2025 casino gaming revenues; and (ii) eliminates the proposed transfer of \$150.0 million from the Literary Fund to the School Construction Fund for construction assistance grants in the first year, ensuring sufficient Fund balances will be available for school construction loans or other allowable uses in the upcoming biennium. These actions provide \$310.0 million for School Construction Assistance Grants over the biennium, an increase of \$150.0 million from the adopted budget.)

Item 125 #10h

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY24-25

FY25-26

Direct Aid to Public Education

(\$50,000,000)
\$50,000,000

(\$50,000,000) GF
\$50,000,000 NGF

Language:

Page 177, line 39, strike "\$150,000,000" and insert:
"\$50,000,000 the first year and \$200,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment increases the Literary Fund amount designated for teacher retirement costs in the first year from \$0 to \$50.0 million and in the second year from \$150.0 million to \$150.0 million. This action results in general fund savings of \$100.0 million over the biennium which are redirected to other education initiatives.)

Item 125.10 #1h

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY24-25

FY25-26

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$25,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 201, line 28, strike "\$560,180,474" and insert "\$585,180,474".

Page 201, line 36, after "support" strike the remainder of the line.

Page 201, line 37, strike "Delivery Program, and Virginia Preschool Initiative" and insert:
"Early Childhood Care and Education Programs"

Page 202, after line 12, insert:

"Employee Child Care Assistance Pilot Program \$25,000,000 \$0".

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Page 209, after line 45, insert:

"J. Employee Child Care Assistance Pilot Program

Funds are provided for the Employee Child Care Assistance Pilot Program, pursuant to the passage of House Bill 1771. The maximum state contribution shall not exceed 33 percent of the cost of the slot. The minimum employer contribution per child care slot shall be at least the state contribution per slot. Family income eligibility for this program shall be the same as provided for the Child Care Subsidy Program. Any balances appropriated for the purposes specified in this paragraph that are unexpended on June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2026, shall not revert to the general fund but shall be reappropriated for expenditure for the same purpose."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$25.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 to provide public-private funded child care pilots as provided in House Bill 1771. The Commonwealth will support 1/3 of the cost of these child care slots, participating employers will support at least 1/3 of the cost, and employees will cover the remainder. These funds support the establishment of an estimated 2,679 early childhood education slots for the two initial years of the pilot.)

Item 125.10 #2h

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY24-25

FY25-26

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$0

\$500,000 GF

Language:

Page 201, line 28, strike "\$593,210,086" and insert "\$593,710,086".

Page 201, line 36, after "support" strike the remainder of the line.

Page 201, line 37, strike "Delivery Program, and Virginia Preschool Initiative" and insert: "Early Childhood Care and Education Programs."

Page 202, after line 12, insert:

"Virginia Beach Schools Early Childhood Care Assistance Pilot \$0 \$500,000".

Page 209, after line 45, insert:

"J. Virginia Beach Schools Early Childhood Care Assistance Pilot

One-time funds are provided to Virginia Beach Public Schools to establish a pilot program to provide child care assistance for school division employees working in Title I schools. The maximum state contribution shall not exceed 33 percent of the cost of the slot. The minimum employer contribution per child care slot shall be at least the state contribution per slot. Eligibility for state supported slots is limited to employees of Virginia Beach Public Schools working in Title I schools. Any balances appropriated for the purposes specified in this paragraph that are unexpended on June 30, 2026, shall not revert to the general fund but shall be reappropriated for expenditure for the same purpose."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 the second year from the general fund to establish a child

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care assistance pilot program as an incentive to work in Title I Virginia Beach Public Schools. The Commonwealth will support 1/3 of the cost of these child care slots, the school division will support at least 1/3 of the cost, and employees will cover the remainder. These funds support the establishment of an estimated 94 early childhood education slots.)

Item 125.10 #3h

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY24-25

FY25-26

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$800,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 201, line 28, strike "\$560,180,474" and insert "\$560,980,474".

Page 209, after line 45, insert:

"J. Out of this appropriation, \$800,000 the first year is provided for the Small Family Day Home Provider Incentive Pilot Program established in House Bill 1833. This is a one-time appropriation, and unexpended funds shall be carried forward into subsequent fiscal years and be used to support the pilot program until its expiration at the end of fiscal year 2029."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides a one-time appropriation of \$800,000 the first year to support a pilot program with Ready Region Chesapeake Bay to support small day home providers with training, achieving voluntary registration or licensure or participation in VQB5. Language provides that unexpended funds shall be carried forward until the program's scheduled sunset at the end of fiscal year 2029.)

Item 125.10 #4h

Education: Elementary and Secondary

Direct Aid to Public Education

Language

Language:

Page 201, line 48, strike "\$274,334,472" and insert "\$266,500,894".

Page 202, line 8, strike "\$115,402,498" and insert "\$123,236,076".

Page 206, line 6, strike "in fiscal year 2025 only".

Explanation:

(This amendment maintains the .5000 cap on the local composite index (LCI) applicable to Virginia Preschool Initiative Funding. The introduced budget proposed capturing \$7.8 million by eliminating the LCI cap to create additional Child Care Subsidy Program slots.)

Education: Elementary and Secondary

Direct Aid to Public Education

Language

Language:

Page 202, line 49, strike "7%" and insert "5%"

Page 202, line 50, strike "7%" and insert "5%"

Page 203, strike lines 3 through 6.

Page 209, strike lines 25 through 45, and insert:

"I. The Early Childhood Care and Education Commission shall review and make recommendations on the following matters in its annual report for the second year:

1. appropriate, efficient child care options for school age children, considering (i) adjustments to Child Care Subsidy Program reimbursement rates and appropriateness of continuing services to school age children, (ii) out-of-school time options for school age children, and capacity building needed to address demand for such programs, (iii) other options to address child care needs for school age children. To accomplish this review, the Commission may establish a workgroup with additional stakeholders as appropriate.

2. income eligibility adjustments, recognizing regional cost-of-living variations."

Explanation:

(This amendment (i) reduces the copayment proposed in the introduced budget for fiscal year 2026 Child Care Subsidy and Mixed Delivery Early Childhood slots from 7 percent of household income to 5 percent; (ii) continues new school age enrollments in the Child Care Subsidy Program; and (iii) directs the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission (ECCEC) to review several issues during the 2025 Interim, including future approaches to addressing school age child care needs, and recognition of regional variations in cost of living to determine eligibility for subsidized early childhood slots. The review proposed in this amendment is in lieu of the workgroup proposed in the introduced bill.)

Education: Elementary and Secondary

Direct Aid to Public Education

Language

Language:

Page 201, line 46, strike "43,550" and insert "43,868".

Page 201, line 48, strike "\$169,974,479" and insert "\$172,975,926".

Page 202, line 8, strike "\$128,616,155" and insert "\$125,614,708".

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Explanation:

(This amendment repurposes \$3.0 million in unused fiscal year 2025 Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) Slots to reduce fiscal year 2025 Child Care Subsidy waitlists by 318 slots. This is in addition to the VPI savings repurposed in the introduced bill, which would reduce waitlists by 831 slots.)

	Item 130 #1h		
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia	\$20,000,000 \$5,000,000	(\$3,200,000) \$8,500,000	GF NGF

Language:

Page 212, line 29, strike "\$308,988,512" and insert "\$333,988,512".

Page 212, line 29, strike "\$320,288,512" and insert "\$325,588,512".

Page 212, line 44, strike the first "\$102,325,881" and insert "\$112,325,881".

Page 212, line 44, strike the second "\$102,325,881" and insert "\$104,125,881".

Page 214, after line 28, insert:

"13. Out of this appropriation, \$1,800,000 the second year from the general fund is designated for an additional award up to \$2,000 for all students eligible and receiving an award under this program and enrolled into a TAG-eligible private not-for-profit Virginia institution, designated by the U.S. Department of Education as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI), and accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

Page 215, line 47, after "and", strike the remainder of the line and insert:

"\$23,750,000".

Page 215, line 48, after "fund", insert:

"and \$5,000,000 the first year and \$8,500,000 the second year from nongeneral funds".

Page 216, after line 5, insert:

"5. In accordance with § 4-3.01 of this act, the Council shall not incur a deficit in this program, nor shall the Council obligate or expend moneys in excess of it general fund appropriation in a fiscal year for this program. Further , the Council shall ensure that moneys are disbursed to eligible institutions, as defined in § 23.1-627.1, in accordance with § 23.1-627.3 D.

6. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Council shall report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees any request for transfers of funds to this program."

Page 216, line 44, strike "\$65,000,000 each" and insert:

"\$75,000,000 the first year and \$65,000,000 the second year".

Page 216, strike line 45 and insert:

"fund is designated to offset the impact of".

Page 216, strike line 49, and insert:

"year shall be proportional based on the amount of tuition and fees waived at each institution in

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that fiscal year to the aggregate total for all public institutions in that fiscal".

Page 217, strike lines 6 through 39 and insert:

"5. From such general fund revenues as are collected for fiscal year 2025 in excess of the official fiscal year 2025 revenue estimate included in the final 2024-2026 biennial appropriation act adopted in the 2025 Session, the first \$20,000,000, or portion thereof, that is not required to meet a Constitutionally-mandated deposit to the Revenue Stabilization Fund, and prior to calculating the Revenue Reserve Fund and the Water Quality Improvement Fund Part A deposits, shall be reserved by the Comptroller in the Committed Fund Balance during the second year: for the purposes outlined in Item 130 J."

Explanation:

(This amendment makes technical adjustments to assistance programs coordinated by SCHEV. Funding included in this item supports maintaining the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant at levels authorized in Chapter 2 and increased enrollment in the workforce credential grant program.)

Item 132 #1h

Education: Higher Education

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

Language

Language:

Page 218, line 15, strike "to contract at a".

Page 218, strike line 16.

Page 218, line 17, strike "University for Virginia women resident students to participate" and insert:

"for programmatic administration".

Page 218, line 23, strike "Students receiving".

Page 218, strike line 24.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes of the prohibition on TAG eligibility for female undergraduate students otherwise eligible for the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant.)

Item 132 #2h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

\$0

(\$12,000,000) GF

Language:

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Page 218, line 3, strike "\$50,037,467" and insert "\$38,037,467".

Page 222, strike lines 29 through 50.

Explanation:

(This amendment repurposes proposed new funding related to health workforce.)

	Item 132 #3h	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia	\$0	(\$6,000,000) GF

Language:

Page 218, line 2, strike "\$50,037,467" and insert "\$44,037,467".

Page 219, strike lines 25 through 58 and insert:

"I.1. As a condition of this appropriation, \$12,000,000 the first year and \$8,000,000 the second year from the general fund is designated for the Innovative Internship Fund and Program, § 23.1-903.4, Code of Virginia. The funding is designed to expand paid or credit-bearing student internship and other work-based learning opportunities in collaboration with Virginia employers. In furtherance of the goal of providing all postsecondary students in Virginia with one or more paid internships during their undergraduate course of study, funding shall be used for: (a) institutional grants to enhance engagement with employers related to internship placement and to assist students in securing and successfully completing internships, including students that traditionally do not participate in such programs; (b) administrative and other expenditures to accomplish the purposes of the Innovative Internship Fund and Program and this paragraph.

2. Institutional grants shall be awarded to support initiatives that establish or enhance an on-campus internship center or similar one-stop service to assist students and employers with intern placement and that are expected to produce a demonstrated increase in student participation in paid internship programs and work-based learning opportunities. Institutions shall be eligible for grants upon demonstrating that it is a key priority of the institution and its senior academic and administrative leadership to have a coordinated plan to expand internship participation by students, to incorporate internships in curricula, to report completion of internships and courses that include internships on student transcripts, and to remove administrative and financial barriers to internship opportunities. The plan shall include: (i) an implementation timeline, (ii) the allocation of resources and funding strategies to support internships, (iii) the assignment of dedicated personnel to facilitate placement of students in internships and engage with employers, (iv) the identification of how the institution will support students that are less likely to participate in internships and work-based learning opportunities, to be employed in an occupation related to their major upon completion of their certificate or degree, or to earn at or above the average earnings of graduates in their program major; (v) opportunities to align

existing student employment opportunities on campus to include best practices of an internship program; and (vi) metrics for measuring, reporting, and regularly reviewing progress on the plan. Institutions that have not developed a plan may be eligible for planning grants as long as the planning grants are led by senior academic and administrative leadership. In determining the amount of grant awards, the Council shall consider the number of undergraduate students enrolled at the institution, the number of students at the institution who participate in internships, and the numerical and percentage increase in internship participation expected to result from the initiative. In addition, the Council shall increase grant awards based upon the following factors: (i) an institution's emphasis on internships that are part of pathways to full-time employment with Virginia-based employers; (ii) the institutional initiative's alignment with specific state or regional programs or partnerships related to economic growth and diversification or workforce development in Virginia; (iii) an institution's strength of commitment as reflected in its reallocation of institutional funds or solicitation of philanthropic support or business partnerships to support the initiative. This funding is intended to be recurring for institutions that demonstrate substantial yearly progress in achieving the objectives of the initiative as measured by the number of internships successfully completed by students.

3. In administering the program authorized in this paragraph, the Council shall (i) engage stakeholders from business and industry, secondary and higher education, economic development, and state agencies and entities that are successfully engaging employers or successfully operating internship programs; (ii) cooperate with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and identified partners in carrying out the authority's responsibilities under Item 125.U. for employer-focused activities that expand availability of and access to paid and credit-bearing internships and corresponding pathways leading to full-time Virginia-based employment; (iii) explore strategies in Virginia and elsewhere on successful institutional, regional, statewide or sector-based internship programs; (iv) gather and report consistent data across institutions regarding current institutional internship practices, scale, and outcomes; (v) develop internship readiness educational resources, delivery methods, and outreach and awareness activities for students and institutional career development personnel; (vi) pursue shared services or other efficiency initiatives, including technological solutions; and (vii) cooperate with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and Virginia Office of Education and Labor Market Alignment in prioritizing industry sectors and tracking key measures of performance."

Page 220. strike lines 1 through 57.

Explanation:

(This amendment transfers the business-related aspects of the internship program to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP). SCHEV will maintain the institution and academic aspects of the program.)

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Christopher Newport University	\$0	\$300,000	GF

Language:

Page 223, line 40, strike "\$109,137,716" and insert "\$109,437,716".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding to increase transfer opportunities for students enrolled in community college. The funding will be used to increase peer mentors and academic coaching, increase transfer admission staff and provide scholarships.)

Item 136 #2h

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Christopher Newport University	\$0	\$825,000	GF
	\$0	\$540,000	NGF
	0.00	9.00	FTE

Language:

Page 223, line 40, strike "\$109,137,716" and insert "\$110,502,716".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding for the operations and maintenance of the Integrated Science Center to include custodial, trades and scientific technical positions.)

Item 136 #3h

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Christopher Newport University	\$0	\$1,238,700	GF

Language:

Page 223, line 40, strike "\$109,137,716" and insert "\$110,376,416".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

Item 140 #1h

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
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The College of William and Mary in Virginia	\$0 0.00	\$150,000 1.00	GF FTE
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Language:

Page 225, line 29, strike "\$283,622,885" and insert "\$283,772,885".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding for the Office of Student Veteran Engagement (OSVE) Director position which has been previously supported by a four year grant-funded pilot program that is now concluding.)

Item 140 #2h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

The College of William and Mary in Virginia	\$0	\$500,000	GF
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Language:

Page 225, line 29, strike "\$283,622,885" and insert "\$284,122,885".

Page 227, after line 13, insert:

"K. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the second year from the general fund is designated to endow the Gamage Democracy Fellowship at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. The Fellowship will provide an international hub for education and advocacy of democracy through the continual, one-year salaried residency at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation of an outstanding William and Mary graduate. Each fellow while in residency at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation will develop international education programs in conjunction with The College of William and Mary and the Presidential Precinct."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding for the Gamage Democracy Fellowship.)

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Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

The College of William and Mary in Virginia	\$0 0.00	\$521,000 3.00	GF FTE
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Language:

Page 225, line 29, strike "\$283,622,885" and insert "\$284,143,885".

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides funding to maintain and continue the Troops to Teachers program. The program supports the transition of Service members and Veterans to new careers as K-12 teachers in Virginia public schools.)

Item 140 #4h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

The College of William and Mary in Virginia

\$0

\$2,443,000

GF

Language:

Page 225, line 29, strike "\$283,622,885" and insert "\$286,065,885".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

Item 142.10 #1h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

The College of William and Mary in Virginia

\$0

\$500,000

GF

0.00

1.00

FTE

Language:

Page 227, after line 47, insert:

"142.10 James Monroe's Highland

\$0

\$500,000

Fund Sources:

General

\$0

\$500,000 "

Page 227, after line 47, insert:

"The amounts provides in this appropriation are designated for the support of James Monroe's Highland."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding for ongoing operations and maintenance of the 466 acre Highland property along with furthering research that engages K-12 students and public visitors in the story of discovery, and marketing to help increase visitation levels and share the story of James Monroe and Highland. This amendment will be enrolled to Program 502.)

Item 144 #1h

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Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Richard Bland College

\$0

\$145,900 GF

Language:

Page 228, line 21, strike "\$21,280,884" and insert "\$21,426,784".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

Item 148 #1h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Institute of Marine Science

\$0

\$585,000 GF

Language:

Page 230, line 27, strike "\$33,627,498" and insert "\$34,212,498".

Page 232, after line 11, insert:

"P. Out of this appropriation, \$585,000 the second year is designated to enhance Virginia Sea Grant's workforce and professional development programming, and the Commonwealth's capacity to address Chesapeake Bay restoration goals through fellowships with state agencies. Funding boost capacity and competitiveness of the Virginia Sea Grant program to pursue new federal resources and expand core workforce development and research in the Commonwealth."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funds for the Virginia Sea Grant program and address Chesapeake Bay restoration goals.)

Item 148 #2h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Institute of Marine Science

\$0

\$1,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 230, line 27, strike "\$33,627,498" and insert "\$34,627,498".

Page 232, after line 11, insert:

"P. 1. Out of this appropriation, \$1,000,000 the second year from the general fund is designated for a cooperative research and evaluation program to be conducted by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science consistent with Chapter 284, 2023 Acts of Assembly.

2. The Virginia Institute of Marine Science, with the cooperation and collaboration of all

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relevant stakeholders including all those identified under § 28.2-208.2 Code of Virginia, shall conduct this evaluation over the next three years and report its findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the House Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources and the Senate Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources Committee and the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources by September 1, 2028."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding to implement the requirements of Chapter 284, 2023 Acts of Assembly.)

	Item 151 #1h	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
George Mason University	\$0	\$1,400,000 GF

Language:

Page 233, line 1, strike "\$832,000,881" and insert "\$833,400,881".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding to support the Virginia SBDC network business development program in the Commonwealth. SBDC is a partnership with U.S. Small Business Administration, George Mason University and local host organizations in 26 regional centers throughout Virginia. Virginia SBDC is seeking state investment of \$1.4 million to support the critical workforce development programs across the Commonwealth, to facilitate current and future innovators and entrepreneurs to address regional, state, national and global economic opportunities.)

	Item 151 #2h
Education: Higher Education	
George Mason University	Language

Language:

Page 234, after line 45, insert:
"L. George Mason University is authorized to host the State Climate Office, to develop and deliver data, analyses, assessments and expertise about Virginia's weather and climate related impacts, risks and risk management options to state and local government agencies, businesses, and communities of place or practice in the Commonwealth. The State Climate Office will serve as representative to national meteorological, climatological, and hydrological associations to better leverage federal agency partnerships and interstate collaboration to address real time weather and climate challenges."

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides authorization for George Mason University to host the State Climate Office.)

Item 151 #3h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

George Mason University

\$0

\$3,000,000

GF

Language:

Page 233, line 1, strike "\$832,000,881" and insert "\$835,000,881".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding to support operating costs at George Mason University.)

Item 151 #4h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

George Mason University

\$0

\$7,698,200

GF

Language:

Page 233, line 1, strike "\$832,000,881" and insert "\$839,699,081".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

Item 153 #1h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

George Mason University

\$0

\$450,000

GF

Language:

Page 235, line 19, strike "\$343,825,000" and insert "\$344,275,000".

Page 235, line 31, strike the second "\$125,000" and insert "\$575,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding for Tick Borne Illness/Lyme Disease research and medical test development at GMU, scaling current test technology to provide rapid, 95 percent accurate,

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at-home diagnostics, providing timely diagnosis and treatment of lyme disease across the Commonwealth. This funding would be recurring, and would provide for a full time nurse and full time lab techs to process, analyze and perform tests, lab supplies and additional research to continue to refine methods, clinical trials and long term sustainability of this incredible step to combating these forms of tick borne disease.)

Item 155 #1h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

James Madison University

\$0
0.00

\$1,000,000 GF
14.69 FTE

Language:

Page 236, line 19, strike "\$422,492,335" and insert "\$423,492,335".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding to increase the number of nursing graduates by 30 each year through the JMU "Fast Flex" Nursing Program. The program will allow students to complete their core nursing course work in one calendar year, as opposed to two academic years, getting nurses in the field quicker. Classes, which will be delivered in a hybrid of on-campus and online formats, as well as clinical placements will take place on nights and weekends. The program will be open to anyone who has earned 36 credit hours, completed certain prerequisite courses, and met other criteria. Resources requested to launch this program will cover expenses related to program faculty, support staff, supplies, technology needs, and student scholarships.)

Item 155 #2h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

James Madison University

\$0

\$4,137,800 GF

Language:

Page 236, line 19, strike "\$422,492,335" and insert "\$426,630,135".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

Item 159 #1h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

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Longwood University \$0 \$808,100 GF

Language:

Page 238, line 39, strike "\$96,676,027" and insert "\$97,484,127".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

Item 163 #1h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Norfolk State University

\$10,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 240, line 32, strike "\$144,350,199" and insert "\$154,350,199".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding to continue and expand the ongoing HBCU collaboration that includes Norfolk State University, Virginia State University, Hampton University, and Virginia Union University.)

Item 163 #2h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Norfolk State University

\$0

\$919,600 GF

Language:

Page 240, line 32, strike "\$144,350,199" and insert "\$145,269,799".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

Item 163 #3h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Norfolk State University

\$3,200,000

\$0 GF

Language:

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Page 240, line 32, strike "\$144,350,199" and insert "\$147,550,199".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support for upgrades to business IT infrastructure and systems.)

	Item 167 #1h		
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Old Dominion University	\$0	\$7,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 243, line 50, strike "\$386,519,897" and insert "\$393,519,897".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding to support increased operating costs.)

	Item 167 #2h		
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Old Dominion University	(\$5,000,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 243, line 50, strike "\$386,519,897" and insert "\$381,519,897".

Explanation:

(This amendment repurposes funding for a new initiative.)

	Item 167 #3h		
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Old Dominion University	\$0	\$3,596,100	GF

Language:

Page 243, line 50, strike "\$386,519,897" and insert "\$390,115,997".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

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Item 172 #1h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Radford University

\$0
0.00

\$2,083,000 GF
13.00 FTE

Language:

Page 249, line 9, strike "\$182,341,578" and insert "\$184,424,578".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding to offer competitive salaries to attract and Retain Nursing Faculty to educate the significant increase in nursing students at the university.)

Item 172 #2h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Radford University

\$0

\$1,416,000 GF

Language:

Page 249, line 9, strike "\$182,341,578" and insert "\$183,757,578".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

Item 176 #1h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

University of Mary Washington

\$500,000
2.00

\$740,000 GF
2.00 FTE

Language:

Page 251, line 12, strike "\$104,389,010" and insert "\$104,889,010".

Page 251, line 12, strike "\$104,389,010" and insert "\$105,129,010".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding to support a Master's of Science in Nursing (MSN) with tracks for both Nursing Educators and Nurse Practitioners.)

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Item 176 #2h

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
University of Mary Washington	\$0	\$786,900	GF

Language:

Page 251, line 12, strike "\$104,389,010" and insert "\$105,175,910".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

Item 183 #1h

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
University of Virginia	\$0	\$250,000	GF

Language:

Page 253, line 46, strike "\$1,416,844,750" and insert "\$1,417,094,750".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding to grow and enhance a network of regional humanities centers to promote and preserve local histories, stories and traditions.)

Item 183 #2h

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
University of Virginia	\$0	\$6,673,400	GF

Language:

Page 253, line 46, strike "\$1,416,844,750" and insert "\$1,423,518,150".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

Item 185 #1h

Education: Higher Education

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University of Virginia

Language

Language:

Page 257, line 13, strike "as designated by", and insert "that support the mission of".

Explanation:

(This amendment clarifies the application research funding at the University of Virginia.)

Item 187 #1h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

University of Virginia Medical Center

\$0
0.00

\$1,202,000
8.00

NGF
FTE

Language:

Page 257, line 49, strike "\$3,322,163,011" and insert "\$3,323,365,011".

Page 258, after line 36, insert:

"H. Out of this appropriation, \$1,202,000 the second year from nongeneral fund revenues generated by the University of Virginia Medical Center shall be expended to support create a multi-year pilot program for a multi-disciplinary Child Protection Teams (CPTs) that will focus on addressing the child abuse and neglect occurring in Southwest Virginia by offering services in-person to serve the children in the region and via tele-medicine as needed."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the University of Virginia Medical Center, using hospital revenues, to create a multi-year pilot program for a multi-disciplinary Child Protection Teams (CPTs) that will focus on addressing the child abuse and neglect occurring in Southwest Virginia by offering services in-person to serve the children in the region and via tele-medicine as needed.)

Item 187 #2h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

University of Virginia Medical Center

\$0

\$500,000
NGF

Language:

Page 257, line 49, strike "\$3,322,163,011" and insert "\$3,322,663,011".

Page 258, after line 36, insert:

"H. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the second year from nongeneral fund revenues generated by the University of Virginia Medical Center shall be expended to to expand UVA Health ambulance services in Northern Virginia that will ensure Medicare, Medicaid, uninsured and under-insured patients in Northern and Central Virginia have access to emergent and non-

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emergent transportation for purposes of receiving inpatient and outpatient services across UVA Community Health's patient care locations to support the communities serviced by UVA Health Prince William Medical Center and UVA Health Haymarket Medical Center."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the University of Virginia Medical Center, using hospital revenues, to expand UVA Health ambulance services in Northern Virginia and support to the communities serviced by UVA Health Prince William Medical Center and UVA Health Haymarket Medical Center.)

	Item 187 #3h	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
University of Virginia Medical Center	\$0	\$100,000 NGF

Language:

Page 257, line 49, strike "\$3,322,163,011" and insert "\$3,322,263,011".

Page 258, after line 36, insert:

"H. Out of this appropriation, \$100,000 the second year from nongeneral fund revenues generated by the University of Virginia Medical Center shall be expended to purchase a new wheelchair-accessible van for patient transport."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the University of Virginia Medical Center, using hospital revenues, to purchase a wheelchair-accessible van.)

	Item 187 #4h	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
University of Virginia Medical Center	\$0	\$500,000 NGF

Language:

Page 257, line 49, strike "\$3,322,163,011" and insert "\$3,322,663,011".

Page 258, after line 36, insert:

"H. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the second year from nongeneral fund revenues generated by the University of Virginia Medical Center shall be expended to acquire an ambulance in order to expand UVA Health ambulance services in the communities serviced by the UVA Health Culpeper. This will support Culpeper, Orange, Madison, Fauquier, and

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Rappahannock Counties."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the University of Virginia Medical Center, using hospital revenues, to acquire an ambulance and associated equipment to expand UVA Health ambulance services in the communities serviced by the UVA Health Culpeper specifically Culpeper, Orange, Madison, Fauquier, and Rappahannock Counties.)

Item 187 #5h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

University of Virginia Medical Center

\$0

\$150,000 NGF

Language:

Page 257, line 49, strike "\$3,322,163,011" and insert "\$3,322,313,011".

Page 258, after line 36, insert:

"H. Out of this appropriation, \$150,000 the second year from nongeneral fund revenues generated by the University of Virginia Medical Center shall be expended to create a two-year pilot program to address the shortage of trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners. The initiative would train approximately 30 nurses through hands-on training, clinical precepting, and telehealth-based support."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the University of Virginia Medical Center, using hospital revenues, to create a two-year pilot program to address the shortage of trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners. The initiative would train approximately 30 nurses through hands-on training, clinical precepting, and telehealth-based support.)

Item 190 #1h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

University of Virginia's College at
Wise

\$0

\$1,100,000 GF

Language:

Page 259, line 3, strike "\$46,753,570" and insert "\$47,853,570".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding to support cost increases for enrollment growth, retention and tuition moderation.)

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Item 190 #2h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

University of Virginia's College at
Wise

\$0

\$335,000

GF

Language:

Page 259, line 3, strike "\$46,753,570" and insert "\$47,088,570".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

Item 194 #1h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Commonwealth University

\$0

\$7,517,900

GF

Language:

Page 260, line 50, strike "\$757,096,233" and insert "\$764,614,133".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

Item 196 #1h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Commonwealth University

(\$4,000,000)

\$0

GF

Language:

Page 264, line 24, strike "\$360,394,910" and insert "\$356,394,910".

Page 264, line 38, strike "\$26,500,000" and unstrike "\$22,500,000".

Page 264, line 42, after "research." strike the remainder of the line.

Page 264, strike line 43.

Explanation:

(This amendment repurposes a proposed one-time increase in research funding at VCU.)

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Item 200 #1h

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Community College System	\$0 0.00	\$1,611,000 4.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 266, line 16, strike "\$1,080,055,383" and insert "\$1,081,666,383".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding to implement and expand the Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) Program at Blue Ridge (BRCC) and Danville (DCC) Community Colleges. A companion amendment in capital outlay provides \$2.5 million of one-time funding which along with matching funds from the City of Danville will complete the training center equipment and infrastructure requirements.)

Item 200 #2h

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Community College System	\$0	\$980,000	NGF

Language:

Page 266, line 16, strike "\$1,080,055,383" and insert "\$1,081,035,383".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding for Danville Community College to expand VCCS dental hygiene programs.)

Item 200 #3h

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Community College System	\$0	\$250,000	GF

Language:

Page 266, line 16, strike "\$1,080,055,383" and insert "\$1,080,305,383".

Page 269, line 20, strike the second "\$250,000" and insert "\$500,000".

Page 269, strike line 22 and insert:

"technical assistance for automotive and building maintenance training programs coordinated by the Prince".

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides funding and a technical clarification to the existing skilled-trades workforce program at Northern Virginia Community College.)

Item 200 #4h

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Community College System	\$0	\$9,045,600	GF

Language:

Page 266, line 16, strike "\$1,080,055,383" and insert "\$1,089,100,983".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

Item 201 #1h

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Community College System	\$0	\$3,500,000	NGF

Language:

Page 269, line 37, strike "\$182,100,971" and insert "\$185,600,971".

Page 275, after line 45, insert:

"E. Out of this appropriation, \$3,500,000 the second year from nongeneral funds is designated to provide Certified Nurse Aides (CNA) training in Virginia."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides nongeneral fund authority for no-cost Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) training in Virginia. The goal of the program would be to produce at least 1,000 new trained CNAs throughout Virginia.)

Item 201 #2h

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Community College System	\$0	(\$15,000,000)	GF

Language:

Page 269, line 37, strike "\$182,100,971" and insert "\$167,100,971".

Page 275, strike lines 4 through 45 and insert:

"8. a. 1. No later than May 1, 2025, the Director, Department of Planning and Budget shall

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transfer \$5,000,000 from G3 Program fund balances to Item 130 G. for use in the New Economy Workforce Credential Grant Program.

2. No later than July 1, 2025, the Director, Department of Planning and Budget shall transfer \$8,500,000 from G3 Program fund balances to Item 130 G. for use in the New Economy Workforce Credential Grant Program.

b. No later than July 1, 2025, the Director, Department of Planning and Budget shall transfer \$980,000 from G3 Program fund balances to Item 200 for Danville Community College to expand VCCS dental hygiene programs.

c. No later than July 1, 2025, the Director, Department of Planning and Budget shall transfer \$500,000 from G3 Program fund balances to Item 203 B.3. for the A.L. Philpott Manufacturing Extension Partnership, with Patrick and Henry Community College currently acting as fiscal agent, as a match for a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to develop the Virginia Smart Manufacturing Accelerator program, covering all of Virginia.

d. No later than July 1, 2025, the Director, Department of Planning and Budget shall transfer \$3,500,000 from G3 Program fund balances to Item 201 E. for a no-cost Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) training program."

Explanation:

(This amendment repurposes the proposed new workforce initiative and transfers fund balances to specific related programs.)

	Item 203 #1h	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
Virginia Community College System	\$0	\$500,000 GF
	\$0	\$500,000 NGF

Language:

Page 276, line 3, strike "\$94,027,341" and insert "\$95,027,341".

Page 276, after line 23, insert:

"3. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the second year from the general fund and \$500,000 the second year from nongeneral funds is designated for the A.L. Philpott Manufacturing Extension Partnership, with Patrick and Henry Community College currently acting as fiscal agent, as a match for a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to develop the Virginia Smart Manufacturing Accelerator program, covering all of Virginia."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional funding as a match for new U.S. Department of Energy Virginia Smart Manufacturing Accelerator.)

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Item 206 #1h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Military Institute

\$0

\$256,000 GF

Language:

Page 278, line 40, strike "\$58,406,536" and insert "\$58,662,536".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding to enhance academic program that include (1) a faculty position to teach a three-credit hour course in Civics titled "American Constitutional History", (2) an Assistant Director position in the Office of Global Education, and (3) a Summer Undergraduate Entrepreneurship Program.)

Item 206 #2h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Military Institute

\$0

\$374,500 GF

Language:

Page 278, line 40, strike "\$58,406,536" and insert "\$58,781,036".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

Item 209 #1h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Military Institute

\$0

\$325,000 GF

Language:

Page 280, line 24, strike "\$10,764,162" and insert "\$11,089,162".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides one-time funds for the Unique Military Activities (UMA) to fund improve and enhance UMA facilities including (1) the purchase of new laundry equipment, (2) the modification of space in the Infirmary to modify a female ward to expand capabilities, and (3) the purchase of new band instruments for the VMI Regimental Band.)

Item 211 #1h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and
State University

\$0

\$6,500,000 GF

Language:

Page 281, line 7, strike "\$1,059,268,911" and insert "\$1,065,768,911".

Page 282, after line 49, insert:

"K. The Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine is hereby authorized to transfer funds to the Department of Medical Assistance Services to fully fund the state share for Medicaid supplemental payments and managed care directed payments to primary teaching hospitals affiliated with Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine. The funds to be transferred must comply with 42 CFR 433.51 and 433.54. Such funds may not be paid from any private agreements with Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine that are in excess of fair market value or that alleviate pre-existing financial burdens of the school. The Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine is authorized to use general fund dollars to accomplish this transfer. As part of interagency agreements, the department shall require the public entities to attest to compliance with applicable CMS criteria."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding to support enrollment growth at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine (VTCSOM). Funding will support expansion of faculty and support staff, development of accelerated pathways to completion, and ability to provide for lower tuition for in-state students.)

Item 211 #2h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and
State University

\$0

\$7,156,000 GF

Language:

Page 281, line 7, strike "\$1,059,268,911" and insert "\$1,066,424,911".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

Item 213 #1h

Education: Higher Education

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Language

Language:

Page 284, line 23, strike "as designated by", and insert "that support the mission of".

Explanation:

(This amendment clarifies the application research funding at Virginia Tech.)

Item 214 #1h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and
State University

\$0

\$325,000

GF

Language:

Page 284, line 29, strike "\$3,649,074" and insert "\$3,974,074".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding to address costs specific to the operation of the military system and invest in the programmatic needs of the Corps of Cadets.)

Item 217 #1h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia State University

\$10,000,000

\$0

GF

Language:

Page 286, line 21, strike "\$122,276,343" and insert "\$132,276,343".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding to continue and expand the ongoing HBCU collaboration that includes Norfolk State University, Virginia State University, Hampton University, and Virginia Union University.)

Item 217 #2h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

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Virginia State University \$0 \$707,300 GF

Language:

Page 286, line 21, strike "\$122,276,343" and insert "\$122,983,643".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

Item 223 #1h

Education: Other Education

Gunston Hall

Language

Language:

Page 291, after line 2, insert:

“A. The Offices of the Secretary of Education and the Secretary of Finance shall perform a programmatic and financial review of Gunston Hall, including a review of their capital projects and their ongoing operations. The Office of the Secretary of Education shall report its findings to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1, 2025.”

Explanation:

(This amendment is self-explanatory.)

Item 230 #1h

Education: Other Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Museum of Natural History

\$0

\$73,000 GF

Language:

Page 294, line 6, strike "\$4,156,827" and insert "\$4,229,827".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$73,000 the second year from the general fund to provide additional support to the Virginia Museum of Natural History.)

Item 234 #1h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

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New College Institute \$0 \$1,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 296, line 3, strike "\$4,686,850" and insert "\$5,686,850".

Page 296, strike lines 19 through 39 and insert:

"D. The New College Institute may broker agreements with Longwood University, Richard Bland College and other educational, industry, and non-profit partners and establish collaborative, innovative partnership agreements with school districts, public and private colleges and universities, economic development agencies, employers, philanthropic organizations, veterans organizations, public agencies and other partners as necessary to strengthen and streamline educational pathways from high school, to work-based learning, to baccalaureate and advanced degrees that prepare individuals, including nontraditional students and veterans, for entry into high-demand careers in the Commonwealth."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional funding to support grants to address unmet financial need for students in programs related to fiber optics, global wind, telemental health, law enforcement, electrical, FAA drone operations, and education programs offered by Longwood University. In addition, funding may be used to address staffing needs related to workforce programs, student resource coordination and academic programs. Finally, the amendment provides New College Institute the authority to broker agreements with Longwood University, Richard Bland College and other educational, industry, and non-profit partners.)

Item 236 #1h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Roanoke Higher Education Authority

\$0

\$73,000

GF

Language:

Page 297, line 19, strike "\$2,884,652" and insert "\$2,957,652".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding to support a full-time day porter is needed to properly maintain our facilities and provide the best customer service possible for our students, staff, and visitors.)

Item 236 #2h

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Roanoke Higher Education Authority

\$0

\$131,000

GF

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Language:

Page 297, line 19, strike "\$2,884,652" and insert "\$3,015,652".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding to support hiring a full-time security guard as the Center continues to grow and increase programming. In addition, the funding will allow for additional hours for contract services from Admiral Security Service.)

Item 240.10 #1h

Education: Higher Education

Maintain Affordable Access

Language

Language:

Page 299, strike lines 45 through 48.

Page 300, strike lines 1 through 10.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates proposed language. Committee budget recommendations continue House affordability efforts that have been in place for several biennia.)

Item 247 #1h

Finance

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Accounts

\$0

(\$664,606)

GF

0.00

-3.00

FTE

Language:

Page 306, line 18, strike "\$3,064,161" and insert "\$2,399,555".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$664,606 the second year from the general fund and three positions proposed in House Bill 1600, providing a net increase of \$2.0 million in general fund the second year and eleven new positions to support key agency operations.)

Item 255 #1h

Finance

FY24-25

FY25-26

Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 1600, as Introduced

Department of Accounts Transfer (\$1,103,000,000) \$0 GF
Payments

Language:

Page 308, line 41, strike "\$2,053,000,000" and insert "\$950,000,000".

Page 309, strike lines 52 through 57.

Page 310, strike lines 1 through 3.

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects the \$1.1 billion from the general fund included in the introduced budget pursuant to the Governor's proposal to provide an income tax credit for car tax payments to support the House Tax reduction package which includes a one-time tax rebate for all Virginian's who pay income tax, an expansion in the earned income tax credit and an adjustment in the standard deduction.)

Item 258 #1h

Finance

Department of Taxation

Language

Language:

Page 316, strike lines 34 through 52.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language included in the existing budget related to skill games regulation from the 2024 Session of the General Assembly that was vetoed by the Governor.)

Item 258 #2h

Finance

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Taxation

\$977,780,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 312, line 17, strike "\$70,323,247" and insert "\$1,048,103,247".

Page 317, after line 10, insert:

“GG.1. There is hereby established in the state treasury and on the books of the State Comptroller a special nonreverting fund known as the Income Tax Rebate Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall be credited to the general fund.

2. Out of this appropriation, \$977,780,000 the first year from the general fund shall be deposited

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into the Income Tax Rebate Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used solely for the purpose of providing the tax rebate authorized in subparagraph 3 below.

3. In addition to any refund due pursuant to § 58.1-309 of the Code of Virginia, and for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2024, but before January 1, 2025, an individual filing a return on or before November 3, 2025 or married persons filing a joint return on or before November 3, 2025 shall be issued a refund in an amount up to \$200 for an individual, or \$400 for married persons filing a joint return. An individual shall only be allowed a refund pursuant to this enactment up to the amount of such individual's tax liability after the application of any deductions, subtractions, or credits to which the individual is entitled pursuant to Chapter 3 (§ 58.1-300 et seq.) of Title 58.1 of the Code of Virginia. Married persons filing a joint return shall only be allowed a refund pursuant to this enactment up to the amount of such married persons tax liability after the application of any deductions, subtractions, or credits to which the married persons are entitled pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 58.1 of the Code of Virginia. Any refund issued pursuant to this enactment shall be subject to collection under the provisions of the Setoff Debt Collection Act (§ 58.1-520 et seq. of the Code of Virginia). For taxpayers filing a return before July 1, 2025, refunds due pursuant to this enactment shall be issued on or before October 15, 2025. In no case shall any interest be paid on any refund due pursuant to this enactment.”

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$977.8 million from the general fund in the first year to effectuate an income tax rebate of \$200 for single files and \$400 for married filers to be paid during fiscal year 2026.)

Item 258 #3h

Finance

Department of Taxation

Language

Language:

Page 317, after line 10, insert:

"GG. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Code of Virginia or this act to the contrary, the Department of Taxation shall not be required to comply with the provisions of Virginia Code § 59.1-293.12 requiring unannounced investigations every 24 months to verify that a retail dealer is not selling retail tobacco products to persons under 21 years of age."

Explanation:

(This amendment exempts the Department of Taxation from provisions of the Code of Virginia that require the unannounced investigation of tobacco licensees every 24 months. House Bill 1946 includes an enactment clause establishing a work group to examine and make recommendations regarding tobacco enforcement over the coming year.)

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Item 260 #1h

Finance	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Taxation	\$3,430	\$589,673	GF
	0.00	3.00	FTE

Language:

Page 317, line 38, strike "\$188,328,909" and insert "\$188,332,339".

Page 317, line 38, strike "\$60,630,056" and insert "\$61,219,729".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3,430 the first year and \$589,673 the second year from the general fund and three positions to support implementation costs associated with legislation.)

Item 260 #2h

Finance	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Taxation	\$1,300,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 317, line 38, strike "\$188,328,909" and insert "\$189,628,909".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.3 million the first year from the general fund to support administrative costs associated with the one-time rebate.)

Item 261 #1h

Finance	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of the Treasury	\$0	(\$100,605)	GF
	0.00	-1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 318, line 32, strike "\$65,425,113" and insert "\$65,324,508".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$100,605 the second year from the general fund and one position that was proposed for Treasury operational support.)

Item 261 #2h

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Finance	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of the Treasury	\$9,003,762	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 318, line 31, strike "\$68,012,631" and insert "\$77,016,393".

Page 319, after line 35, insert:

"I.1. Out of this appropriation, \$9,003,762 the first year from the general fund is provided to make payments to individuals in accordance with § 8.01-195.11, Code of Virginia, and corresponding legislation passed by the 2025 General Assembly. Accordingly, these amounts shall not revert at the end of fiscal year 2025 and shall be carried forward into fiscal year 2026 to allow for payment in accordance with the effective date of the corresponding legislation. Notwithstanding subsection D. of § 8.01-195.11 of the Code of Virginia, no amounts shall be deducted for transition grants received.

2. Out of the amounts for this item shall be paid \$398,655 the first year from the general fund for the relief of Mr. Ke'Shawn Clarence Duffy pursuant to § 8.01-195.11 of the Code of Virginia.

3. Out of the amounts for this item shall be paid \$5,835,758 the first year from the general fund for the relief of Mr. Marvin Leon Grimm, Jr. pursuant to § 8.01-195.11 of the Code of Virginia.

4. Out of the amounts for this item shall be paid \$134,045 the first year from the general fund for the relief of Mr. Michael Haas pursuant to § 8.01-195.11 of the Code of Virginia.

5. Out of the amounts for this item shall be paid \$2,635,304 the first year from the general fund for the relief of Mr. Gilbert Merritt, III., pursuant to § 8.01-195.11 of the Code of Virginia."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$9.0 million the first year from the general fund in support of legislation authorizing four payments to individuals who were wrongfully incarcerated and awarded claims pursuant to § 8.01-195.11, Code of Virginia.)

		Item 261 #3h
Finance	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of the Treasury	\$0	\$500,000 GF

Language:

Page 318, line 32, strike "\$65,425,113" and insert "\$65,925,113".

Page 319, after line 35, insert:

"I. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for deposit to the Florence Neal Cooper Smith Sickle Cell Research Endowment Fund, established

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by House Bill 2500 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly, held on the books of the Commonwealth, as administered by the Commonwealth Health Research Board."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund in the second year for deposit to the Florence Neal Cooper Smith Sickle Cell Research Endowment Fund, established by House Bill 2500 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly.)

	Item 262 #1h	
Finance	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of the Treasury	\$763,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 319, line 36, strike "\$16,063,613" and insert "\$16,826,613".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$763,000 the first year from the general fund to support administrative costs associated with the one-time rebate.)

	Item 262 #2h	
Finance	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of the Treasury	\$215,000	\$600,000 NGF

Language:

Page 319, line 36, strike "\$16,063,613" and insert "\$16,278,613".
Page 319, line 37, strike "\$15,818,648" and insert "\$16,418,648".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$215,000 the first year and \$600,000 the second year in nongeneral fund appropriation to support costs associated with House Bill 1606 related to unclaimed property.)

	Item 264 #1h
Finance	
Treasury Board	Language

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Language:

Page 323, after line 13, insert:

"3.a. Funding is included in this item for the Commonwealth's reimbursement of a portion of the approved capital costs as determined by the State Board of Local and Regional Jails and other interest costs as provided in § 53.1-80 through 53.1-82.2, Code of Virginia, for the following:

Project	Preliminarily Approved Capital Costs
Chesapeake Correctional Center	\$437,603
Chesterfield County Jail - Resubmittal	\$340,320
Montgomery County Jail	\$221,051
New River Valley Regional Jail	\$144,022
New River Valley Regional Jail - Resubmittal	\$321,177
Norfolk City Jail	\$843,243
Piedmont Regional Jail	\$411,855
Pittsylvania County Jail	\$15,076,753
Portsmouth City Jail	\$26,420,944
Prince William-Manassas Regional ADC	\$541,250
Total Preliminarily Approved Capital Costs	\$44,758,218

b. The Commonwealth's share of the total construction cost of the projects listed in the table in paragraph C.3.a. shall not exceed the amount listed for each project.

i. Reimbursement of the Commonwealth's portion of the construction costs for projects with a total project cost less than \$12,000,000 shall be subject to the approval of the Department of Corrections of the final expenditures.

ii. Reimbursement of the Commonwealth's portion of the construction costs for projects with a total project cost equal to or exceeding \$12,000,000 shall first undergo a cost and design review by the Department of General Services (DGS) in accordance with Item 385 of this act. The cost target set by DGS shall include all capital project related costs, to include acquisition, soft costs, construction, and furniture, fixtures, and equipment. Upon completion of the cost review, DGS shall inform the Department of Planning and Budget, Department of Corrections, and the Chairs of the House Appropriation and Senate and Finance and Appropriations Committees the outcome of its review, upon which, the maximum of the state's reimbursement share shall be set as the lesser of the cost review target set by DGS, or the amount set forth in the above table. Reimbursement of the Commonwealth's portion of the construction costs of these projects shall then be subject to the approval of the Department of Corrections.

c. Notwithstanding any other approval provisions in § 53.1-80, Code of Virginia, these projects are hereby authorized for reimbursement in accordance with the provisions of C.3 a. and b. of this item.

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d. This paragraph shall constitute the authority for the Virginia Public Building Authority to issue bonds for the foregoing projects pursuant to § 2.2-2261 of the Code of Virginia."

Explanation:

(This language amendment adds 10 local and regional jails projects as eligible to receive reimbursement for the state's 25 percent share as obligated by § 53.1-80 through 53.1-82.2, Code of Virginia. Specifically, these projects would be eligible to receive up to the amounts listed and representative of the state's share, subject to the Department of Corrections' approval of the final expenditures, and for those projects with a total cost exceeding \$12,000,000, to a cost review performed by the Department of General Services. Repayment of these amounts would be supported by Virginia Public Bond Authority bonds herein allocated for these purposes.)

Item 264 #2h

Finance

Treasury Board

Language

Language:

Page 324, strike lines 47 through 50.
Page 325, strike lines 1 through 52 and insert:

Institution	"FY 2025		FY 2026	
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund
College of William & Mary	\$3,020,288 \$2,957,968	\$259,307	\$3,118,744 \$3,098,080	\$259,307
University of Virginia	\$13,730,800 \$13,447,481	\$1,088,024	\$14,178,399 \$14,084,454	\$1,088,024
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	\$13,564,278 \$13,410,836	\$992,321	\$14,006,448 \$13,913,645	\$992,321
Virginia Military Institute	\$1,163,328 \$1,139,325	\$88,844	\$1,201,251 \$1,193,292	\$88,844
Virginia State University	\$1,762,143 \$1,725,783	\$108,886	\$1,819,586 \$1,807,529	\$108,886
Norfolk State University	\$1,575,607 \$1,543,096	\$108,554	\$1,626,969 \$1,616,188	\$108,554
Longwood University	\$976,044 \$955,904	\$54,746	\$1,007,861 \$1,001,183	\$54,746
University of Mary Washington	\$860,921 \$843,157	\$97,063	\$888,985 \$883,095	\$97,063

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James Madison University	\$3,032,305 \$2,969,737	\$254,504	\$3,131,153 \$3,110,406	\$254,504
Radford University	\$2,290,979 \$2,243,707	\$135,235	\$2,365,661 \$2,349,987	\$135,235
Old Dominion University	\$6,585,695 \$6,702,689	\$374,473	\$6,800,377 \$6,755,319	\$374,473
Virginia Commonwealth University	\$8,997,781 \$8,812,123	\$401,647	\$9,291,093 \$9,229,532	\$401,647
Richard Bland College	\$210,258 \$205,919	\$2,027	\$217,112 \$215,673	\$2,027
Christopher Newport University\$	\$990,526 \$970,088	\$17,899	\$4,022,816 \$1,016,039	\$17,899
University of Virginia's College at Wise	\$329,116 \$322,325	\$19,750	\$339,844 \$337,593	\$19,750
George Mason University	\$5,181,998 \$5,327,956	\$205,665	\$5,350,922 \$5,315,467	\$205,665
Virginia Community College System	\$23,102,276 \$22,625,588	\$633,657	\$23,855,369 \$23,697,308	\$633,657
Virginia Institute of Marine Science	\$475,396 \$465,587	\$0	\$490,894 \$487,641	\$0
Roanoke Higher Education Authority	\$101,910 \$99,807	\$0	\$105,232 \$104,535	\$0
Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center	\$105,177 \$103,007	\$0	\$108,605 \$107,886	\$0
Institute for Advanced Learning and Research	\$359,957 \$352,530	\$0	\$371,691 \$369,228	\$0
Southern Virginia Higher Education Center	\$125,761 \$123,167	\$0	\$129,861 \$129,001	\$0
New College Institute	\$45,276 \$44,342	\$0	\$46,752 \$46,442	\$0
Eastern Virginia Medical School	\$688,516 \$674,309	\$0	\$710,961 \$706,250	\$0
TOTAL	\$89,276,336 \$88,066,431	\$4,842,602	\$91,575,773 \$91,575,773	\$4,842,602".

Explanation:

(This technical amendment restores the nongeneral fund amounts in the table that sets-out amounts for debt service payments of Virginia College Building Authority (VCBA) bonds to the amounts authorized in the current Appropriation Act, Chapter 2, 2024 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I. This amendment is entirely technical in nature as the nongeneral fund

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amounts have historically remained the same for a single biennium. Specific language changes will be set out during enrolling.)

Item 267 #1h

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Secretary of Health and Human Resources

(\$600,000)

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 328, line 4, strike "\$1,564,759" and insert "\$964,759".

Page 329, strike lines 30 through 45.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates \$600,000 from the general fund the first year for two new initiatives in the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources related to developing a plan and a media campaign.)

Item 268 #1h

Health and Human Resources

Children's Services Act

Language

Language:

Page 333, strike lines 47 through 50.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates language proposed in the introduced budget which caps increases in the state reimbursement to localities for Children's Services Act (CSA) Special Education private day educational services at 2.5 percent in fiscal year 2026 and beyond. Removing the section will allow reimbursement to localities for the real cost of private day educational services on an unrestricted basis compared to previous year spending. This will ensure adequate funding for the program based on real costs, the value of services depending on the advanced needs of children receiving those services, and rising costs of qualified and quality personnel and supplies.)

Item 269 #1h

Health and Human Resources

Children's Services Act

Language

Language:

Page 334, line 8, after "B." insert "1."

Page 334, after line 16, insert:

"2. The Office of Comprehensive Services, in coordination with the Virginia Department of Education's Office of Special Education, shall report to the General Assembly by October 1 of each year, (i) recommendations made to each LEA and progress made in improving the LEA's ability to serve students, (ii) an assessment of barriers to students returning to a LEA from a private day placement including instances when the LEA refuses or is unable to provide a less restrictive environment due to a lack of available transition services and recommendations for returning students to public school who are deemed eligible, and (iii) trends in behavioral and emotional diagnoses including students on home-based instruction that may require private day placements."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds reporting requirements for the Office of Comprehensive Services, in coordination with the Department of Education, regarding the transition of students from private day education services to local education agencies.)

Item 271 #2h

Health and Human Resources

Department of Health

Language

Language:

Page 338, after line 24, insert:

"J. The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) shall expand the Mary Marshall Scholarship Program to include humanitarian parolees as eligible participants. In addition, VDH shall expand the program to provide scholarships of up to 100 percent of the fees required to obtain a Credential Service Evaluation Profession Report and the English Language Proficiency Report for those individuals who graduated from a nursing education program in a foreign country as required by VDH prior to admission for licensure."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Virginia Department of Health to expand the Mary Marshall Scholarship Program to increase the number of nurses coming into the profession to address significant shortages, including allowing humanitarian parolees (foreign nationals who are allowed to enter the United States for urgent humanitarian reasons) as eligible participants and paying the fees for Virginians with a nursing degree from an international educational institution to be credentialed in order to practice.)

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Item 271 #3h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Health	\$0	(\$450,000)	GF

Language:

Page 336, line 16, strike "\$20,457,021" and insert "\$20,007,021".
Page 338, strike lines 21 through 24.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates and redirects funding of \$450,000 from the general fund the second year proposed to create the Large Animal Veterinary Loan Repayment Program in Department of Health. Instead this funding is provided in a companion amendment in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for a large animal veterinary grant program.)

Item 271 #4h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Health	\$0	\$150,000	GF

Language:

Page 336, line 16, strike "\$20,457,021" and insert "\$20,607,021".
Page 338, after line 24, insert:

"J. Out of this appropriation, \$150,000 from the general fund the second year shall be provided to Birmingham Green to establish the Birmingham Green Workforce Development Training Center to improve the Certified Nurses Assistant (CNA) program, introduce new career training opportunities for its workforce and and to further health care career opportunities for staff from other health care operations."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$150,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to establish the Birmingham Green Workforce Development Training Center. Birmingham Green offers the only CNA training program in Northern Virginia and is a crucial resource for individuals from underserved communities. The Workforce Development Training Center will be an expansion of their current workforce development efforts to train CNAs, with new career training opportunities for its workforce and for staff from other health care operations.)

Item 272 #1h

Health and Human Resources

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Department of Health

Language

Language:

Page 339, line 36, after "program." insert:

"Any balances for the purposes specified in this paragraph which are unexpended on June 30, 2025, shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides authority to carryover funding for the Northern Virginia firefighter occupational cancer screening pilot program from fiscal year 2025 to fiscal year 2026 in the event the funds are not expended in the first year.)

	Item 274 #1h	
Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Health	\$0	\$49,248 GF

Language:

Page 340, line 9, strike "\$9,470,393" and insert "\$9,519,641".

Page 340, after line 27, insert:

"D. Out of this appropriation, \$49,248 the second year from the general fund is provided to waive the vital records fee for youth experiencing homelessness."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$49,248 the second year from the general fund to cover the costs incurred from waiving the vital records fee for youth experiencing homeless, pursuant to House Bill 1617, 2025 Session.)

	Item 274 #2h	
Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Health	\$0	\$100,000 GF

Language:

Page 340, line 9, strike "\$9,470,393" and insert "\$9,570,393".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 in the second year for the Virginia Department of Health to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 2276 of the 2025 General Assembly, which requires VDH to update vital records data transmitted to the Department of Elections for the maintenance of voter records.)

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Item 276 #1h

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Health

\$0

\$1,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 342, line 45, strike "\$25,030,406" and insert "\$26,030,406".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million the second year from the general fund to implement the provisions of House Bill 2198, which authorizes the Board of Health to license prescribed pediatric extended care centers, defined as nonresidential health care service centers that provide a link in the continuum of care for medically dependent or technologically dependent children.)

Item 277 #1h

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Health

\$0

\$2,500,000 GF

Language:

Page 343, line 43, strike "\$169,601,819" and insert "\$172,101,819".

Page 345, after line 14, insert:

"J. Out of this appropriation, \$2,500,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the Virginia Department of Health, in consultation with Virginia universities and private businesses, to create a pilot program for mobile clinics within maternal health deserts in Virginia, as well as funding for data collection to measure the effectiveness of the program."

Explanation:

(This amendment provide \$2.5 million from the general fund the second year to the Virginia Department of Health, working with Virginia universities and private businesses, to create a pilot program for mobile clinics within maternal health deserts in Virginia, as well as funding for data collection to measure the effectiveness of the program. The goal of the program is to improve access in underserved communities and reduce transportation and geographic barriers to care.)

Item 277 #2h

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

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Department of Health	\$0	\$159,500	GF
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Language:

Page 343, line 43, strike "\$169,601,819" and insert "\$169,761,319".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$159,500 from the general fund the second year for the implementation of House Bill 1929, which directs the Virginia Department of Health to create a membership-based mobile application available to prenatal, pregnant, and postpartum individuals who are eligible for Medicaid. Funding is based on a tiered pricing proposal based on monthly active users and a projection of annual users based on the Virginia Medicaid population.)

Item 277 #3h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Health	\$0	\$553,200	GF

Language:

Page 343, line 43, strike "\$169,601,819" and insert "\$170,155,019".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$553,200 the second year from the general fund to implement the provisions of House Bill 2446, which directs the Department of Health to establish a public awareness campaign, develop and distribute educational materials, and create an online resource hub focused on perinatal and postpartum depression. The bill requires the Department to submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the implementation of the bill, with the first annual report due by December 31, 2026.)

Item 277 #4h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Health	\$0	\$644,075	GF
	0.00	3.00	FTE

Language:

Page 343, line 43, strike "\$169,601,819" and insert "\$170,245,894".

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$644,075 the second year from the general fund and three positions for the fiscal impact of House Bill 1724, which establishes the Prescription Drug Affordability Board for the purpose of identifying high cost prescription drugs, reviewing pricing and cost information, conducting affordability reviews of selected prescription drug products, and if necessary, setting an upper payment limit, which shall apply to all purchases and payer reimbursements for the product dispensed in the Commonwealth.)

Item 277 #5h

Health and Human Resources

Department of Health

Language

Language:

Page 345, after line 14, insert:

"J. The Virginia Department of Health shall maintain a list of all agencies and organizations that submit requests for and receive opioid antagonists through its distribution program. At least quarterly, the department shall submit a report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Resources, House Health and Human Services Committee, Senate Finance and Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Resources, and Senate Subcommittee on Health, and the Chair of the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority with the following information: (i) name of the agency or organization, (ii) County or town/city service area, (iii) quantity, along with the specific formulation and dosage of opioid antagonist, requested by the agency or organization in its most recent order, and the date the request was made, and (iv) quantity, along with the specific formulation and dosage of opioid antagonist, received by the agency or organization in response to its most recent order, and the date the request was fulfilled."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds language requiring the Virginia Department of Health to report on the distribution of opioid antagonists through its distribution program.)

Item 279 #1h

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Health

\$0

\$500,000 GF

Language:

Page 348, line 34, strike "\$31,479,983" and insert "\$31,979,983".

Page 350, line 52, strike the second "\$4,680,571" and insert "\$5,180,571".

Page 351, after line 38, insert:

"6. Of this appropriation, from the amounts in paragraph L.1., \$500,000 the second year from

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the general fund shall be used to contract with the Virginia Health Care Foundation (VHCF) for community grants to expand access to maternal mental health services through (i) community organizations serving individuals residing in health care deserts or low income communities, and (ii) community organizations with less than \$5,000,000 in annual revenue."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$500,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 for a contract with the Virginia Health Care Foundation to administer a grant program for community organizations to expand access to maternal mental health services.)

	Item 279 #2h	
Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Health	\$0	\$500,000 GF

Language:

Page 348, line 35, strike "\$31,479,983" and insert "\$31,979,983".
Page 350, line 15, strike the second "\$6,800,000" and insert "\$7,300,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$500,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to support operating costs of free clinics that are members of the Virginia Association of Free and Charitable Clinics. Funding will be used to provide medical, dental, vision, speech, hearing and behavioral health care, as well as prescription medications and substance use disorder services to uninsured and underinsured patients.)

	Item 279 #3h	
Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Health	\$0	\$500,000 GF

Language:

Page 348, line 34, strike "\$31,479,983" and insert "\$31,979,983".
Page 353, after line 32, insert:
"DD. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to Birth in Color to establish a billing hub for doula services. The billing hub shall handle billing for doulas serving underserved populations free of charge, including billing private insurance and Medicaid on behalf of participating doulas."

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund the second year to Birth in Color to fund the establishment of a billing hub for doula services. The billing hub will handle billing for doulas serving underserved populations free of charge, including billing private insurance and Medicaid on behalf of participating doulas. The hub will defray the administrative burden for doulas serving underserved communities, helping support and expand the doula workforce. The initial investment of \$500,000 will pay for the hiring of necessary full time and contract staff, relevant software and hardware purchases and fees and relevant administrative expenses, including but not limited to billing software.)

Item 279 #4h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Health	\$0	(\$1,272,313)	GF

Language:

Page 348, line 34, strike "\$31,479,983" and insert "\$30,207,670".

Page 351, line 39, strike "and \$1,272,313 the second year".

Page 351, line 42, after "service", insert:

", which includes the second year general fund amount appropriated for this purpose in Item 292 in the Department of Medical Assistance Services"

Page 351, strike lines 43 through 45.

Page 351, line 46, strike "3" and insert "2".

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$1.3 million from the general fund in fiscal year (FY) 2026 for the All Payer Claims Database administered through a contract with Virginia Health Information (VHI), to the Department of Medical Services (DMAS) in order to draw down matching federal funding. Language maintains requirements for the Virginia Department of Health to contract with VHI, including the amounts appropriated in the DMAS budget. A companion amendment in Item 292 provides the funding for the All Payer Claims Database in FY 2026.)

Item 279 #5h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Health	\$0	\$1,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 348, line 34, strike "\$31,479,983" and insert "\$32,479,983".

Page 349, after line 56, insert:

"4. Out of this appropriation \$1,000,000 from the general fund the second year shall be provided for a pilot program to provide non-emergency medical transportation services for uninsured

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Virginians living in medically underserved or unserved areas in the catchment area of a federally qualified health center. Priority shall be given to serving persons living in rural localities."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to the Virginia Community Healthcare Association for a pilot non-emergency transportation program for uninsured Virginians, living in medically underserved or unserved areas in the catchment area of a federally qualified health center. Funding priority will be given to serving individuals in rural localities.)

Item 279 #6h

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Health

\$0

\$110,000 GF

Language:

Page 348, line 34, strike "\$31,479,983" and insert "\$31,589,983".

Page 351, line 39, strike the second "\$1,272,313" and insert "\$1,382,313".

Page 351, after line 55, insert:

"4. Out of this appropriation, \$110,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with Virginia Health Information to allow for a data sharing agreement with the Prescription Monitoring Program to use data from the Virginia All Payer Claims Database to display patient non fatal overdose information pursuant to the passage of House Bill 1902 of the 2025 Session. The Department of Health shall include in its budget submissions to the Governor for the 2026-28 budget any necessary general fund requirements for ongoing support for the data sharing agreement."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$110,000 the second year from the general fund for the fiscal impact of House Bill 1902 of the 2025 Session, which requires data sharing from the All Payer Claims Database with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to allow for the display of patient non fatal overdose information in near real time at the point of prescribing. A companion amendment in item 285 provides funding for systems changes to the Department of Health Professions Prescription Monitoring Program through funding from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation (COAR) opioid settlement funds. Language requires the Department of Health to include in its budget submission for the 2026-28 budget, any necessary general fund amounts needed to continue the data sharing agreement.)

Item 285 #1h

Health and Human Resources

Department of Health Professions

Language

Language:

Page 357, after line 45, insert:

"D.1. Out of this appropriation, up to \$600,000 the second year from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation (COAR) opioid settlement funds shall be provided to the Department of Health Professions for systems changes to the Prescription Monitoring Program to implement the provisions of House Bill 1902 passed by the 2025 General Assembly. These funds shall remain unallotted until the cost estimates for such systems changes are reviewed and approved by the Director, Department of Planning and Budget.

2.The Department of Health Professions shall include in its budget submissions to the Governor for the 2026-28 budget any necessary general fund requirements for ongoing support for the data sharing agreement."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides one-time funding from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation (COAR) opioid settlement funds to support the cost of systems changes to the Prescription Monitoring Program pursuant to the passage of House Bill 1902 by the 2025 General Assembly, which requires data sharing from the Emergency Department Smartchart with the Prescription Monitoring Program to allow for the display of patient non fatal overdose information in near real time at the point of prescribing. Language requires the Department of Health Professions to include in its budget submission for the 2026-28 budget, any necessary general fund amounts needed to continue the data sharing agreement.)

Item 285 #2h

Health and Human Resources

Department of Health Professions

Language

Language:

Page 357, strike lines 26 through 38 and insert:

"B. The Board of Medicine and the Board of Nursing shall convene a workgroup to study best practices regarding patient medication management for behavioral health medications to children and adolescents, provider-patient communication with respect to medication management, and provider availability when a child or adolescent is prescribed a behavioral health medication. The workgroup shall include representatives from relevant professional organizations, healthcare stakeholders, subject matter experts, and parents of children receiving behavioral health medications. The workgroup shall report its findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the House Committee of Health and Human Services and the Senate Committee

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on Education and Health by December 1, 2025."

Explanation:

(This amendment strikes language contained in Chapter 2, 2024 Special Session I, which required as a condition of licensure, all practitioners with authority to prescribe behavioral health medications to children and adolescents to provide families with a plan for medication management and access after hours and on weekends and holidays or in emergencies, a working means of contacting the prescriber either telephonically or electronically, and guidance documents on how to obtain help related to medication management prescription refills or medication overdose after hours. Concerns were raised about the ability of the agency to enforce the requirements of the language. The amendment establishes a workgroup to examine best practices for patient behavioral health medication management, provider availability, and provider-patient communication.)

Item 288 #1h

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Medical Assistance
Services

\$0

(\$972,941) GF

Language:

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,267,308,933".
Page 393, strike lines 26 through 55.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates language and proposed funding to create a Medicaid reserve fund in the introduced budget, which would set aside a one-year amount covering each initiative that increases Medicaid costs that are adopted by the General Assembly each legislative Session. The reserve amount contained in the introduced budget did not account for the cost of all of the proposed initiatives for the Medicaid program. The creation of a Medicaid reserve amount is an important policy decision, which requires a more in-depth study by the General Assembly.)

Item 288 #2h

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 393, after line 55, insert:

"OOOOO. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall have the authority to amend the State Plan for Medical Assistance to make supplemental payments through an adjustment to

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the formula for indirect medical education (IME) reimbursement, using managed care discharge days, not to exceed \$30 million total computable for teaching hospitals affiliated with Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine. The public entity shall transfer the non-federal share of the authorized supplemental payments. The funds to be transferred must comply with 42 CFR 433.51 and 433.54. Such funds may not be paid from any private agreements with Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine that are in excess of fair market value or that alleviate pre-existing financial burdens of the school. The Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine is authorized to use general fund dollars to accomplish this transfer. The Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine would enter into an Interagency Agreement with the department for this purpose and must attest to compliance with applicable CMS criteria. The department shall have the authority to implement these changes prior to completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) with the authority to implement supplemental Medicaid payments to teaching hospitals affiliated with the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine based on the department's reimbursement methodology established for such payments and/or its contracts with managed care organizations. The state's share of funding for the supplemental payments shall be provided by the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine. A companion amendment in Item 211 authorizes the transfer of funds from this school to DMAS for this purpose.)

Item 288 #3h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$0	\$517,699	GF
	\$0	\$907,223	NGF

Language:

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,269,706,796".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$517,699 from the general fund and \$907,223 from nongeneral funds the second year for the fiscal impact of House Bill 2539 which directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to amend the state plan for medical assistance services to include a provision for payment for comprehensive dental care services for pregnant women.)

Item 288 #4h

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Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Medical Assistance	\$0	\$6,858,938	GF
Services	\$0	\$39,829,380	NGF

Language:

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,314,970,192".
 Page 390, strike lines 21 through 33.

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$6.9 million from the general fund and \$39.8 million from nongeneral funds for the cost to eliminate the threshold restriction for a body mass index greater than 40 or 37 in certain instances in order to access anti-obesity medications for Medicaid patients. This limitation is not based on any current standards of care. Removal of this language, returns the authority to the Department of Medical Assistance Services to determine appropriate clinical guidelines for the utilization of anti-obesity medications, which is provided in existing budget language in Item 288, paragraph QQQQ.)

Item 288 #5h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Medical Assistance	\$0	\$250,000	GF
Services	\$0	\$250,000	NGF

Language:

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,268,781,874".
 Page 380, line 38, after "residency." insert:

The department shall make supplemental payments to eligible hospitals, recommended by the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority, for five anesthesiology residents."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$250,000 from the general fund and \$250,000 from nongeneral funds to increase supplemental payments to eligible hospitals for five graduate medical residency slots for anesthesiology residents.)

Item 288 #6h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Medical Assistance	\$0	\$3,522,726	NGF
Services			

Language:

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Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,271,804,600".

Page 380, after line 38, insert:

"VV. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall amend the Medicaid State Plan for Medical Assistance and regulations to provide supplemental payments for dentists employed by or contracted with Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Dentistry. The total supplemental payment shall be based on the average commercial rate as approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) and all other Medicaid payments subject to such limit made to such dentists. DMAS shall enter into a transfer agreement with Virginia Commonwealth University for such supplemental payments, in which the University shall provide the non-federal share in order to match federal Medicaid funds for the supplemental payments. The department shall have the authority to implement these reimbursement changes consistent with the effective date in the State Plan amendment approved by CMS and prior to completion of any regulatory process in order to effect such changes."

Page 380 through 393, renumber succeeding paragraphs.

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.5 million from nongeneral funds the second year to provide Medicaid supplemental payments to the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) School of Dentistry for services provided by dentists it employs or with whom it contracts. VCU shall provide the non-federal share in order to match federal Medicaid funds for the supplemental payments.)

Item 288 #7h

Health and Human Resources

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Department of Medical Assistance
Services

\$0
\$0

\$658,252 GF
\$687,152 NGF

Language:

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,269,627,278".

Page 393, after line 55, insert:

"OOOOO. Effective July 1, 2025, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall submit amendments to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid for the Community Living, and the Family and Individual Supports 1915c Developmental Disability Waivers to implement, in the limited circumstances set forth herein, an option for compensating a provider for assigning a qualified Direct Support Professional to assist individuals in an acute care hospital when necessary supports (including communication, behavior stabilization and/or intensive personal care) are outlined in the individual's service plan and such support, specific to the individual, is not otherwise provided. Services would be available for those individuals, 18 years of age or older who are admitted to an acute care setting while receiving Group Home Residential, Sponsored Residential, Supported Living, or In-Home Supports. Services will be reimbursed at the same rate as personal care to providers who assign designated support staff able to

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implement the supports identified in the individual's plan, identify other needs which arise where support is required, facilitate the acute care treatment plan and communication among all service providers. The department shall have the authority to implement these changes prior to completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$658,252 from the general fund and \$687,152 from the nongeneral fund the second year to direct the Department of Medical Assistance Services to submit amendments to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid for two Developmental Disability Waivers to provide Medicaid payment for designated staff support for adults with developmental disability in acute care settings. Language sets forth requirements for these payments and provides the agency with emergency regulation authority to implement the changes.)

Item 288 #8h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$0	\$142,593	GF
	\$0	\$428,713	NGF

Language:

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,268,853,180".

Page 393, line 23, after "illness", insert:

"or substance use disorder".

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$142,593 from the general fund and \$428,713 from nongeneral funds in fiscal year 2026 to modify Medicaid reimbursement for long-acting injectable or extended release medications administered in an any hospital emergency department or hospital inpatient setting for substance use disorder. The payment will be unbundled from the hospital daily rate. The introduced budget provides funding and language to unbundle these payments only when administered for a serious mental illness. This language extends this provision for cases of substance use disorder.)

Item 288 #9h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$0	\$1,589,297	GF
	\$0	\$3,080,226	NGF

Language:

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Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,272,951,397".

Page 393, after line 55, insert:

"OOOOO. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall seek the appropriate waiver authority for a demonstration project to add neurobehavioral and neurorehabilitation facilities to support 20 individuals with traumatic brain injuries and neurocognitive disorders by January 1, 2026. The neurobehavioral and neurorehabilitation facilities shall be considered as a specialized institutional placement for individuals with a traumatic brain injury diagnosis. The department shall set service definitions, administrative structure, eligibility criteria, eligibility and enrollment processes, and reimbursement rates required for administration of a program for such facilities. The department shall have authority to implement these changes prior to the completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.6 million from the general fund and \$3.0 million from nongeneral fund the second year to provide Medicaid coverage for neurobehavioral and neurorehabilitation facilities to support 20 individuals with traumatic brain injuries and neurocognitive disorders by January 1, 2026. Language provides for the adoption of emergency regulations to effect such change.)

Item 288 #10h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$235,000	\$0 GF
	\$235,000	\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$25,132,314,024" and insert "\$25,132,784,024".

Page 393, after line 55, insert:

"OOOOO. Out of this appropriation, \$235,000 from the general fund and \$235,000 from nongeneral funds the first year shall be provided to implement the provisions of House Bill 1904, 2025 Session. Any balances for the purposes specified in this paragraph which are unexpended on June 30, 2025, shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$235,000 from the general fund and \$235,000 from nongeneral funds the first year to amend the Medicaid application across all eligibility modalities to gather all necessary information to determine an applicant's eligibility for the Medicaid Works program, pursuant to the passage of House Bill 1904, 2025 Session, Funding is provided in the first year to allow systems changes to begin in order to implement the legislation on time.)

Item 288 #11h

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 393, after line 55, insert:

"OOOOO. The Department of Medical Assistance Services Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee shall ensure that when recommending drugs to the Department of Medical Assistance Services that no non opioid drug approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the treatment or management of pain shall be disadvantaged or discouraged for coverage relative to any opioid, including the imposition of prior authorization or step therapy more restrictive than an opioid drug for pain.

PPPPP. The Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee shall make no recommendations on any changes to the Common Core Formulary to the Department of Medical Assistance Services until a fiscal impact review is conducted by the agency's fiscal division and reviewed by the Chief Financial Officer and the Director."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds language requiring the Department of Medical Assistance Service Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee to take steps to ensure that non opioid and opioid drugs are treated equitably in decisions about Medicaid coverage. Language is also added that the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee shall make no recommendations on any changes to the programs's Common Core Formulary unless a fiscal impact review is completed and reviewed.)

Item 288 #12h

Health and Human Resources

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Department of Medical Assistance
Services

\$0
\$0

\$550,332 GF
\$782,108 NGF

Language:

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,269,614,314".

Page 393, after line 55, insert:

"OOOOO. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall have the authority to modify reimbursement for licensed midwives at the same rate as the physician fee schedule for covered services. The department shall have the authority to implement this change prior to the completion of any regulatory process to effect such changes."

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$550,322 from the general fund and \$782,108 from nongeneral funds the second year to require the Medicaid program to reimburse all licensed midwives at the same rate as the physician fee schedule for covered services.)

Item 288 #13h

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

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Department of Medical Assistance
Services

\$0
\$0
0.00

\$4,469,269 GF
\$6,673,785 NGF
9.00 FTE

Language:

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,279,424,928".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$4.5 million from the general fund and \$6.7 million from nongeneral funds the second year and nine positions for the fiscal impact of House Bill 2102, which directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to seek federal authority to implement presumptive eligibility for pregnant individuals, in addition to the existing hospital presumptive eligibility program and, if the department receives such authority, allows the department to authorize qualified entities to make determinations of presumptive eligibility for pregnant individuals. Funding covers necessary systems updates, hiring personnel as needed, and other costs. Expenses are expected to be slightly higher in year one due to start-up costs.)

Item 288 #14h

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 380, line 19, strike "fellowships" and insert "residencies".

Page 380, line 20, strike "&".

Page 380, line 20, strike "residencies" and insert "fellowships".

Explanation:

(This amendment makes technical changes to language in the introduced budget related to Medicaid Graduate Medical Education residency and fellowship slots funded by the state at the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters to accurately reflect the number of residency and fellowship slots funded through the program.)

Item 292 #1h

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 400, line 4, strike "three" and insert "two".

Explanation:

(This amendment redistributes funding for poison control center services from three centers to two. The National Capitol Poison Control Center is ceasing operations as of March 31, 2025 and the poison control centers operated by the two state teaching hospitals will provide poison control services to the Northern Virginia region.)

Item 292 #2h

Health and Human Resources

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Department of Medical Assistance
Services

\$0
\$0

\$1,272,313 GF
\$1,003,500 NGF

Language:

Page 395, line 2, strike "\$352,158,338" and insert "\$354,434,151".

Page 399, strike lines 50 through 54 and insert:

"S. Out of this appropriation, \$87,500 the first year and \$1,359,813 the second year from the general fund and \$262,500 the first year and \$1,003,500 the second year from nongeneral funds is provided to the Department of Medical Assistance Services to fund the All Payer Claims Database maintained by Virginia Health Information and overseen by the Virginia Department of Health."

Explanation:

(This amendment consolidates funding the second year for the All Payer Claims Database in the Department of Medical Assistance Services from the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). It transfers \$1.3 million from the general fund from the VDH budget and adds \$1.0 million from matching federal Medicaid funds the second year for the Virginia's All Payer Claims Database. This action facilitates the draw down of allowable matching federal fund dollars for such purposes. A companion amendment in Item 279 in the Virginia Department of Health modifies funding and language related to the funding for the All Payer Claims Database.)

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Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$250,000	\$0	GF
	\$250,000	\$0	NGF

Language:

Page 395, line 2, strike "\$322,845,151" and insert "\$323,345,151".

Page 402, after line 29, insert:

"MM. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 from the general fund and \$250,000 from nongeneral funds the first year is provided for the implementation of House Bill 2610, pursuant to passage by the 2025 General Assembly for an evaluation of the implementation of a contract with a third-party pharmacy benefits manager for the administration of pharmacy benefits for the Virginia Medicaid program."

Explanation:

(This amendment provide \$250,000 from the general fund and \$250,000 from nongeneral funds the first year for the implementation of House Bill 2610, which requires the Department of Medical Assistance Services to engage an independent consultant to evaluate the implementation of a contract with a third-party pharmacy benefits manager for the administration of pharmacy benefits for the Virginia Medicaid program.)

Item 295 #1h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$0	\$1,100,000	GF

Language:

Page 404, line 32, strike "\$167,136,531" and insert "\$168,236,531".

Page 408, line 21, strike the second "\$575,000" and insert:

"\$1,675,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.1 million the second year from the general fund for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to contract with the Virginia Health Care Foundation to expand the Boost! program, formerly known as Boost 200. Boost! pays for supervisory hours and licensure exam preparation for individuals obtaining their masters of social work and masters of counseling. This funding will add 60 more slots to the program, bringing the total to 383 slots.)

Item 295 #2h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
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Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (\$1,000,000) \$0 GF

Language:

Page 404, line 32, strike "\$162,365,802" and insert "\$161,365,802".
Page 410, strike lines 50 through 52.

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$1.0 million the first year from the general fund for the Youth Mental Health Matters campaign to fund other behavioral health initiatives.)

Item 295 #3h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$0	\$500,000	NGF

Language:

Page 404, line 32, strike "\$167,136,531" and insert "\$167,636,531".

Explanation:

(This amendment appropriates an additional \$500,000 the second year from the Problem Gambling and Support Fund to support the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services' contract with VCU to provide support and services for problem gambling recovery and treatment.)

Item 295 #4h

Health and Human Resources	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	Language

Language:

Page 410, after line 52, insert:
"TT. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the Department of Planning and Budget may direct a portion of the funding up to \$75,000 in the Crisis Call Center Fund to Mental Health Virginia Warmline, a peer support line that reduces the 988 crisis call center volume."

Explanation:

(This amendment is self-explanatory.)

Item 295 #5h

Health and Human Resources

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Language

Language:

Page 408, line 44, strike:

"to provide technical assistance to school divisions" and insert:

"to allow school districts to contract with a mental telehealth provider. School districts may opt-in to allow any student requesting support to receive such service from a qualified telehealth care provider with validated clinical outcomes and experience serving youth. The provider shall ensure no direct costs are passed onto the patient and all uninsured patients are covered at no cost."

Page 408, strike lines 45 through 46.

Page 408, line 47, strike "providers."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds language to allow school divisions to contract with a mental telehealth provider to provide mental health services to students. This amendment also removes proposed language allowing the Department to provide technical assistance to school divisions.)

Item 295 #6h

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Behavioral Health and
Developmental Services

\$0

\$249,600 GF

Language:

Page 404, line 32, strike "\$167,136,531" and insert "\$167,386,131".

Page 410, after line 52, insert:

"TT. Out of this appropriation, \$249,600 the second year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 2350 of the 2025 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$249,600 the second year from the general fund to cover the one-time cost of DBHDS hiring a contractor to develop standardized guidelines in consultation with VDEM for mental health support during emergencies or extended incidents pursuant to House Bill 2350 of the 2025 General Assembly.)

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Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$0	(\$30,214,906)	GF

Language:

Page 410, line 55, strike "\$185,618,002" and insert "\$155,403,096".

Page 411, line 40, strike "\$49,737,458" and insert "\$19,522,552".

Page 411, line 56, strike "\$41,152,858" and insert "\$10,937,952".

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$30.2 million the second year from the general fund proposed to provide private hospitals funding to hire Special Conservators of the Peace to fund other behavioral health initiatives.)

Item 296 #2h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$0	\$1,500,000	GF

Language:

Page 410, line 54, strike "\$185,618,002" and insert "\$187,118,002".

Page 415, after line 1, insert:

"Z. Out of this appropriation, \$1,500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to reimburse Community Services Boards for the restoration of competency to stand trial evaluations, services, and supports in an outpatient setting and to provide training to clinicians."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.5 million the second year from the general fund to reimburse Community Services Boards for the evaluations and restoration services, as well as clinician training to perform these services. This funding would cover the cost of 800 outpatient restorations at a cost of \$1,668 per case as well as training for six clinicians in every Community Services Board at \$55/hour for eight hours.)

Item 296 #3h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$0	\$100,000	GF

Language:

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Page 410, line 55, strike "\$185,618,002" and insert "\$185,718,002".

Page 413, line 4, strike the second "\$3,547,000" and insert "\$3,647,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 the second year from the general fund to support the Regional Older Adults Facility Team (RAFT) in Northern Virginia to provide services to older adults with mental illness and dementia.)

	Item 296 #4h	
Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$0	\$750,000 GF

Language:

Page 410, line 55, strike "\$185,618,002" and insert "\$186,368,002".

Page 414, line 54, strike "\$1,534,100" and insert "\$2,284,100".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$750,000 the second year from the general fund to expand the Adult Psychiatric Access Line, bringing the fiscal year 2026 total to \$2.3 million. This program provides psychiatric consultation and care navigation for primary care physicians to better treat adults with mental health and substance use disorders.)

	Item 296 #5h	
Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$0	\$2,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 410, line 55, strike "\$185,618,002" and insert "\$187,618,002".

Page 413, line 13, strike the second "\$1,650,000" and insert "\$3,650,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million the second year from the general fund to support pilot programs for individuals with dementia or geriatric individuals who may otherwise be admitted to a state facility.)

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Item 297 #1h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Grants to Localities	\$0	\$8,700,000	GF

Language:

Page 415, line 19, strike "\$787,892,721" and insert "\$796,592,721".

Page 421, after line 23, insert:

"VV. Out of this appropriation, \$8,700,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for Community Services Boards to hire additional support coordinators."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$8.7 million the second year from the general fund for Community Services Boards (CSBs) to hire additional support coordinators. CSBs are the single point of entry for waiver services and are the sole providers of waiver support coordination. Additional support coordinators are needed to handle the increased caseload due to the significant addition of DD waiver slots in the 2024-2026 biennium. This funding would support 96 additional support coordinators between the time they are hired and when they can carry a full caseload and begin billing Medicaid.)

Item 297 #2h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Grants to Localities	\$0	\$3,600,000	GF

Language:

Page 415, line 19, strike "\$787,892,721" and insert "\$791,492,721".

Page 420, line 17, strike "\$11,400,000" and insert "\$15,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.6 million the second year from the general fund to support six additional Marcus Alert sites to develop co-response programs between law enforcement officers and clinicians.)

Item 297 #3h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Grants to Localities	\$0	\$8,000,000	GF

Language:

Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 1600, as Introduced

Page 415, line 19, strike "\$787,892,721" and insert "\$795,892,721".

Page 421, after line 23, insert:

"VV. Out of this appropriation, \$8,000,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to Community Services Boards to support their prevention staff and expand prevention programs."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$8.0 million the second year from the general fund for Community Services Boards (CSBs) to provide a variety of prevention services. CSBs have been using federal funding to provide prevention services, but funding through the Consolidated Appropriation Act has recently ended and American Rescue Plan Act funding will end in September 2025. This amendment will allow CSBs to continue providing prevention services.)

	Item 314 #1h	
Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$0	\$985,000 GF

Language:

Page 427, line 24, strike "\$116,760,793" and insert "\$117,745,793".

Page 429, line 26. strike the second "\$775,000" and insert "\$1,760,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$985,000 from the general fund the second year for workforce retention for brain injury service provider, bringing the total to \$1,760,000 in fiscal year 2026. Chapter 2, 2024 Special Session I provided \$775,000 in each year of the 2024-26 biennium for this purpose. State contracted brain injury providers report high attrition and difficulty filling open positions because of non-competitive salaries and benefits, resulting in negative impacts on the delivery of programs and services and meeting client needs.)

	Item 314 #2h	
Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$0	\$1,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 427, line 24, strike "\$116,760,793" and insert "\$117,760,793".

Page 429, line 9, strike the second "\$10,396,719" and insert "\$11,396,719".

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$1.0 million from the general fund the second year for community service for individuals with brain injury. Community service providers continue to have waiting lists for services and struggle to meet existing service needs of this population that requires specialized supports. This funding would support the existing state-contracted safety net brain injury services system to provide for increased statewide coverage of critical services and strengthen existing programs to include: hiring additional case managers and clinical professional staff, equipment and information technology modernization, statewide awareness/education efforts, and other critical supports to meet the growing demands for brain injury services across the state.)

Item 315 #1h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$0	\$1,500,000	GF

Language:

Page 430, line 4, strike "\$40,439,449" and insert "\$41,939,449".

Page 431, after line 44, insert:

"N. Out of this appropriation, \$1,500,000 from the general fund the second year shall be provided to increase support to Area Agencies on Aging."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.5 million from the general fund the second year to cover increased costs for providing current services for the Area Agencies on Aging and meeting the increased demand for home care services and transportation.)

Item 315 #2h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$0	\$1,300,000	GF

Language:

Page 430, line 4, strike "\$40,439,449" and insert "\$41,739,449".

Page 431, after line 44, insert:

"N. Out of this appropriation, \$1,300,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging/Community Action Agency Inc. to replace the roof on Hare Valley School and make other critical building improvements."

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$1.3 million in fiscal year 2026 for a new metal roofing system for Hare Valley School in Northampton County and other building improvements such as, window replacement or replacement of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. The building houses the Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging/Community Action Agency Inc. and other human services organizations.)

Item 315 #3h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$0	\$750,000	GF

Language:

Page 430, line 4, strike "\$40,439,449" and insert "\$41,189,449".

Page 431, after line 44, insert:

"N. Out of this appropriation, \$750,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the County of Fairfax to support the Washington Area Villages Exchange for the creation of a pilot program to reduce the public health risk of social isolation among older Virginians by expanding the availability of Villages to additional sites."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$750,000 the second year from the general fund to the County of Fairfax to support the Washington Area Villages Exchange in the creation of a pilot program to reduce the public health risk of social isolation among older Virginians by expanding the availability of Villages to additional sites. Villages are a proven means of combatting isolation while enabling older adults to age in place and live safely and independently in their homes.)

Item 315 #4h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$0	\$400,000	GF

Language:

Page 430, line 4, strike "\$40,439,449" and insert "\$40,839,449".

Page 431, after line 44, insert:

"N. Out of this appropriation, \$400,000 from the general fund the second year shall be provided to the Capitol Area Agency on Aging and Local Office on Aging, Inc. for an interdisciplinary plan of care and dementia case management for 200 individuals diagnosed with dementia. Funding shall be allocated evenly between the two Area Agencies on Aging. The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services shall report the status of the program and provide an

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update on the results of the dementia case management program to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1 of each year.)

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$400,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to expand the interdisciplinary plan of care and dementia case management to two Area Agencies on Aging located in Richmond and Roanoke to serve 200 individuals diagnosed with dementia. Language provides for an annual report on the status of the programs and results. This is a recommendation of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission and the Council on Aging.)

Item 324 #1h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$500,000	GF
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Language:

Page 435, line 29, strike "\$64,798,852" and insert "\$65,298,852".

Page 437, after line 11, insert:

"K. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the Department of Social Services to develop a child welfare workforce support program to include a confidential peer support helpline and a pilot program of the Community Resiliency Model."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 the second year from the general fund and one position to establish a child welfare workforce support program. The workforce program will include a confidential peer support helpline to offer child welfare workers real time support from retired employees with experience in the agency and knowledge of how to address the stressors of the job. The program will also include a pilot program of the Community Resiliency Model, an evidence-based model that focuses on providing workers with the skills to help themselves and others after experiencing trauma and stress. Funding in this amendment would fund a program coordinator in the Office of Trauma and Resilience Policy, a team of part-time retired workers to staff the helpline, a team of facilitators trained in the Community Resiliency Model, research to measure program outcomes, and related administrative costs.)

Item 328 #1h

Health and Human Resources	
Department of Social Services	Language

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Language:

Page 442, after line 32, insert:

"F. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall, on or before June 30, 2025, unallot \$1,000,000 from the general fund in this item, which reflects unused balances in the auxiliary grants program."

Explanation:

(This amendment captures \$1.0 million in balances the first year in the Auxiliary Grant program within the Department of Social Services.)

	Item 329 #1h	
Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$425,750 GF

Language:

Page 442, line 34, strike "\$293,034,091" and insert "\$293,459,841".

Page 445, after line 40, insert:

"W. Out of this appropriation, \$425,750 the second year from the general fund is provided for the Department of Social Services to expand the existing program to find relative and fictive kin for youth in foster care. Any unexpended balance in this paragraph at the close of business on June 30, 2026 shall not revert back to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reapportioned for this purpose."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$425,750 the second year from the general fund for the Department of Social Services to expand the existing program with current providers to find relative and fictive kin at the time of entry into foster care or when an out-of-home placement is needed before entry into foster care. The current program eligibility is for youth who are placed in congregate care or who have been in foster care for twelve months or more and are not placed with kinship foster parents. Additional funding will enable existing providers to hire additional staff for this program, expanding services to ensure that children entering fostering care are promptly assigned a kinship specialist to locate relatives and fictive kin. Additional staff will serve more children in more locations across the state.)

	Item 329 #2h	
Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$1,600,000 GF

Language:

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Page 442, line 34, strike "\$293,034,091" and insert "\$294,634,091".

Page 445, after line 40, insert:

"W. Out of this appropriation, \$1,600,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to support the establishment and implementation of the Future in Focus program to provide stipend payments to former foster care youth aged 21 to 23."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.6 million the second year from the general fund to fund the fiscal impact of House Bill 1964, which creates the Future in Focus program. Future in Focus will provide a monthly maintenance care payment to individuals aged 21 to 23 to support their housing costs as they transition to adulthood and self-sufficiency. The percentage of the monthly stipend received will depend on the recipient's age and will gradually decrease each year up until their 24th birthday. Age 21 would receive 75 percent of the current maintenance care rate, age 22 would receive 50 percent of the current rate, and age 23 would receive 25 percent of the current rate. The current maintenance care rate is \$836 per month.)

Item 330 #1h

Health and Human Resources

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Department of Social Services

\$0

\$120,000 GF

Language:

Page 445, line 43, strike "\$260,874,823" and insert "\$260,994,823".

Page 446, after line 15, insert:

"C. The State Board of Social Services (the Board) is authorized to promulgate regulations to allow applications for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program to be submitted over an application period that provides adequate time for individuals to apply and is extended beyond the current application period in effect as of July 1, 2024, provided adequate funding is available to extend such application period. The Board's initial adoption of regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act shall be exempt from the provisions of the Administrative Process Act, except that the Board shall provide an opportunity for public comment on the regulations prior to adoption."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Social Services to expand the application window for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program to a year-round basis, a program to help Virginia families pay their energy bills. \$120,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the Department of Social Services to provide technical support to extend the application window.)

Item 331 #1h

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Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Social Services	\$4,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 446, line 17, strike "\$68,565,691" and insert "\$72,565,691".

Page 450, after line 36, insert:

"CC. Out of this appropriation, \$4,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to Prince William County to support the renovation of the Prince William Welcome Center and the Fairfax Welcome Center. Any unexpended balance in this paragraph at the close of business on June 30, 2025 shall not revert back to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated for this purpose."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$4.0 million the first year from the general fund to support one-time costs of renovating both the Prince William and Fairfax Welcome Center operated by CASA. Funds may be used to enhance accessibility features and create new training spaces and will be carried forward to the next fiscal year if there are unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2025.)

Item 331 #2h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$200,000 GF

Language:

Page 446, line 17, strike "\$70,163,045" and insert "\$70,363,045".

Page 450, after line 36, insert:

"CC. Out of this appropriation, \$200,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the city of Virginia Beach to develop a multipurpose sports court for residents of the Hallow by Samaritan House."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$200,000 the second year from the general fund to Virginia Beach to develop a multipurpose sports court, suitable for basketball, volleyball, and pickleball for residents of the Hallow by Samaritan House. The Hallow is the first trafficking youth shelter in Coastal Virginia and the sports court will provide enrichment for the youth, encouraging healthy physical and mental lifestyle choices.)

Item 331 #3h

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Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$450,000	GF

Language:

Page 446, line 17, strike "\$70,163,045" and insert "\$70,613,045".

Page 450, after line 36, insert:

"CC. Out of this appropriation, \$450,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to Hanover County to (i) develop and complete the Health and Human Services Master Plan to address the increasing need for long term planning and high-level human services policy setting in Hanover County and to serve as a resource to address human services needs for individuals in the community, (ii) create an education and awareness campaign to promote and advocate for the expansion of foster and kinship care, (iii) and create an education and awareness campaign related to youth mental health."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$450,000 the second year from the general fund to Hanover County to develop a Health and Human Services Master Plan and conduct educational and awareness campaigns related to foster and kinship care and youth mental health.)

Item 331 #4h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$400,000	GF

Language:

Page 446, line 17, strike "\$70,163,045" and insert "\$70,563,045".

Page 450, after line 36, insert:

"CC. Out of this appropriation, \$400,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to Fairfax County in support of Lorton Community Action Center."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$400,000 the second year from the general fund to Fairfax County for Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC). LCAC provides low-income individuals, senior citizens, and families access to basic needs and self-sufficiency programs. This funding would allow LCAC to provide rental assistance to their clients.)

Item 331 #5h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$50,000	GF

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Language:

Page 446, line 17, strike "\$70,163,045" and insert "\$70,213,045".

Page 450, after line 36, insert:

"CC. Out of this appropriation, \$50,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to Loudoun County for Anna Sudha Community Kitchens to address food insecurity."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50,000 the second year from the general fund to Loudoun County for Anna Sudha Community Kitchens, an organization that addresses food insecurity through innovative programs and services. This funding would cover operational costs, with a focus on proving services to Title I school communities, and ensure that their physical space remains available to the volunteers and beneficiary community members.)

Item 331 #6h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$175,000	NGF

Language:

Page 446, line 17, strike "\$70,163,045" and insert "\$70,338,045".

Page 446, line 46, strike the second "\$9,250,000" and insert "\$9,425,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$175,000 the second year from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant to provide increased support for local Community Action Agencies (CAAs). This increase will hold CAAs harmless from any reductions resulting from a new locality designation into the state network which goes into effect July 1, 2025.)

Item 331 #7h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$500,000	NGF

Language:

Page 446, line 17, strike "\$70,163,045" and insert "\$70,663,045".

Page 450, line 13, strike the second "\$750,000" and insert "\$1,250,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 the second year from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant to Cornerstones to address the rising needs for safe and stable housing,

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food security, quality childcare, youth enrichment, and family self-sufficiency. This amendment brings the fiscal year 2026 total to \$1.3 million from the nongeneral fund.)

Item 331 #8h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$1,125,000	NGF

Language:

Page 446, line 17, strike "\$70,163,045" and insert "\$71,288,045".

Page 446, line 52, strike the second "\$1,125,000" and insert "\$2,250,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.1 million the second year from the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant to support the expansion of the Whole Family Initiative from six to twelve sites across Virginia. This program helps families achieve higher incomes, employment levels, and early childhood educational outcomes. This amendment brings the funding total for fiscal year 2026 to \$2.3 million from nongeneral funds.)

Item 331 #9h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$125,000	NGF

Language:

Page 446, line 17, strike "\$70,163,045" and insert "\$70,288,045".

Page 447, line 23, strike the second "\$2,000,000" and insert "\$2,125,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$125,000 the second year from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant to Northern Virginia Family Services to provide services that address the basic needs of families in crisis, including providing food, financial assistance, access to health services, and workforce development programs. This amendment brings total funding to fiscal year 2026 to \$2.1 million from nongeneral funds.)

Item 334 #1h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$400,000	NGF

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Language:

Page 451, line 52, strike "\$154,429,417" and insert "\$154,829,417".

Page 453, after line 45, insert:

"I. Out of this appropriation, \$400,000 the second year from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund shall be provided to the Department of Social Services to create an Addiction Treatment Navigator that will allow members of the public seeking care to determine the proper level of care, access providers in their area, determine insurance coverage, and view provider quality metrics."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$400,000 the second year from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund to create an Addiction Treatment Navigator to assist individuals seeking treatment for substance use disorder.)

	Item 349 #1h		
Labor	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Labor and Industry	\$0 0.00	\$2,000,000 3.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 460, line 12, strike "\$2,253,355" and insert "\$4,253,355".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional operational support for the Department of Labor and Industry for wage and labor law enforcement activities required by House Bills 2098, 2743 and 2356 of the 2025 General Assembly.)

	Item 354 #1h		
Labor	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Workforce Development and Advancement	(\$2,050,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 462, line 51, strike "\$76,406,263" and insert "\$74,356,263".

Page 463, strike lines 30 through 31.

Page 463, line 32, strike "D." and insert "C."

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$2.1 million provided for the Virginia Has Jobs marketing campaign

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to other education and workforce priorities.)

Item 354 #2h

Labor	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Workforce Development and Advancement	\$500,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 462, line 51, strike "\$76,406,263" and insert "\$76,906,263".

Page 463, after line 34, insert:

"E. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for workforce development programming under the Hampton Roads Partnership for Health Sciences initiative to support talent development for Hampton Roads' healthcare industry. The Hampton Roads Workforce Council will utilize the funding to launch the Regional Healthcare Talent Pipeline focused on identifying and addressing regional talent shortages. The program will work to mitigate ongoing chronic healthcare labor challenges, including the attraction and retention of skilled workers, that are continuously impacting the healthcare industry by increasing the flow of trained healthcare professionals who enter field. Any funding remaining at the end of fiscal year shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 for the Hampton Roads Workforce Council to launch the Regional Healthcare Talent Pipeline program.)

Item 354 #3h

Labor	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Workforce Development and Advancement	\$0	(\$350,000)	GF

Language:

Page 462, line 51, strike "\$42,765,600" and insert "\$42,415,600".

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects ongoing administrative support provided to the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement in the introduced budget. The programs administered by the agency are primarily supported with nongeneral funds.)

Item 356 #1h

Labor

Virginia Employment Commission

Language

Language:

Page 466, strike lines 16 through 21.

Page 466, after line 21, insert:

"O. The Virginia Employment Commission is hereby authorized to request and receive a treasury loan to fund the necessary start-up costs associated with the implementation of a Paid Family and Medical Leave Program for the Commonwealth of Virginia contingent upon the enactment of legislation introduced in the 2025 Session of the General Assembly. The treasury loan shall be repaid for these costs from revenues received from premiums assessed to employers and employees beginning in 2027, and shall be repaid no later than January 1, 2033."

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes a treasury loan for the implementation of legislation under consideration by the 2025 General Assembly that requires the Virginia Employment Commission to establish and administer a paid family and medical leave program with benefits beginning January 1, 2028. Funding for the program is provided through premiums assessed to employers and employees beginning in 2027. Start-up costs for the program are expected to be \$75.0 million.)

Item 356 #2h

Labor

Virginia Employment Commission

Language

Language:

Page 466, after line 21, insert:

"O. The commission shall complete the Unemployment Insurance Wage Data Enhancement project by regularly collecting additional data from employers to share with the Virginia Longitudinal Data System, which will then make it available to the Office of Education and Labor Market Alignment. Additional employee data shall include 1) Job Title; 2) Pay Rate; and 3) Work Location. The commission shall use existing federal and state grant funds and complete the Unemployment Insurance Wage Data Enhancement project by December 31, 2025."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Virginia Employment Commission to complete the UI Wage Data Enhancement project by December 31, 2025. This project will allow for better analysis of labor

market outcomes for Virginians participating in education and training programs.)

Item 358 #1h

Natural and Historic Resources

Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources

Language

Language:

Page 467, after line 42, insert:

"E.1. The Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources shall convene a workgroup to study the requirements for and historical implementation of the Water Quality Improvement Fund pursuant to 10.1-2128, Code of Virginia.

2. The workgroup shall review and make recommendations on the Water Quality Improvement Fund including the organizational structure in the Code of Virginia and budget, disposition of funding, feasibility of the incorporation of the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund, grant approval guidelines including cost-effectiveness and co-benefits of practices funded, grant agreement terms, annual reporting requirements, potential improvements to the current funding needs assessments, and outdated or unnecessary requirements.

3. The recommendations on the organizational structure in the Code of Virginia and budget shall include streamlining the funding and sub-fund structure, updating terminology and structure to enhance transparency, ensuring consistency with the Commonwealth's commitments to and mandates for water quality, and deconflicting Code and budget language. In deconflicting the Code and budget language, recommendations shall be made for items appropriate to include in the Code of Virginia and items appropriate to include in the budget.

4. The recommendations on the disposition of funding shall include mandatory deposits between sectors, discretionary deposits between sectors, the reserve fund and how to best leverage its usage to meet any nutrient reduction goals, the use of interest including for administrative costs, and the Natural Resources Commitment Fund including technical assistance funding, developing a methodology for determining a date certain for changing the allocation of the division between the Chesapeake Bay and Southern Rivers watersheds to the historical allocation prior to 2021, and the redistribution of unobligated funds between watersheds.

5. The workgroup shall include, but not be limited to, representatives from the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, Virginia Cattlemen's Association, the Virginia Association of Municipal Wastewater Agencies, the Virginia Municipal Stormwater Association, the Chesapeake Bay Commission, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the James River Association, the Virginia Association of Counties and the Virginia Municipal League and staff of the House Appropriations and Senate Appropriations and Finance Committees.

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6. The workgroup's findings and recommendations shall be reported to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Appropriations and Finance Committees, the Chairs of the House Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources and the Senate Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources Committees, and the Chair of the State Water Commission no later than November 1, 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources to establish a workgroup to review the Water Quality Improvement Fund. The workgroup is directed to review and make recommendations relating to the Water Quality Improvement Fund, including its organizational structure in the Code of Virginia and Appropriations Act, the disposition of funding, the feasibility of the incorporation of Stormwater Local Assistance Fund, and other topics as directed by the amendment. The recommendations of the workgroup are required to be submitted to the Chairs of specified House and Senate committees and the State Water Commission by November 1, 2026.)

	Item 359 #1h	
Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$0	\$500,000 GF

Language:

Page 468, line 2, strike "\$143,676,170" and insert "\$144,176,170".
Page 471, line 46, after "first year" insert "and \$500,000 the second year".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to continue support for cyanobacteria mitigation and remediation at Lake Anna.)

	Item 359 #2h	
Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$0	\$450,000 GF

Language:

Page 468, line 2, strike "\$143,676,170" and insert "\$144,126,170".
Page 472, after line 16, insert:
"Y. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$450,000 the second year from the general fund is

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provided to the City of Norfolk to support sand replenishment projects."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$450,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to support sand replenishment projects in the City of Norfolk at Toler Place Beach. The amount provided represents half of the projected cost of the projects.)

		Item 359 #3h	
Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$0	\$500,000	GF

Language:

Page 468, line 2, strike "\$143,676,170" and insert "\$144,176,170".

Page 472, after line 16, insert:

"Y. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program administered by the Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to support the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program.)

		Item 359 #4h	
Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$0	\$750,000	GF

Language:

Page 468, line 2, strike "\$143,676,170" and insert "\$144,426,170".

Page 470, line 18, strike the second "\$350,000" and insert "\$1,100,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$750,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 for environmental literacy programs and professional development supported by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.)

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Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$1,500,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 468, line 2, strike "\$500,970,664" and insert "\$502,470,664".

Page 472, after line 16, insert:

"Y. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$1,500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the Town of Dumfries for Quantico Creek restoration and flood mitigation."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.5 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 to the Town of Dumfries to support flood mitigation and restoration at Quantico Creek.)

Item 359 #6h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$0	\$33,000 GF

Language:

Page 468, line 2, strike "\$143,676,170" and insert "\$143,709,170".

Page 472, after line 16, insert:

"Y. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$33,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to support buoy placement and maintenance and hydrilla mitigation at Lake Anna."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$33,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to support buoy placement and maintenance and hydrilla mitigation at Lake Anna.)

Item 360 #1h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$0	\$350,000 GF

Language:

Page 472, line 18, strike "\$99,898,311" and insert "\$100,248,311".

Page 474, after line 22, insert:

"P. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$350,000 the second year from the general fund is

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provided for the Department to develop the Falkland State Conservation Area Master Plan and a Restoration Assessment for the Syndor House Lodge."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$350,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to support the development of the Falkland State Conservation Area Master Plan and a restoration assessment for the Syndor House Lodge. The 7,264 Falkland State Conservation Area was donated to the Department of Conservation and Recreation in 2021.)

		Item 360 #2h	
Natural and Historic Resources		FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Conservation and Recreation		\$0 0.00	\$1,250,000 5.00 NGF FTE

Language:

Page 472, line 18, strike "\$99,898,311" and insert "\$101,148,311".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.3 million from nongeneral funds in fiscal year 2026 five positions for operations at the proposed Oak Hill State Park. A companion initiative would authorize the acceptance of the Oak Hill property by the Department of Conservation and Recreation to operate as a state park.)

		Item 362 #1h
Natural and Historic Resources		Language
Department of Environmental Quality		

Language:

Page 475, line 26, unstrike "2025".
Page 475, line 26, strike "2028".
Page 475, line 27, unstrike "2026".
Page 475, line 27, strike "2030".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language proposed in House Bill 1600 as introduced that would delay the prohibition on the use of polystyrene containers until 2028 for retail food establishments operating 20 or more locations in the Commonwealth, and until 2030 for smaller establishments.)

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Item 363 #1h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Environmental Quality	\$0	\$500,000	GF

Language:

Page 475, line 29, strike "\$58,219,321" and insert "\$58,719,321".

Page 477, after line 24, insert:

"N. Out of the amounts in this item, \$500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to support United State Geological Survey monitoring of harmful algal blooms in the Shenandoah River."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to support monitoring for harmful algal blooms in the Shenandoah River.)

Item 365 #1h

Natural and Historic Resources		Language
Department of Environmental Quality		

Language:

Page 479, strike lines 46 through 52.

Page 479, line 53, strike "2." and insert "G."

Explanation:

(This amendment removes obsolete language related to localities submitting stormwater utility reports to the Auditor of Public Accounts. Identical language was removed from Item 2 in Chapter 2, 2024 Special Session I.)

Item 365 #2h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Environmental Quality	\$50,000,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 478, line 31, strike "\$241,763,554" and insert "\$291,763,554".

Page 481, after line 5, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$50,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for deposit to the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund."

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50 million the second year from the general fund for the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund.)

Item 365 #3h

Natural and Historic Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Environmental Quality

\$652,113

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 478, line 31, strike "\$241,763,554" and insert "\$242,415,667".

Page 481, after line 5, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$652,113 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Richmond to defray costs of commodities, equipment, software, and supplies used by the City in its response to the January 2025 water crisis."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$652,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 to defray costs faced by the City of Richmond in its response to the January 2025 water crisis.)

Item 365 #4h

Natural and Historic Resources

Department of Environmental Quality

Language

Language:

Page 481, after line 5, insert:

"P. Notwithstanding § 62.1-44.19:14 G. 1., Code of Virginia, the compliance schedule deadline for the Spotsylvania Co.-FMC WWTF and Spotsylvania Co.-Massaponax WWTF projects shall be January 1, 2027 and for the Fredericksburg WWTF project shall be January 1, 2030. For each compliance year from January 1, 2026 until such deadline that each project does not achieve the nutrient removal technology concentration specified in § 62.1-44.19:14 G. 1., Code of Virginia, the facility owner shall be responsible for acquiring sufficient point source credits to comply with its total nitrogen and total phosphorus waste load allocations applicable to that compliance year. In addition, for the Fredericksburg WWTF project, the City of Fredericksburg shall commence construction by July 1, 2025, report its progress to the Department on February 1 and August 1 each year until completion, and place nutrient removal technology in service as soon as practical prior to January 1, 2030. By July 1, 2025, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Department of Environmental Quality shall (a) modify the Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits for each facility consistent with the deadlines and requirements of

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this paragraph and (b) amend any existing water quality improvement agreement pursuant to § 10.1-2131, Code of Virginia, for each project in a manner consistent with the requirements and deadlines of this paragraph."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides for the delay of construction deadlines for specified wastewater treatment plant upgrade projects in the City of Fredericksburg and the County of Spotsylvania.)

Item 365 #5h

Natural and Historic Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Environmental Quality

\$4,250,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 478, line 31, strike "\$241,763,554" and insert "\$246,013,554".

Page 481, after line 5, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$4,250,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Portsmouth for sanitary sewer pump station upgrades."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$4.3 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 to support sanitary sewer pump station upgrades in Portsmouth. Upgrades are estimated to cost \$850,000 per pump station, and the amendment would support the upgrade of five stations.)

Item 370 #1h

Natural and Historic Resources

Department of Wildlife Resources

Language

Language:

Page 483, line 35, strike the first "\$19,484,600" and insert "\$20,259,600".

Explanation:

(This amendment increases reflects the increased Part 3 transfer from the general fund to the Game Protection fund at the Department of Wildlife Resources by \$775,000 to reflect the amount necessary to support Department activities related to invasive species management. The amount and purpose was authorized by Chapter 2 of 2024 Special Session I.)

Item 371 #1h

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Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Historic Resources	\$0	\$500,000	GF

Language:

Page 484, line 7, strike "\$13,877,427" and insert "\$14,377,427".

Page 487, after line 47, insert:

"EE. Out of the amounts in this item, \$500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the City of Alexandria to support the restoration of Douglass Cemetery."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to support the restoration of Douglass Cemetery in Alexandria.)

Item 371 #2h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Historic Resources	\$2,000,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 484, line 7, strike "\$48,797,227" and insert "\$50,797,227".

Page 486, line 39, strike "\$1,000,000" and insert "\$3,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$2.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 for the Virginia Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Historic Preservation Fund.)

Item 371 #3h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Historic Resources	\$0	\$100,000	GF

Language:

Page 484, line 7, strike "\$13,877,427" and insert "\$13,977,427".

Page 487, after line 47, insert:

"EE. Out of the amounts in this item, \$100,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the City of Norfolk to complete surveys to determine the eligibility for a historic district designation status for Titustown."

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$100,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to the City of Norfolk to complete necessary surveys determining whether the historically-African American neighborhood of Titustown is eligible for a historic district designation.)

Item 371 #4h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Historic Resources	\$0	\$50,000	GF

Language:

Page 484, line 7, strike "\$13,877,427" and insert "\$13,927,427".

Page 487, after line 47, insert:

"EE. Out of the amounts in this item, \$50,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the County of Arlington to support restoration projects and upgrades at the 1891 Hume School building."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50,000 the second year from the general fund to Arlington County to support projects at the Arlington Historical Society's Hume School building.)

Item 371 #5h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Historic Resources	\$1,500,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 484, line 7, strike "\$48,797,227" and insert "\$50,297,227".

Page 487, after line 47, insert:

"EE. Out of the amounts in this item, \$1,500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Virginia Beach to support the Virginia African American Cultural Center. Any amounts provided in this paragraph remaining on June 30th of the first year shall automatically carry forward to the second year."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.5 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 to support the Virginia African American Cultural Center in the City of Virginia Beach.)

Item 372 #1h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
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Department of Historic Resources	\$0	\$750,000	GF
	0.00	2.00	FTE

Language:

Page 487, line 48, strike "\$1,557,678" and insert "\$2,307,678".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$750,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 and two positions to support operations of the Department of Historic Resources.)

Item 373 #1h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Marine Resources Commission	\$0	\$4,000,000	NGF
	0.00	1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 488, line 19, strike "\$26,266,720" and insert "\$30,266,720".

Page 489, after line 18, insert:

"G. Out of amounts in this item, \$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 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; 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 amendment transfers the language and second year funding from the Port of Virginia to the Virginia Marine Resource Commission regarding shallow water dredging projects to reflect

the transfer of the program from the Port to the VMRC pursuant to the passage of House Bill 1834.)

Item 377 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security

Language

Language:

Page 492, strike lines 38 through 48.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language proposed in the introduced budget that would authorize the withholding of state funding provided to local law enforcement agencies in certain instances.)

Item 385 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Corrections

Language

Language:

Page 494, line 48, after "5.a.", strike "If", and insert:

"For those projects with a total cost exceeding \$12,000,000 for which "

Page 495, line 1, strike "August" and insert "July".

Page 495, line 1, after "1," strike the remainder of line.

Page 495, strike lines 2 through 5.

Page 495, line 6, strike "the detailed list of the Board-approved costs; and any other".

Page 495, line 6, after "any other", insert " all documents and".

Page 495, line 7, after "cost review", insert:

"of the project at the completion of preliminary design".

Page 495, line 9, strike "Department of", and insert "Board".

Page 495, line 10, strike "Corrections".

Explanation:

(This amendment modifies the process by which local and regional jail renovation, expansion, or construction projects undergo review by the Department of General Services in order to qualify for state reimbursement of up to 25 percent of project costs in accordance with § 53.1-80 and 53.1-81, Code of Virginia.)

Item 390 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Corrections

Language

Language:

Page 501, line 51, after "Q." strike "1."

Page 502, strike lines 1 through 4.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language proposed in the introduced budget that would further restrict eligibility for enhanced earned sentence credits under § 53.1-202.3, Code of Virginia.)

Item 390 #2h

Public Safety and Homeland Security

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Corrections

\$0

(\$172,372) GF

Language:

Page 499, line 31, strike "\$204,741,037" and insert "\$204,568,665".

Page 502, line 38, strike "\$987,368" and insert "\$814,996"

Page 502, strike lines 43 through 47.

Page 503, strike lines 1 through 8.

Page 402, after line 42, insert:

"1. House Bill 1597 -- \$50,000

2. House Bill 1607 -- \$50,000

3. House Bill 1660 -- \$50,000

4. House Bill 1715 -- \$50,000

5. House Bill 1726 -- \$50,000

6. House Bill 1869 -- \$50,000

7. House Bill 1876 -- \$50,000

8. House Bill 1977 -- \$50,000

9. House Bill 1998 -- \$50,000

10. House Bill 2036 -- \$50,000

11. House Bill 2123 -- \$50,000

12. House Bill 2165 -- \$50,000

13. House Bill 2406 -- \$50,000

14. House Bill 2631 -- \$50,000

15. House Bill 2657 -- \$64,996

16. House Bill 2783 -- \$50,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$814,996 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 for deposit in the

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Corrections Special Reserve Fund pursuant to 16 House Bill impacting criminal sentencing.)

Item 392 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$0	\$106,516	GF

Language:

Page 504, line 36, strike "\$3,749,471" and insert "\$3,855,987".

Page 505, after line 16, insert:

"H. Included within the appropriation for this item is \$106,516 the second year from the general fund to provide human trafficking awareness to Alcoholic Beverage Control licensees consistent with the provisions of House Bill 2033 of the 2025 Session of the General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$106,516 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 and two positions to implement human trafficking awareness training pursuant to House Bill 2033.)

Item 392 #2h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$0	\$131,516	GF

Language:

Page 504, line 36, strike "\$3,749,471" and insert "\$3,880,987".

Page 505, after line 16, insert:

"H. Included within the appropriation for this item is \$131,516 the second year from the general fund to establish a model policy for the use of encrypted telecommunications by law enforcement agencies consistent with the provisions of House Bill 2039 of the 2025 Session of the General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$131,516 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 pursuant to House Bill 2039.)

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Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice	\$0	\$273,350	GF
Services	0.00	1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 504, line 36, strike "\$3,749,471" and insert "\$4,022,821".

Page 505, after line 16, insert:

"H. Included within the appropriation for this item is \$273,350 the second year from the general fund to establish statewide best practices and training on the provision of security by religious institutions, consistent with the provisions of House Bill 2594 of the 2025 Session of the General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$273,350 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 pursuant to House Bill 2594.)

Item 394 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice	(\$6,837,475)	\$0	GF
Services			

Language:

Page 505, line 25, strike "\$235,665,783" and insert "\$228,828,308".

Page 508, line 13, unstrike "\$23,116,049".

Page 508, line 13, strike "\$29,953,524".

Explanation:

(This amendment maintains current support for the School Resource Officer Incentive Grant Fund at \$23.1 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2025.)

Item 394 #2h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice	(\$2,500,000)	\$0	GF
Services			

Language:

Page 505, line 25, strike "\$235,665,783" and insert "\$233,165,783".

Page 513, strike lines 25 through 35.

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Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$2.5 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 proposed in the introduced budget to establish a new local communications infrastructure grant program.)

	Item 394 #3h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$0	(\$1,500,000) GF

Language:

Page 505, line 25, strike "\$230,377,002" and insert "\$228,877,002".
Page 513, line 36, strike "\$3,500,000" and insert "\$2,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million for a proposed grant program to reimburse local law enforcement agencies for time spent transporting an individual under an emergency custody order or a temporary detention order.)

	Item 394 #4h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Criminal Justice Services	(\$200,000)	(\$200,000) GF

Language:

Page 505, line 25, strike "\$235,665,783" and insert "\$235,465,783".
Page 505, line 25, strike "\$230,377,002" and insert "\$230,177,002".
Page 506, line 29, unstrike "\$5,998,807" and strike "\$6,188,807".
Page 506, line 30, unstrike "\$8,388,807" and strike "\$8,588,807".
Page 506, line 30, strike "Out of all funds available for".
Page 506, strike line 31.
Page 506, line 32, strike "second year shall be provided to the Office of the Attorney General."

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$200,000 from the general fund each year and strikes language directing the use of at least \$500,000 each year from the Victim Witness Fund to support the Office of the Attorney General.)

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Item 394 #5h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$0	\$4,125,000	GF

Language:

Page 505, line 25, strike "\$230,377,002" and insert "\$234,502,002".

Page 509, line 1, strike "\$8,068,114" and insert "\$12,193,114".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$4.1 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to increase support for local sexual assault and domestic violence agencies. The funding increase is intended to offset reductions in support received through federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding.)

Item 394 #6h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$0	\$350,000	GF

Language:

Page 505, line 25, strike "\$230,377,002" and insert "\$230,727,002".

Page 513, after line 47, insert:

"AA. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$350,000 the second year from the general fund to be provided to the City of Newport News to support the VICTOR Program."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$350,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to Newport News to support the VICTOR Program, a pilot project for gun violence prevention.)

Item 394 #7h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	0.00	9.00	FTE

Language:

Page 513, after line 47, insert:

"AA. Out of the amounts provided in paragraph N.1.c. of this item, the Department may use up

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to \$2,500,000 million from the amounts in either year from the general fund and \$1,261,750 the second year from the general fund to establish and operate the Virginia Center for Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention consistent with the provisions of House Bill 1736 of the 2025 Session of the General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes the Department of Criminal Justice Services to use a total of \$3.8 million over the biennium from already appropriated funds to establish and operate the Virginia Center for Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention pursuant to House Bill 1736.)

Item 394 #8h

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Criminal Justice Services

Language

Language:

Page 510, line 34, strike "\$1,500,000" and insert "\$2,000,000".

Page 510, line 37, strike "first year" and "first year" and insert: "each year" and "each year".

Page 510, line 37, after "Portsmouth" insert "and the City of Newport News, ".

Explanation:

(This amendment adds the City of Newport News to the list of localities receiving a direct grant from the Virginia Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund.)

Item 401 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Emergency
Management

\$0
0.00

\$501,522 GF
2.00 FTE

Language:

Page 517, line 28, strike "\$13,267,967" and insert "\$13,769,489".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$501,522 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 and two positions to support the implementation of House Bill 2350.)

Item 404 #1h

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Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Emergency Management	\$0	\$1,958,000	GF

Language:

Page 519, line 46, strike "\$23,290,775" and insert "\$25,248,775".

Page 520, after line 17, insert:

"D. Out of the amounts in this item, \$1,958,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the County of Craig to support the critical response system upgrades."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.9 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to Craig County to support the upgrades of its response system.)

Item 406 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Fire Programs	\$0	\$200,000	GF

Language:

Page 521, line 5, strike "\$58,707,527" and insert "\$58,907,527".

Page 521, after line 32, insert:

"B. Out of this appropriation, \$200,000 general fund in the second year shall be provided to the city of Virginia Beach to support the cost of cancer screenings for the public employees who responded to the 2012 Navy Jet Crash that occurred in Virginia Beach."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$200,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to fund cancer screenings for public employees in Virginia Beach who responded to the 2012 Navy Jet Crash.)

Item 408 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Forensic Science	\$0	\$125,000	GF
	0.00	1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 522, line 23, strike "\$64,682,000" and insert "\$64,807,000".

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$125,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 and one position for the Department of Forensic Science to provide ongoing staff support to the Virginia State Commission relating to activities set out in Item 23, Paragraph A of this act.)

	Item 415 #1h		
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of State Police	\$0 0.00	\$187,656 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 528, line 41, strike "\$120,388,444" and insert "\$120,576,100".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 pursuant to House Bill 1797. This amendment is a placeholder until a fiscal impact statement for the legislation is produced.)

	Item 415 #2h		
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of State Police	\$0	\$321,730	GF

Language:

Page 528, line 41, strike "\$120,388,444" and insert "\$120,710,174".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$321,730 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 pursuant to the provisions of House Bill 1728.)

	Item 415 #3h		
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of State Police	\$0	\$48,990	GF

Language:

Page 528, line 41, strike "\$120,388,444" and insert "\$120,437,434".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$48,990 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to support the one-

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time system changes required to implement the provisions of House Bill 1869.)

	Item 415 #4h		
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of State Police	\$0	\$704,275	GF

Language:

Page 528, line 41, strike "\$120,388,444" and insert "\$121,092,719".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$704,275 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to implement the provisions of House Bill 2723.)

	Item 415 #5h		
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of State Police	\$0	\$300,000	GF
	0.00	1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 528, line 41, strike "\$120,388,444" and insert "\$120,688,444".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$300,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 and one position pursuant to House Bill 2724.)

	Item 415 #6h		
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of State Police	\$0	\$196,608	GF

Language:

Page 528, line 41, strike "\$120,388,444" and insert "\$120,585,052".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$196,608 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to implement the provisions of House Bill 2046.)

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Item 415 #7h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of State Police	\$0	\$135,800	GF

Language:

Page 528, line 41, strike "\$120,388,444" and insert "\$120,524,244".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$135,800 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to implement the provisions of House Bill 2276.)

Item 416 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of State Police	\$0	\$1,200,000	GF

Language:

Page 531, line 22, strike "\$390,661,528" and insert "\$391,861,528".

Page 533, after line 23, insert:

"U. Included within the appropriation for this item is \$1,200,000 the second year from the general fund to support the replacement of unmanned aircraft manufactured by an entity, including its subsidiaries, affiliates, or partners, that is domiciled in a country defined as a foreign adversary pursuant to § 55.1-507, Code of Virginia with unmanned aircraft that are in compliance with §§ 1821-1832 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2024."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.2 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to support the replacement of State Police drones manufactured in countries defined as a foreign adversary with drones in compliance with §§ 1821-1832 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2024.)

Item 426 #1h

Transportation

Department of Motor Vehicles

Language

Language:

Page 543, after line 14, insert:

"P. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall conduct an analysis of the DMV Select Program to

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evaluate its potential financial impact on participating localities, including any associated costs of program administration and operations. The Department shall complete the analysis and report its findings no later than December 1, 2025."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires the DMV to complete an analysis of the financial impact on localities of the DMV Select program.)

	Item 433 #1h	
Transportation	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Rail and Public Transportation	\$3,330,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 545, line 33, strike "\$982,561,629" and insert "\$985,891,629".

Page 547, line 2, strike "\$133,570,000" and insert "\$136,900,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment restores \$3.3 million in general fund support for WMATA operating support. The Governor's amendment moved \$73.4 million from the general fund from the second year to the first year and removed all second year funding, reflecting a net savings of \$11.1 million general fund. An updated estimate shows a revised savings of \$7.8 million compared to Chapter 2.)

	Item 437 #1h	
Transportation	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Transportation	\$250,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 548, line 34, strike "\$153,278,798" and insert "\$153,528,798".

Page 549, after line 18, insert:

"O. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the Department to complete a study of the impact the development of the state's highway systems on African American communities. The study shall include spatial and health analyses, the effects of discriminatory practices, and recommendations for reparative actions and equitable infrastructure planning."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$250,000 general fund in fiscal year 2025 to fund a highway equity

study.)

Item 441 #1h

Transportation

Department of Transportation

Language

Language:

Page 553, after line 44, insert:

"E. The Commissioner shall coordinate with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation to ensure that public transit buses are exempt from tolling throughout the Commonwealth."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires the VDOT Commissioner coordinate with the DRPT to ensure that public transit buses are exempted from tolls.)

Item 451 #1h

Transportation

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Port Authority

\$0

(\$4,000,000) NGF

Language:

Page 564, line 6, strike "\$11,612,325" and insert "\$7,612,325".

Page 564, line 39, strike "and \$4,000,000 the second year".

Page 565, after line 14, insert;

"F. Effective July 1, 2025, the responsibility for administering shallow dredging projects and the Waterway Maintenance Fund shall be transferred to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. Any unexpended general or nongeneral funds appropriated in fiscal years prior to fiscal year 2026 shall be transferred to the Commission to support the completion of these projects."

Explanation:

(This amendment strikes \$4.0 million from the nongeneral fund in fiscal year 2026 to support shallow dredging projects. The language transfers responsibility for these projects to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) consistent with the provisions of House Bill 1834. A companion amendment in Item 373 transfers the \$4.0 million nongeneral fund appropriation for the VMRC.)

Item 451 #2h

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Transportation	FY24-25	FY25-26
Virginia Port Authority	\$325,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 564, line 7, strike "\$20,112,325" and insert "\$20,437,325".

Page 565, after line 14, insert:

"F. Out of the amounts in this item, \$325,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the Authority to fund the non-federal sponsorship share of not more than twelve National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System (PORTS) stations in the southern Chesapeake Bay."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$325,000 general fund in fiscal year 2025 for the Port to represent the state match for the NOAA PORTS stations.)

Item 451 #3h

Transportation

Virginia Port Authority

Language

Language:

Page 565, after line 14, insert:

"F.1. Of the amounts in the Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund, up to \$8,000,000 the first year is provided to support dredging near the north end of Wallops Island.

2. The funding provided in this paragraph is contingent on the Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority (Virginia Space) providing copies of the executed building and ground leases for and the total construction costs of the Assembly, Integration, and Testing Facility, referenced in Chapter 1, 2022 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, Item 101, Paragraph T. In executing a ground lease for the property on which the Assembly, Integration, and Testing Facility resides, Virginia Space shall charge the tenant no more than one dollar per year for the duration of the performance period outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding executed August 15, 2023 between the Commonwealth, Rocket Lab USA, INC, Virginia Space, and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority. If at the end of the performance period, Rocket Lab assumes ownership of the Assembly, Integration, and Testing Facility, and sells the building, Virginia Space is hereby required to notify the Chair of the Major Employer and Investment Commission by letter of the sale, which shall include the name of the buyer and the sale price."

Explanation:

(This amendment earmarks \$8.0 million from the Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund in fiscal year 2025 for a dredging project at Wallops Island to enable barges to deliver rockets

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and other materials to the launch site and the facilities.)

Item 455 #1h

Veterans and Defense Affairs	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Veterans Services	(\$3,000,000)	\$0	GF
	\$3,000,000	\$0	NGF

Language:

Page 569, line 5, strike "\$23,760,000" and insert "\$20,760,000".

Page 569, line 6, after "fund" insert:

"and \$3,000,000 the first year from nongeneral funds".

Explanation:

(This amendment offsets \$3.0 million in general funds proposed the first year for startup costs at Puller and Janes & Cabacoy Veterans Care Centers with \$3.0 million the first year from nongeneral fund cash-on-hand held by the agency.)

Item 456 #1h

Veterans and Defense Affairs	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Veterans Services	\$0	\$113,742	GF
	0.00	1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 569, line 18, strike "\$37,095,545" and insert "\$37,209,287".

Page 570, after line 32, insert:

"H. Out of the appropriation for this item, \$113,742 the second year from the general fund is provided to implement the provisions of House Bill 2071 of the 2025 Session of the General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$113,742 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 for the identification of incarcerated veterans pursuant to House Bill 2071.)

Item 456 #2h

Veterans and Defense Affairs	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Veterans Services	\$0	\$145,000	GF
	0.00	1.00	FTE

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Language:

Page 569, line 18, strike "\$37,095,545" and insert "\$37,240,545".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$145,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 and one position pursuant to House Bill 1738, which would establish a Veterans Suicide Prevention Program at the Department of Veterans Services.)

	Item 469 #1h	
Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26
Central Appropriations	\$55,590,759	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 576, line 17, strike "\$202,906,143" and insert "\$258,496,902".

Page 585, after line 12, insert:

"V.1. There is hereby established in the state treasury and on the books of the State Comptroller a special nonreverting fund known as the Public Employee Compensation Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall be credited to the general fund.

2. Out of the amounts included in the appropriation for this item, \$55,590,759 shall be deposited into the Public Employee Compensation Fund. The moneys in the Fund shall be used solely for the purpose of providing the compensation actions authorized in subparagraphs 3. and 4. below.

3.a. Out of the amounts deposited into the fund \$41,124,763 to provide a one-time bonus payment of one percent of the base salary on December 1, 2025 to all classified employees of the Executive Branch and other full-time employees of the Commonwealth, except elected officials, who were employed on or before August 10, 2025 and remained employed until at least November 10, 2025.

b. Employees in the Executive Department subject to the Virginia Personnel Act shall receive the bonus payment authorized in this paragraph only if they have attained an equivalent rating of at least "Contributor" on their performance evaluation and have no active written notices under the Standards of Conduct within the preceding twelve-month period.

c. The governing authorities of the state institutions of higher education may provide the bonus for faculty and university staff based on performance and other employment-related factors, as long as the bonuses do not exceed what the average would have been based on the general methodology authorized in this paragraph.

4. Out of the amounts deposited into the fund, \$14,011,155 is provided for a one-time bonus, equal to one percent of their base salary on December 1, 2025 provided that the governing authority of such employees use such funds to support the provision of a bonus for the following listed employees.

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- a. Locally-elected constitutional officers;
- b. General Registrars and members of local electoral boards;
- c. Full-time employees of locally-elected constitutional officers; and,
- d. Full-time employees of Community Services Boards, Centers for Independent Living, secure detention centers supported by Juvenile Block Grants, juvenile delinquency prevention and local court service units, local social services boards, local pretrial services act and comprehensive community corrections."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$55.6 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 to fund a one percent bonus for state employees and state supported local employees effective December 1, 2025.)

Item 469 #2h

Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Central Appropriations	\$100,000,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 576, line 17, strike "\$202,906,143" and insert "\$302,906,143".

Page 585, after line 12, insert:

"V. Included in this appropriation, \$100,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for a lump sum payment to the Virginia Retirement System to reduce the unfunded liability in the state employee retiree health credit program."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100.0 million general fund in fiscal year 2025 to reduce the unfunded liability in the state employee retiree health credit program.)

Item 469 #3h

Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Central Appropriations	\$0	\$1,605,000	GF

Language:

Page 576, line 17, strike "\$433,380,668" and insert "\$434,985,668".

Page 577, line 41, strike "\$80,150,128" and insert "\$81,755,128".

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$1.6 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 for the state employee health insurance program to reflect the impact of the passage of House Bill 1641, House Bill 1828, and House Bill 2371 of the 2025 General Assembly Session.)

Item 471 #1h

Central Appropriations

Central Appropriations

Language

Language:

Page 589, after line 28, insert:

"J. The balances of any funds originally provided for victims of mass violence pursuant to Item 485, Chapter 1, 2023 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I shall be reappropriated. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall transfer the funds to the Mass Violence Care Fund pursuant to § 9.1-1600, Code of Virginia."

Page 589, strike lines 29 through 34.

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Planning and Budget to \$10 million previously appropriated for victims of mass violence in Chapter 1, 2023 Acts of Assembly Special I to the Mass Violence Care Fund, which would be established pursuant to House Bill 1711.)

Item 471 #2h

Central Appropriations

FY24-25

FY25-26

Central Appropriations

\$0
\$0

\$2,020,020 GF
\$1,983,471 NGF

Language:

Page 587, line 12, strike "\$3,265,382" and insert "\$7,268,873".

Page 590, after line 29, insert:

"Q. Out of this appropriation, \$2,020,020 the second year from the general fund and \$1,983,471 the second year from the nongeneral fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1928 of the 2025 General Assembly Session. Out of the amounts provided in this paragraph, the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget shall distribute \$683 from the general fund to the Compensation Board to support support increases to the minimum wage for state supported constitutional officers."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million from the general fund and \$2.0 million from the nongeneral fund to support increases to the state's minimum wage to \$13.50 an hour starting

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January 1, 2026. The costs reflected in this amendment are for state employees and state-supported constitutional officers.)

Item 471 #3h

Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Central Appropriations	\$0	\$3,330,565	GF
	\$0	\$9,437,500	NGF

Language:

Page 587, line 11, strike "\$3,265,382" and insert "\$16,033,447".

Page 590, after line 29, insert:

"Q. Out of this appropriation, \$3,330,565 the second year from the general fund and \$9,437,500 the second year from the nongeneral fund is provided to effectuate the provisions House Bill 2764 of the 2025 General Assembly Session. Out of the amounts provided in this paragraph, the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget shall distribute \$439,592 from the general fund to the Office of the Attorney General and Department of Law; \$1,484,113 from the general fund to the Department of Human Resource Management; \$937,500 from the general fund and \$937,500 from the nongeneral fund to the Department of Medical Assistance Services; \$469,000 from the general fund to the Department of Labor and Industry; and \$8,500,000 from the nongeneral fund to the Department of Accounts."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$12.7 million to fund the provisions of House Bill 2764 of the 2025 General Assembly Session, which authorizes collective bargaining for state employees. The Department of Planning and Budget estimates that resources will be needed prior to the enactment of this bill on July 1, 2026.)

Item 471 #4h

Central Appropriations

Central Appropriations

Language

Language:

Page 590, line 9, strike "Virginia Clean Energy Innovation Bank" and insert:

"Virginia Clean Energy Innovation Fund".

Page 590, line 10, after "administration." insert:

"The Department of Energy shall be prohibited from obligating the resources provided in this paragraph to any project until the enactment of House Bill 2509 of the 2025 General Assembly."

Explanation:

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(This amendment redirects \$10.0 million provided to fund the Virginia Clean Energy Innovation Bank in Chapter 2, 2024 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I to the Virginia Clean Energy Innovation Fund created by House Bill 2509 of the 2025 General Assembly Session.)

Item 473 #1h

Central Appropriations

Central Appropriations

Language

Language:

Page 591, after line 48, insert:

"E. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or provisions therein, the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, no later than July 15, 2025, shall distribute second year funds as follows:

<i>Institution</i>	<i>FY 2026 Allocation</i>
<i>Christopher Newport University</i>	<i>\$751,702</i>
<i>College of William and Mary</i>	<i>1,384,198</i>
<i>George Mason University</i>	<i>4,075,259</i>
<i>James Madison University</i>	<i>685,381</i>
<i>Longwood University</i>	<i>263,415</i>
<i>University of Mary Washington</i>	<i>654,911</i>
<i>Norfolk State University</i>	<i>241,601</i>
<i>Old Dominion University</i>	<i>1,480,916</i>
<i>University of Virginia</i>	<i>1,718,369</i>
<i>University of Virginia's College at Wise</i>	<i>71,328</i>
<i>Virginia Commonwealth University</i>	<i>1,345,125</i>
<i>Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University</i>	<i>9,695,499</i>
<i>Virginia State University</i>	<i>305,824</i>
<i>George Mason University (Masters)</i>	<i>1,722,478</i>
<i>Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University (Masters)</i>	<i>3,261,805</i>
<i>Virginia Community College System</i>	<i>1,272,643</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$28,930,454''.</i>

Explanation:

(This amendment distributes the Tech Talent Investment Fund second year allocation.)

Item 479 #1h

Independent Agencies

FY24-25

FY25-26

State Corporation Commission

\$94,500

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 595, line 8, strike "\$408,828,801" and insert "\$408,923,301".

Page 595, after line 55, insert:

"G. Out of this appropriation, \$94,500 from the general fund the first year is provided to defray the cost to qualified plans sold on Virginia's Insurance Marketplace for implementing House Bill 1641 as passed during the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly. Any balances for the purposes specified in this paragraph which are unexpended on June 30, 2025, shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$94,500 from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 to implement the provisions of House Bill 1641, as passed during the 2025 Regular Session, to defray the cost of mandating qualified health plans to cover the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric autoimmune disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS) and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS). The funding defrays the costs to include the coverage provided through qualified health plans sold through Virginia's Insurance Marketplace, the state's health benefit exchange.)

Item 479 #2h

Independent Agencies

State Corporation Commission

Language

Language:

Page 595, after line 55, insert:

"G. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall, on or before June 30, 2025, unallot \$20,000,000 from the dedicated special funds in this item, which reflects unused balances in the Commonwealth Health Reinsurance Plan."

Explanation:

(This amendment captures \$20.0 million in balances the first year in the Commonwealth Health Reinsurance Plan within the State Corporation Commission.)

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Independent Agencies	FY24-25	FY25-26	
State Corporation Commission	(\$25,000,000)	(\$42,000,000)	GF

Language:

Page 595, line 8, strike "\$408,828,801" and insert "\$383,828,801".
Page 595, line 9, strike "\$604,053,109" and insert "\$562,053,109".
Page 595, line 37, strike "\$25,000,000 the first year and".
Page 595, line 37, strike "\$67,000,000" and insert "\$25,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces the general fund appropriation by \$25.0 million the first year and \$42.0 million the second year for the Commonwealth Health Reinsurance Program. Current estimates of federal funding indicate less need for state general fund amounts to support the program in fiscal year 2025 and fiscal year 2026.)

Item 482 #1h

Independent Agencies

Virginia College Savings Plan	Language
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Language:

Page 598, strike lines 6 through 10.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language proposed in the introduced budget as it relates to activities of the Commonwealth Savers Plan.)

Item 484 #1h

Independent Agencies	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Retirement System	\$76,000	\$375,400	NGF

Language:

Page 599, line 5, strike "\$23,181,353" and insert "\$23,257,353".
Page 599, line 5, strike "\$22,961,363" and insert "\$23,336,763".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides the VRS with administrative funding to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1705 and House Bill 1815 of the 2025 General Assembly Session.)

Item 489.20 #1h

Independent Agencies

Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority

Language

Language:

- Page 603, strike lines 12 through 18.
- Page 603, line 19, strike "B." and insert "A."
- Page 603, line 21, strike "C." and insert "B."
- Page 603, line 23, strike "D" and insert "C."
- Page 603, line 26, strike "E." and insert "D."
- Page 603, line 34, strike "F." and insert "E."

Explanation:

(This amendment removes obsolete reporting language relating to enterprise information technology projects at the Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.)

Item 489.30 #1h

Independent Agencies

Virginia Cannabis Control Authority

Language

Language:

- Page 604, after line 7, insert:
"C. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 4-3.02 of this act, the State Comptroller may authorize an interest-free treasury loan for the Cannabis Control Authority to fund costs associated with the creation of a retail cannabis market in the Commonwealth consistent with the provisions of House Bill 2485 of the 2025 Session of the General Assembly. The amount of the treasury loan may include costs as estimated to be incurred by the Authority and the Department of Taxation for the administration, regulation, enforcement, and oversight of a retail cannabis market in accordance with House Bill 2485 of the 2025 Session of the General Assembly. The Secretary of Finance may extend the repayment plan for any such interest-free treasury loan for a period of longer than twelve months as needed to support Authority costs associated with the administration and regulation of a retail cannabis market. Intended repayment of the treasury loan is with revenues anticipated from fines, fees, and taxes collected pursuant to the legislation."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides for the provision of an interest-free treasury loan to the Cannabis Control Authority to support the creation of a retail cannabis market in the Commonwealth consistent with the provisions of House Bill 2485.)

Item 489.40 #1h

Independent Agencies

Opioid Abatement Authority

Language

Language:

Page 604, line 49, strike "\$15,664,145" and insert "\$15,564,145".

Page 605, strike lines 15 and 16.

Page 605, after line 18, insert:

"Department of Social Services (765)	Addiction Treatment Navigator	\$0	\$400,000".
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Explanation:

(This amendment updates a table of all appropriations in the budget related to the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund.)

Item 489.50 #1h

Independent Agencies

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Gaming Commission

\$0
0.00

\$8,473,048
37.00

NGF
FTE

Language:

Page 605, after line 26, insert:

"INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

§ 1-144 Virginia Gaming Commission (XXX)

489.50 Virginia Gaming Commission	\$0	\$8,473,048
Fund Sources: General	\$0	\$0
Special	\$0	\$8,473,048 "

A.1 Pursuant to the provisions of § 4-14 of this act, there is hereby created the Virginia Gaming Commission. No later than June 30, 2026, the appropriations and positions of the agencies listed in the portions of § 4-14 of this Act which establish the Virginia Gaming Commission shall be transferred from the agencies listed to the Virginia Gaming Commission.

2. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall include implementation of the actions set forth in this item in the Budget Bill submitted to the 2026 Session of the General

Assembly.

B. In order to carry out the provisions of § 4-14 of this act establishing the Virginia Gaming Commission, there is hereby appropriated a sum sufficient amount of nongeneral fund revenues estimated at \$8,473,048 the second year equal to the gaming revenues enumerated in the provisions of § 4-14 of this act establishing the Virginia Gaming Commission.

C. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 4-3.02 of this act, the State Comptroller may authorize an interest-free treasury loan for the Virginia Gaming Commission to fund costs associated with the implementation of the provisions establishing the Virginia Gaming Commission within § 4-14 of this act. The amount of the treasury loan may include costs as estimated to be incurred by the Commission for the administration, regulation, enforcement, and oversight of gaming as specified in § 4-14 of this act. The Secretary of Finance may extend the repayment plan for any such interest-free treasury loan for a period of longer than twelve months as needed to support Commission costs associated with the administration and regulation of gaming. Intended repayment of the treasury loan is with anticipated Commission revenues."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides sum sufficient appropriation and 37 positions to establish the Virginia Gaming Commission pursuant to certain provisions of § 4-14 of House Bill 1600. This amendment authorizes the transfer of appropriations and positions of agencies identified in relevant portions of § 4-14 to the Virginia Racing Commission, and directs the Department of Planning and Budget to include the implementation of such actions in the Budget Bill submitted to the 2026 Session of the General Assembly. This amendment further authorizes the provision of an interest-free treasury loan to support the establishment of the Virginia Gaming Commission.)

Item C-3.50 #1h

Administration

Department of General Services

Language

Language:

Page 617, after line 9, insert:

"H.1. The scope for this project shall include approximately 220,000 square feet of assignable floor area to allow for relocation of tenants in Monroe, flexibility to adapt to unanticipated program needs, and the provision of swing space for pending renovations of other seat of government buildings. In addition, the scope shall include 21,900 square feet of assignable floor area for a conference center to replace that which will be lost with the Monroe Building, 19,200 sf of assignable floor area for a data center and facility and security offices, space sufficient for the relocation of the health clinic currently in the Monroe Building, and parking capacity estimated at 836 spaces.

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2.The Department of General Services shall provide an update to the Six-Year Capital Outlay Plan Advisory Committee prior to December 15, 2025, on estimated size, cost, and timeline for construction of the facility, as well as for options as to the inclusion of a childcare facility for state employees in the building design and scope.

I.1. On July 1, 2025, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) shall transfer to the Department of General Services (DGS), the 0.535-acre parcel and the improvements thereon, located at 1401 East Broad Street, in the City of Richmond, Virginia, designated as City of Richmond Tax Parcel E0000153005 (the “Annex Parcel”), as shown and more particularly described on that certain plat entitled “Compiled Map–Commonwealth of Virginia, Vacation of Lot Lines and Consolidation of Multiple Parcels Located in the Blocks Bounded by Broad Street, 14th Street, Bank Street and 9th Street, City of Richmond, Virginia,” as recorded on June 4, 2018, in the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk of the City of Richmond with Instrument #18-11067. Additionally, any surface parking areas adjacent to this facility that fall within the intended footprint of the capital project authorized by this item, if not already owned by DGS, shall also transfer in full ownership and control to DGS. Upon VDOT fully vacating the building on the Annex Parcel, VDOT shall relinquish operations of the Annex building and appended elevated pedestrian walkway over Old 14th Street to DGS.

2. VDOT shall continue to operate the building located on the Annex Parcel until such time as VDOT completes the relocation of staff from the Annex building. DGS shall have control and use of areas designated for transition space for the 2025 elected officials and staff. DGS and VDOT may enter into an agreement to support activities during the transition. Any such MOA shall recognize as priority use of the building for transition space; such use which may continue as needed to accommodate renovations to the Patrick Henry Building (PHB). All efforts should be made so that continued use of the facility by VDOT or to accommodate offices during renovation of the PHB should not delay the advancement of the capital project authorized in this item.

J. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 22.1-13, Code of Virginia, meetings of the Board of Education shall be held in a location as proximate as possible to the seat of government in Richmond during the period in which public meeting space is not readily available due to the transition of state agencies out of the Monroe Building."

Explanation:

(This language amendment stipulates provisions related to a project to construct a new state agency office building at the current site of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Annex Building in Richmond. Specifically, the language relays an intended initial scope for project planning, and transfers property from VDOT to allow for future development of the site for the project. Finally, the language allow contains provisions regarding the near-term use of the property.)

Administration

Department of General Services

Language

Language:

Page 617, strike lines 12 through 24 and insert:

“The Department of General Services shall undergo a review of potential relocation of its Office of Fleet Management Services (OFMS), currently located at the property at 2400 West Leigh Street in the City of Richmond. The review shall include, but not be limited to, (i) examination of other properties for relocation of OFMS, (ii) review of potential consolidation with the Virginia State Police and any other sizeable public fleet operations in the Richmond area, and (iii) potential market offerings for OFMS' current location. Virginia State Police and other affected agencies shall assist with the review as needed, which shall be provided to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1, 2025.”

Explanation:

(This language amendment removes authorization for the sale of property currently housing the state's fleet and instead directs the Department of General Services (DGS) undergo a review of such a relocation, to include potential efficiencies realized by co-locating with other public fleet entities, and report to the General Assembly by November 1, 2025.)

Item C-8.60 #1h

Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Norfolk State University

\$6,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 619, line 16, strike "\$2,633,223" and insert "\$8,633,223".

Page 619, strike lines 18 through 21 and insert:

"Out of this appropriation, \$8,633,223 the first year from the general fund is provided to make campus safety and security improvements. This includes perimeter fencing, lighting, emergency call station installation and improvements, as well as property acquisition, and ensuing demolition and site stabilization/greening of resulting vacant land, as necessary. Any such land acquisitions shall be directly adjacent or in the near vicinity of the campus to make critical improvements to the security and safety of the campus and of its immediate surroundings.”

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$6.0 million the first year from the general fund to increase funding for a security project at Norfolk State University to a total of \$8.2 million.)

Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Commonwealth University

Language:

Page 620, after line 37, insert:

"C-14.10 - Transfer Property to Virginia State University

\$0

\$0

Page 620, after line 37, insert:

"A. Notwithstanding any provision of law, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) shall immediately transfer the certain lot of land, commonly known as First African Baptist Church, with church buildings and improvements thereon, lying and being in the City of Richmond, Virginia, specifically parcel VI as described in survey plan T-R99355-01 prepared by Draper Aden Associates stamped September 13, 2001 to Virginia State University (VSU).

B It is the intent of the General Assembly that the reuse of this property by Virginia State University involves academic, historic preservation, and museum purposes.

C. VSU assumes, directly or indirectly, all responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the property.

D. The transfer of the property pursuant to paragraph A is conditioned upon the existence of a binding agreement between VCU and VSU that (a) provides that if VSU discontinues use for academic, historic preservation or museum purposes or conveys the property other than by lease to Virginia Union University, title to the property will revert to VCU and (b) updates the property survey for the purpose of revising the ownership tax records for the City of Richmond."

Explanation:

(This amendment is self-explanatory.)

Health and Human Resources

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Language

Language:

Page 623, after line 12, insert:

"C. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) shall form a workgroup to review and recommend placement for a replacement Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute. The workgroup shall include representatives from the Department of General

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Services, local public and private stakeholders, and other partners as necessary to make the best determination of appropriate location of a future facility. As needed, DBHDS may use funds appropriated to this item to support any research or contractual costs associated with this workgroup. The department shall report findings and recommendations of the workgroup to the Chairs of the Committees of House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations, as well as to the Committees of House Health and Human Services and Senate Education and Health, no later than November 1, 2025."

Explanation:

(This language amendment directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to establish a workgroup to review and recommend location of a future replacement facility for the Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute.)

	Item C-24.10 #1h	
Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$3,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 623, after line 12, insert:

"C-24.10 Improvements: Skilled Nursing at Southeastern Virginia Training Center	\$3,000,000	\$0
Fund Sources: General	\$3,000,000	\$0 "

"A. Out of this appropriation, \$3,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to convert 10 existing beds at the Southeastern Virginia Training Center so that they can accommodate a skilled nursing level of care. Agencies involved in the review and approval of funds, design plans, and procurement documents supporting this project shall expedite their involvement with respect to the emergent nature of this project. To the extent that general fund appropriation provided in this item is supplanted by federal funds available for this project, the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall transfer unused general fund appropriation from this item to project 720-18731, Renovate, Repair, and Upgrade State-Operated Facilities, to be used to address other critical deferred maintenance needs at DBHDS statewide facilities."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.0 million the first year from the general fund to convert 10 existing beds at Southeastern Virginia Training Center to a skilled nursing level of care. These conversions will enable transfer of residents at Hiram Davis Medical Center (HDMC) with respect to its anticipated closing by December 2027. Due to the emergent need for this project,

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language provided in the amendment directs expedient action by all state agencies involved in the progression of this capital project. The amendment also enables the utilization of federal funds for the conversion work and, in the event they are made available, directs transfer of any supplanted general funds to another DBHDS project to be used for critical deferred maintenance needs at other statewide DBHDS facilities.)

Item C-25 #1h

Natural and Historic Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Language

Language:

Page 623, line 41 after "Widewater," insert "Oak Hill,".

Explanation:

(This amendment adds Oak Hill to the list of state parks included in the capital project for which the Department is authorized to purchase or receive contiguous lands.)

Item C-29.30 #1h

Natural and Historic Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Conservation and Recreation

\$20,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 624, after line 11, insert:

"C-29.30 Improvements: State Parks Deferred Maintenance

\$20,000,000

\$0

Fund Sources: General

\$20,000,000

\$0 "

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$20.0 million general fund the first year for an umbrella capital project at the Department of Conservation and Recreation to address the backlog of deferred maintenance at Virginia's state parks.)

Item C-32.10 #1h

Public Safety

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Corrections

\$48,264,467

\$0 GF

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Language:

Page 625, after line 32, insert:

"C-32.10 Improvements: HVAC Improvements and Installations	\$48,264,467	\$0
Fund Sources: General	\$48,264,467	\$0 "

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$48.3 million the first year from the general fund for an umbrella project to upgrade correctional facilities that do not currently have fully-operable air conditioning.)

Item C-46 #1h

Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Central Capital Outlay	\$260,000,000	(\$260,000,000)	GF

Language:

- Page 628, line 12, strike "\$204,000,000" and insert "\$464,000,000".
- Page 628, line 12, strike "\$260,000,000" and insert "\$0".
- Page 628, line 14, strike "\$204,000,000" and insert "\$464,000,000".
- Page 628, line 14, after "the first year", strike the remainder of the line.
- Page 628, strike lines 17 through 50 and insert:

"Agency Name/Code	Project Code	FY 2025	FY 2026
Department of Military Affairs (123)	10893	\$6,598,736	\$0
The Science Museum of Virginia (146)	13634	\$3,038,994	\$0
Department of State Police (156)	10886	\$977,583	\$0
Department of General Services (194)	14260	\$30,237,859	\$0
Department of General Services (194) on behalf of the Fort Monroe Authority	18644	\$9,919,766	\$0
Department of Conservation and Recreation (199)	16646	\$9,761,353	\$0
The Library of Virginia (202)	17423	\$500,000	\$0

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Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center (203)	10885	\$1,232,956	\$0
The College of William and Mary (204)	12713	\$10,757,863	\$0
University of Virginia (207)	12704	\$35,164,296	\$0
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (208)	12707	\$43,436,553	\$0
Virginia Military Institute (211)	12732	\$6,715,101	\$0
Virginia State University (212)	12733	\$8,796,168	\$0
Norfolk State University (213)	12724	\$6,887,893	\$0
Longwood University (214)	12722	\$4,577,156	\$0
University of Mary Washington (215)	12723	\$10,392,201	\$0
James Madison University (216)	12718	\$11,528,322	\$0
Radford University (217)	12731	\$9,113,825	\$0
Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind (218)	14082	\$2,261,265	\$0
Old Dominion University (221)	12710	\$11,365,908	\$0
Virginia Commonwealth University (236)	12708	\$36,741,203	\$0
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (238)	13633	\$5,484,767	\$0
Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia (239)	15045	\$554,787	\$0
Richard Bland College (241)	12716	\$921,258	\$0
Christopher Newport University (242)	12719	\$6,214,257	\$0
University of Virginia's College at Wise (246)	12706	\$2,790,727	\$0
George Mason University (247)	12712	\$9,582,803	\$0
Virginia Community College System (260)	12611	\$57,507,710	\$0
Virginia Institute of Marine Science (268)	12331	\$1,809,563	\$0
Eastern Virginia Medical School (274)	18190	\$5,014,488	\$0

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Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (301)	12253	\$846,643	\$0
Department of Energy (409)	13096	\$500,000	\$0
Department of Forestry (411)	13986	\$4,446,274	\$0
Gunston Hall (417)	12382	\$500,000	\$0
Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation (425)	13605	\$3,516,132	\$0
Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (702)	13942	\$736,245	\$0
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (720)	10880	\$18,634,016	\$0
Department of Juvenile Justice (777)	15081	\$3,975,731	\$0
Department of Forensic Science (778)	16320	\$1,817,851	\$0
Department of Corrections (799)	10887	\$75,570,422	\$0
Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (885)	18044	\$500,000	\$0
Department of Veterans Services (912)	17073	\$500,000	\$0
Roanoke Higher Education Authority (935)	17916	\$663,283	\$0
Southern Virginia Higher Education Center (937)	18131	\$500,000	\$0
New College Institute (938)	18132	\$250,000	\$0
Virginia Museum of Natural History (942)	14439	\$600,000	\$0
Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center (948)	16499	\$558,042	\$0

Page 629, strike lines 1 through 53.

Page 631, after line 23, insert:

"Q. Out of amounts provided in this item, the Department of General Services is authorized to use an amount estimated at \$1,000,000 to continue efforts first authorized in Item 71 I. of this act to assess, upgrade, and increase capabilities of systems associated with the management of Commonwealth capital assets."

Explanation:

(This amendment reflects a zero-sum shift of \$260.0 million in general fund from the second year to the first year and authorizes use of these funds by the Department of General Services to continue on efforts to update capabilities to manage data related to the Commonwealth's capital

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assets.)

Item C-47 #1h

Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26
Central Capital Outlay	\$5,700,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 631, line 26, strike "\$100,568,505" and insert "\$106,268,505".

Page 631, line 29, strike "\$100,568,505" and insert "106,268,505".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$5.7 million the first year from the general fund to right-size funding for furniture, fixtures, and equipment for projects currently under construction and nearing completion.)

Item C-48 #1h

Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26
Central Capital Outlay	\$12,500,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 632, line 25, strike "\$51,987,457" and insert "\$64,487,457".

Page 632, line 30, strike "\$40,233,560" and insert "\$52,733,560".

Page 633, line 29, strike "\$31,698,103" and insert "\$43,948,103".

Page 633, line 31, strike "\$31,698,103" and insert "\$44,198,103".

Page 633, after line 48, insert:

"247 George Mason University Construct Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Building".

Page 634, after line 12, insert:

"N. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for Virginia State University to initiate pre-planning to replace the Johnson Memorial Library.

O.1. The scope of the project authorized in this item to construct a new State Laboratory for the Department of General Services shall have the lab constructed on the approximate 21.2-acre portion of Tax Parcel 7795-99-9936 lying in the Chickahominy District of Hanover County, beginning at the intersection formed by the westerly line of Times Dispatch Boulevard with the northerly line of Tax Parcel 8705-08-0209; thence, in a southwesterly direction, following the northerly line of Tax Parcel 8705-08-0209, to a point in the easterly line of the Interstate 295 exit ramp onto Chamberlayne Road (Route 301); thence, following the easterly line of the Interstate 295 exit ramp onto Chamberlayne Road (Route 301), to a point of intersection formed by the southerly line of Tax Parcel 7796-90-0272; thence following the southerly line of Tax

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Parcel 7796-90-0272, to its easterly terminus at Lockwood Boulevard; thence, in a southeasterly direction, along a radial line, to its intersection with the westerly line of Times Dispatch Boulevard; thence, following the westerly line of Times Dispatch Boulevard in a southerly direction to the point of beginning. Such property shall, no later than January 1, 2026, convey full to the Department of General Services.

2. The scope of the project may include space to locate state pharmacy operations."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$12.5 million the first year from the general fund, adds two projects to the capital planning pool, and clarifies the intended scope of the project to construct a new state laboratory.)

	Item C-52 #1h	
Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26
Central Capital Outlay	(\$125,372,497)	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 637, line 43, strike "\$136,311,497" and insert "\$10,939,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment adjusts the general fund appropriation for a project to construct a new Training Academy for the Virginia State Police to provide sufficient funding for the project to progress all the way through working drawings. The net \$10.9 million provided in this item, combined with \$2.5 million previously provided for this project, amounts to a total of \$13.4 million, sufficient for the project to progress fully through design and completion of working drawings, anticipated for future fiscal biennia at the start of calendar year 2027.)

	Item C-52.10 #1h	
Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26
Central Capital Outlay	\$60,970,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 638, line 6, strike "\$528,545,771" and insert "\$589,515,771".

Page 638, line 10, strike "\$448,214,251" and insert "\$509,184,251".

Page 638, after line 19, insert:

"204 College of William and Mary Renovate Ewell Hall".

Page 638, after line 29, insert:

"212 Virginia State University Construct BOLT Leadership Academy for Social Responsibility

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(18703)".

Page 638, after line 31, insert:

"216 James Madison University Renovate Johnston Hall (18758)".

Page 638, after line 35, insert:

"260 Virginia Community College System Construct Aviation Maintenance Technician Facility at Blue Ridge and Danville Community Colleges".

Page 638, line 39, after "B", insert "1."

Page 638, line 39, strike "shall" and insert "may".

Page 638, after line 41, insert:

"2. The scope of the project is hereby expanded to include the renovation of four smaller campus buildings at Virginia State University, as follows: Colson Hall, Lindsay Montague, Johnella Jackson, and Memorial Hall. The intent of these renovations is to provide near-term relocation of educational and general faculty and staff relocated from Virginia Hall. The scope of the projects shall include any needed updates to the buildings' critical systems, envelope, and/or other core elements as needed for the buildings to be utilized by the institution in the long term as educational and general office support space.

C. The project to Construct BOLT Leadership Center for Social Responsibility (18703) at Virginia State University is hereby authorized to proceed through working drawings. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall utilize \$932,750 from this item to reimburse Virginia State University for any nongeneral funds expended in the planning of this project.

D. Out of this appropriation, \$750,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for transfer to the Virginia Community College System to support a capital project to create a Workforce Trades and Innovation Center at Paul D. Camp Community College."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$61.0 million from the general fund the first year and makes changes to projects authorized for construction at institutions of higher education.)

Item C-52.20 #1h

Central Appropriations

FY24-25

FY25-26

Central Capital Outlay

(\$15,734,993)

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 638, line 42, strike "\$130,451,057" and insert "\$114,716,064".

Page 638, line 44, strike "\$130,451,057" and insert "\$114,716,064".

Page 638, strike lines 49 through 52.

Page 639, after line 5, insert:

"194 Department of General Services Carillon Tenant Improvements

194 Department of General Services Construct Statue of former Governor L. Douglas Wilder".

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Page 639, after line 21, insert:

"C. The Department of General Services shall contract for the construction of a statue for placement on Capitol Square that commemorates the legacy of former Governor L. Douglas Wilder.

D. Out of this appropriation, \$7,400,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to Accomack County for engineering, land, right-of-way and permitting costs associated with an energy infrastructure expansion project in Virginia. The Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with Chesapeake Utilities prior to the release of these funds.

E. The Clerks of the House and Senate are hereby authorized to utilize balances in Item 1 to collaborate with the Department of General Services for any needed renovations for the purposes set out in Item 1.D.2. of this act."

Explanation:

(This amendment is a net reduction of \$15.7 million in the first year from the general fund accompanying adjustments to capital projects authorized in the 2025 State Agency Capital Account.)

	Item C-53.50 #1h	
Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26
Central Capital Outlay	(\$368,835,300)	\$0 GF
	\$200,000,000	\$200,000,000 NGF

Language:

Page 639, line 35, strike "\$400,000,000" and insert "\$231,164,700".

Page 639, line 35, strike "\$0" and insert "\$200,000,000".

Page 639, strike lines 39 through 54, and insert:

"A.1. Out of this appropriation, \$31,164,700 the first year from the general fund, and \$200,000,000 the first year and \$200,000,000 the second year from nongeneral fund bond proceeds are authorized for transfer to the Department of Environmental Quality to make matching grants for Water Quality Improvement Fund eligible wastewater projects for Chesapeake Bay nutrient reductions authorized under Code of Virginia §§ 10.1-1186.01.F., 10.1-2131.C., and 62.1- 44.19:14.G.1.

2. The Virginia Public Building Authority pursuant to § 2.2-2260 et seq., Code of Virginia, is hereby authorized to issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$200,000,000 the first year and \$200,000,000 the second year plus amounts needed to fund issuance costs, reserve funds, original issue discount, interest prior to and during the acquisition or construction and for one year after completion thereof, and other financing expenses, in accordance with § 2.2-2263, Code of Virginia, to be provided to the Department of Environmental Quality to make matching

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grants for Water Quality Improvement Fund eligible wastewater projects for Chesapeake Bay nutrient reduction authorized under Code of Virginia §§ 10.1-1186.01.F., 10.1-2131.C., and 62.1-44.19:14.G.1.

3. Debt service on the bonds issued under the authorization in this item shall be provided from appropriations to the Treasury Board."

Explanation:

(This amendment restores utilization of bond proceeds to support critical wastewater treatment plant upgrade cost overruns. Such debt was authorized during the 2024 General Assembly Special Session I and so this does not obligate any new or additional general fund supported debt. This amendment also provides an additional \$31.2 million from the general fund in the first year to meet updated cost requirements for the current biennium.)

Item C-53.60 #1h

Central Appropriations

Central Capital Outlay

Language

Language:

Page 640, after line 41, insert:

"4. The Secretary of Finance, Department of Health (VDH), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and other public entities as needed, shall form a workgroup to make a recommendation to the General Assembly no later than October 1, 2025, regarding the creation of a commission to oversee asset management planning and rates, and to monitor the operation and maintenance for the distribution of water via the infrastructure project authorized in this item. Membership of the commission shall have a state majority and, at a minimum, shall include at least one representative from the Town of Crewe, one from other localities who purchase water or are otherwise directly impacted, representatives from VDH, DEQ, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Department of Corrections, and other entities as so recommended by the workgroup. In its report, the workgroup shall provide recommendations on suggested ownership, rates, and stipulations for ongoing operations. Nothing related to the efforts of this workgroup shall delay or otherwise impact the progression of the capital project authorized in this item."

Explanation:

(This language amendment directs the establishment of a workgroup to make recommendations to the General Assembly on the potential creation of a commission to oversee water infrastructure installed by the state to support the potable and fire safety needs of three state facilities located in Nottoway County.)

Item 3-1.01 #1h

Transfers

Interfund Transfers

Language

Language:

Page 653, line 22, strike the first "\$12,184,600" and insert "\$12,959,600".

Explanation:

(This amendment increases the transfer from the general fund to the Game Protection fund at the Department of Wildlife Resources by \$775,000 to reflect the amount necessary to support Department activities related to invasive species management. The amount and purpose was authorized by Chapter 2 of 2024 Special Session I.)

Item 3-1.01 #2h

Transfers

Interfund Transfers

Language

Language:

Page 653, line 24, after "and" insert:
"transfer to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission".

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects the transfer of the Virginia Waterway Maintenance for the second year from the Port to the VMRC consistent with the provisions of House Bill 1834.)

Item 3-1.01 #3h

Transfers

Interfund Transfers

Language

Language:

Page 654, line 47, strike the first "\$500,000" and insert "\$5,814,002".

Explanation:

(This amendment transfers excess amounts in the Regulatory, Consumer Advocacy, Litigation, and Enforcement Revolving Trust Fund to the general fund in the first year.)

Item 3-2.03 #1h

Working Capital Funds and Lines of Credit

Lines of Credit

Language

Language:

Page 657, strike lines 12 and 13.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes a newly-proposed \$12.0 million line of credit for the Department of Military Affairs; the agency already has a \$30.0 million line of credit that can be used for the same purposes.)

Item 3-5.03 #1h

Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections

Implementation of Chapter 3, Acts of Assembly of 2004, Special Session I

Language

Language:

Page 658, after line 45, insert:

"Staff from the Department of Planning and Budget, Department of Taxation, House Appropriations Committee, and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee shall collaborate to propose statutory amendments and budget language amendments for the 2026-2028 biennial budget as needed to allow the sales tax revenues collected pursuant to § 58.1-638 F to be deposited directly to the general fund for public education purposes in lieu of the current requirement that these funds be first deposited into the fund established in § 58.1-638.1."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs staff from the Department of Planning and Budget, Department of Taxation, House Appropriations Committee, and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee to collaborate to propose legislative changes to streamline the flow of certain sales tax revenues that are currently required to first be deposited into a special fund. In practice, these funds are later transferred into the general fund for public education purposes.)

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Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections

Provider Payment Rate Assessment

Language

Language:

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Page 663, after line 4, insert:

"I. The Department shall have the authority to update the State Plan Amendment and preprint to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to revise the net patient revenue calculation in accordance with CMS regulations to include currently excluded providers. The department shall have the authority to implement this change effective July 1, 2024, and prior to the completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change."

Page 663, line 5, strike "I" and insert "J".

Explanation:

(This amendment adds language providing the Department of Medical Assistance Services with the authority to modify the net patient revenue calculation for the purpose of determining enhanced Medicaid hospital outpatient and inpatient payments.)

Item 3-5.15 #2h

Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections

Provider Payment Rate Assessment

Language

Language:

Page 661, lines 52. after "private" strike "acute care".

Page 661, lines 52. after "this item. Private" strike "acute care".

Page 662, line 1 after "private" strike "acute".

Page 662, at the beginning of line 2, strike "care".

Page 662, line 2, after "hospitals", strike:

", freestanding psychiatric and rehabilitation hospitals, children's hospitals, long stay hospitals, long-term acute care hospitals and critical access hospitals".

Page 662, line 5. after "private" strike "acute care".

Page 662, line 7. after "private" strike "acute care".

Page 662, strike lines 8 through 9 and insert:

C.1. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall calculate each hospital's "payment rate assessment amount" by multiplying net patient service revenue" as defined below, times a "payment rate assessment percentage" determined by DMAS consistent with federal law. This includes the ability for DMAS to determine hospital classes, exclude hospital classes, and set variable payment rates on different hospital classes consistent with federal law."

Page 662, strike lines 10 through 12.

Page 662, line 17, after "private" strike "acute care".

Page 662, line 21, after "private" strike "acute care".

Page 662, line 37, after "private" strike "acute care".

Page 662, line 42, after "private" strike "acute care".

Page 663, line 1, after "private" strike "acute care".

Explanation:

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(This amendment modifies the methodology used to calculate the Medicaid hospital provider payment rate assessment that was adopted during the 2018, Special Session I. At the time the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) was given the authority to impose two provider assessments on private acute care hospitals, (i) a coverage assessment intended to pay the state 10 percent share of the full cost of expanding Medicaid coverage pursuant to the Affordable Care Act and (ii) an assessment to enhance Medicaid payment rates for private acute care hospitals in the Commonwealth. This second hospital provider payment rate assessment was intended to satisfy the state share of costs to increase Medicaid fee-for services rates to the federal upper payment limit and close the managed care organization hospital payment gap for both inpatient and outpatient services. The provider rate assessment applies to the same group of hospitals as the coverage assessment and is administered in a similar manner. This amendment increases the number of hospitals subject to the rate assessment to all private hospitals in Virginia and excludes only public hospitals from the calculation of the rate assessment. Currently 63 hospitals are subject to the provider rate assessment. This amendment allows DMAS to complete calculations to determine which hospitals will be subject to the rate assessment. Public hospitals remain exempt from the calculation of the rate assessment.)

Item 3-5.23 #1h

Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections

Retail Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Certain Drilling
Equipment

Language

Language:

Page 664, line 49, after "July 1," strike "2025" and insert "2026".

Explanation:

(This amendment extends the sunset date for the Code provision providing a sales tax exemption for certain drilling equipment from July 1, 2025 to July 1, 2026.)

Item 3-5.25 #1h

Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections

Modification to Local Property Tax Exemption

Language

Language:

Page 665, after line 4, insert:

"Notwithstanding § 58.1-3219.13, Code of Virginia, for the purpose of Article 2, Chapter 32, Title 58.1 of the Code of Virginia, "Covered Person" means any person set forth in the definition of "deceased person" in § 9.1-400 whose beneficiary, as defined in § 9.1-400, is entitled to receive benefits under § 9.1-402, if the deceased law enforcement officer was a

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member of the U.S. Capitol Police or District of Columbia Police Department who was actively involved in the police response to the Insurrection that occurred on January 6, 2021."

Explanation:

(This amendment clarifies that for the purposes of local property tax exemptions for survivors of first responders, the first responder did not have to be employed by an agency within the Commonwealth.)

Item 3-5.25 #2h

Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections

Extend Sunset Date for Data Center Sales and Use Tax Exemption

Language

Language:

Page 665, after line 4, insert:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation, the retail sales and use tax exemption provided for in subdivision 18 of § 58.1-609.3 of the Code of Virginia, applicable to computer equipment or enabling software purchased or leased for the processing, storage, retrieval or communication of data, including but not limited to servers, routers, connections, and other enabling hardware, including chillers and backup generators used or to be used in the operation of a data center shall remain in effect effect through June 30, 2050."

Explanation:

(This amendment extends the sunset date for the sales tax exemption for data centers from 2035 to 2050.)

Item 4-1.01 #1h

Appropriations

Prerequisites for Payment

Language

Language:

Page 668, after line 21, insert:

"c) 1. Within 30 business days after the enactment of amendments to federal income taxes, the Department of Taxation shall provide the estimated fiscal impacts to general fund revenue from such amendments to federal income tax law to the Governor and the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations and the House Committees on Appropriations.

2. Within 20 business days of receiving the estimated fiscal impacts from the Department of Taxation in subsection c) 1., the Governor shall submit a budget bill in accordance with § 2.2-1509, notwithstanding any conflicting requirements in § 2.2-1509, if the cumulative projected

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impact of such amendments, except any amendment to federal income tax law that is a federal tax extender as defined under subdivision B 11 of § 58.1-301, would decrease general fund revenues by more than \$100.0 million in the fiscal year in which the amendments were enacted or the succeeding fiscal year.

3. Notwithstanding c) 2., if the requirements in subsection c) 1., are met on or after November 1 but before the date on which the Governor submits a budget bill in accordance with § 2.2-1509, the Governor shall not be required to submit a budget within 15 business days but instead shall include the estimated fiscal impacts in the budget bill introduced in accordance with § 2.2-1509. If the requirements in subsection c) 2. are met on or after the date on which the Governor submits a budget bill in accordance with § 2.2-1509 but before the adjournment of a regular session of the General Assembly in the following year, the Governor shall not be required to submit a budget within 15 business days."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Taxation to produce estimated revenue impact from federal income tax law changes impacting the general fund and communicate those within 30 business days to the Governor and General Assembly. After 15 business days, the Governor is to submit an introduced budget bill if the cumulative impact of federal amendments, except any amendment that is a federal tax extender, would decrease general fund revenue by more than \$100.0 million in the fiscal year in which the amendments were enacted or the succeeding fiscal year.)

Item 4-2.01 #1h

Revenues

Nongeneral Fund Revenues

Language

Language:

Page 674, after line 48, insert:

"e) The requirements for § 4-2.01 b.2.b, as it pertains to nonresident undergraduate students, are waived for new nonresident undergraduate students enrolled at NSU, VSU, UVA-Wise and institutions of higher education with a current proportion of nonresident undergraduate enrollment of less than 20 percent, measured in terms of full-time equivalent."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides flexible tuition authority in an effort to increase Virginia's talent pipeline. In order to attract out-of-state students into Virginia, the language would allow certain schools the ability to charge less than 100 percent of the average cost of education to out-of-state students but not less than the in-state cost.)

Item 4-5.04 #1h

Special Conditions and Restrictions on Expenditures

Goods and Services

Language

Language:

Page 695, line 33, unstrike "or state statute".

Explanation:

(This amendment restores language contained in Chapter 2, 2024 Special Session I, which prohibits any funding in the budget from being used for abortion services unless otherwise required by federal or state law. The introduced budget eliminated the reference to state law.)

Item 4-8.01 #1h

Reporting Requirements

Governor

Language

Language:

Page 712, after line 24, insert:

"Online Virginia Network Annual Financial Report § 23.1-3137 (12.) Suspend Reporting".

Explanation:

(This amendment suspends the reporting requirement for the Online Virginia Network which was removed in the 2024 Special Session I budget.)

Item 4-9.01 #1h

Higher Education Restructuring

Assessment of Institutional Performance

Language

Language:

Page 718, line 39, before "The Director", insert "1."

Page 718, after line 41, insert:

"2. The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, with the cooperation of the the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and all public institutions of higher education, shall conduct a review of the changing landscape and trends of intercollegiate athletics programs. In conducting this review, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission shall (i) consult with representatives of the governing boards of public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth, representatives of intercollegiate athletics programs in the Commonwealth,

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citizens of the Commonwealth, and such other interested stakeholders as the Commission deems appropriate; (ii) consider the impact of current policies and practices on the ability of public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth to maintain competitiveness in intercollegiate athletics balanced with considerations on affordability; and (iii) make recommendations on any further legislative action or policy considerations that should be made based on its findings relating to the impact of the current policies and practices on intercollegiate athletics in the Commonwealth. The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee on Education, Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, and the Senate Committee on Education and Health, by December 15, 2025.

Explanation:

(This amendment requires a review of policies and practices of intercollegiate athletics by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission.)

Item 4-9.02 #1h

Higher Education Restructuring

Level II Authority

Language

Language:

Page 719, line 32, after "University", strike "is" and insert: "and Richard Bland College are".

Explanation:

(This amendment requests adding Richard Bland College to the five-year Level 2 pilot program.)

Item 4-14 #1h

Effective Date

Effective Date

Language

Language:

Page 732, after line 1, insert:

16. That § 59.1-392 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 59.1-392. Percentage retained; tax.

A. Any person holding an operator's license to operate a horse racetrack or satellite facility in the Commonwealth pursuant to this chapter shall be authorized to conduct pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing subject to the provisions of this chapter and the conditions and regulations of

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the Commission.

B. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering at the racetrack on live horse racing conducted within the Commonwealth, involving win, place, and show wagering, the licensee shall retain a percentage amount approved by the Commission as jointly requested by a recognized majority horsemen's group and a licensee and the legitimate breakage, out of which shall be paid 1.25 percent to be distributed as follows: 1.0 percent to the Commonwealth as a license tax and 0.25 percent to the locality in which the racetrack is located. The remainder of the retainage shall be paid as provided in subsection D, provided, however, that if the percentage amount approved by the Commission is other than percent, the amounts provided in subdivisions D 1, 2, and 3 shall be adjusted by the proportion that the approved percentage amount bears to 18 percent.

C. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering at each Virginia satellite facility on live horse racing conducted within the Commonwealth, involving win, place, and show wagering, the licensee shall retain a percentage amount approved by the Commission as jointly requested by a recognized majority horsemen's group and a licensee and the legitimate breakage, out of which shall be paid 1.25 percent to be distributed as follows: 0.75 percent to the Commonwealth as a license tax, 0.25 percent to the locality in which the satellite facility is located, and 0.25 percent to the locality in which the racetrack is located. The remainder of the retainage shall be paid as provided in subsection D, provided, however, that if the 25 percentage amount approved by the Commission is other than 18 percent, the amounts provided in subdivisions D 1, 2, and 3 shall be adjusted by the proportion that the approved percentage amount bears to 18 percent.

D. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering at the racetrack and each Virginia satellite facility on live horse racing conducted within the Commonwealth, involving win, place, and show wagering, the licensee shall retain a percentage amount approved by the Commission as jointly requested by a recognized majority horsemen's group and a licensee and the legitimate breakage, out of which shall be paid:

1. Eight percent as purses or prizes to the participants in such race meeting;
2. Seven and one-half percent and all of the breakage and the proceeds of pari-mutuel tickets unredeemed 180 days from the date on which the race was conducted, to the operator;
3. One percent to the Virginia Breeders Fund;
4. Fifteen one-hundredths percent to the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine;
5. Five one-hundredths percent to the Virginia Horse Center Foundation;
6. Five one-hundredths percent to the Virginia Horse Industry Board; and
7. The remainder of the retainage shall be paid as appropriate under subsection B or C.

E. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering at the racetrack on live horse racing conducted within the Commonwealth involving wagering other than win, place, and show wagering, the licensee shall retain a percentage amount approved by the Commission as jointly requested by a

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recognized majority horsemen's group and a licensee and the legitimate breakage, out of which shall be paid 2.75 percent to be distributed as follows: 2.25 percent to the Commonwealth as a license tax, and 0.5 percent to the locality in which the racetrack is located. The remainder of the retainage shall be paid as provided in subsection G, provided, however, that if the percentage amount approved by the Commission is other than 22 percent, the amounts provided in subdivisions G 1, 2, and 3 shall be adjusted by the proportion that the approved percentage amount bears to 22 percent.

F. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering at each Virginia satellite facility on live horse racing conducted within the Commonwealth involving wagering other than win, place, and show wagering, the licensee shall retain a percentage amount approved by the Commission as jointly requested by a recognized majority horsemen's group and a licensee and the legitimate breakage, out of which shall be paid 2.75 percent to be distributed as follows: 1.75 percent to the Commonwealth as a license tax, 0.5 percent to the locality in which the satellite facility is located, and 0.5 percent to the locality in which the racetrack is located. The remainder of the retainage shall be paid as provided in subsection G, provided, however, that if the percentage amount approved by the Commission is other than 22 percent, the amounts provided in subdivisions G 1, 2, and 3 shall be adjusted by the proportion that the approved percentage amount bears to 22 percent.

G. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering at the racetrack and each Virginia satellite facility on live horse racing conducted within the Commonwealth involving wagering other than win, place, and show wagering, the licensee shall retain a percentage amount approved by the Commission as jointly requested by a recognized majority horsemen's group and a licensee and the legitimate breakage, out of which shall be paid:

1. Nine percent as purses or prizes to the participants in such race meeting;
2. Nine percent and the proceeds of the pari-mutuel tickets unredeemed 180 days from the date on which the race was conducted, to the operator;
3. One percent to the Virginia Breeders Fund;
4. Fifteen one-hundredths percent to the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine;
5. Five one-hundredths percent to the Virginia Horse Center Foundation;
6. Five one-hundredths percent to the Virginia Horse Industry Board; and
7. The remainder of the retainage shall be paid as appropriate under subsection E or F.

H. On pari-mutuel wagering generated by simulcast horse racing transmitted from jurisdictions outside the Commonwealth, the licensee may, with the approval of the Commission, commingle pools with the racetrack where the transmission emanates or establish separate pools for wagering within the Commonwealth. All simulcast horse racing in this subsection must comply with the Interstate Horse Racing Act of 1978 (15 U.S.C. § 3001 et seq.).

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I. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering at the racetrack on simulcast horse racing transmitted from jurisdictions outside the Commonwealth, involving win, place, and show wagering, the licensee shall retain 1.25 percent of such pool to be distributed as follows: 0.75 percent to the Commonwealth as a license tax, and 0.5 percent to the Virginia locality in which the racetrack is located.

J. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering at each Virginia satellite facility on simulcast horse racing transmitted from jurisdictions outside the Commonwealth, involving win, place, and show wagering, the licensee shall retain 1.25 percent of such pool to be distributed as follows: 0.75 percent to the Commonwealth as a license tax, 0.25 percent to the locality in which the satellite facility is located, and 0.25 percent to the Virginia locality in which the racetrack is located.

K. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering at the racetrack and each Virginia satellite facility on simulcast horse racing transmitted from jurisdictions outside the Commonwealth, involving win, place, and show wagering, the licensee shall retain 1.3 percent of such pool to be distributed as follows:

1. One percent of the pool to the Virginia Breeders Fund;
2. Fifteen one-hundredths percent to the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine;
3. Five one-hundredths percent to the Virginia Horse Center Foundation;
4. Five one-hundredths percent to the Virginia Horse Industry Board; and
5. Five one-hundredths percent to the Virginia Thoroughbred Association for the promotion of breeding in the Commonwealth.

L. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering at the racetrack on simulcast horse racing transmitted from jurisdictions outside the Commonwealth, involving wagering other than win, place, and show wagering, the licensee shall retain 2.75 percent of such pool to be distributed as follows: 1.75 percent to the Commonwealth as a license tax, and 1.0 percent to the Virginia locality in which the racetrack is located.

M. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering at each Virginia satellite facility on simulcast horse racing transmitted from jurisdictions outside the Commonwealth, involving wagering other than win, place, and show wagering, the licensee shall retain 2.75 percent of such pool to be distributed as follows: 1.75 percent to the Commonwealth as a license tax, 0.5 percent to the locality in which the satellite facility is located, and 0.5 percent to the Virginia locality in which the racetrack is located.

N. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering at the racetrack and each Virginia satellite facility on simulcast horse racing transmitted from jurisdictions outside the Commonwealth, involving wagering other than win, place, and show wagering, the licensee shall retain 1.3 percent of such pool to be distributed as follows:

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1. One percent of the pool to the Virginia Breeders Fund;
2. Fifteen one-hundredths percent to the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine;
3. Five one-hundredths percent to the Virginia Horse Center Foundation;
4. Five one-hundredths percent to the Virginia Horse Industry Board; and
5. Five one-hundredths percent to the Virginia Thoroughbred Association for the promotion of breeding in the Commonwealth.

O. Moneys payable to the Commonwealth shall be deposited in the general fund. Gross receipts for license tax purposes under Chapter 37 (§ 58.1-3700 et seq.) of Title 58.1 shall not include pari-mutuel wagering pools and license taxes authorized by this section.

P. All payments by the licensee to the Commonwealth or any locality shall be made within five days from the date on which such wagers are received by the licensee. All payments by the licensee to the Virginia Breeders Fund shall be made to the Commission within five days from the date on which such wagers are received by the licensee. All payments by the licensee to the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, the Virginia Horse Center Foundation, the Virginia Horse Industry Board, and the Virginia Thoroughbred Association shall be made by the first day of each quarter of the calendar year. All payments made under this section shall be used in support of the policy of the Commonwealth to sustain and promote the growth of a native industry.

Q. If a satellite facility is located in more than one locality, any amount a licensee is required to pay under this section to the locality in which the satellite facility is located shall be prorated in equal shares among those localities.

R. Any contractual agreement between a licensee and other entities concerning the distribution of the remaining portion of the retainage under subsections I through N and subsections U and V shall be subject to the approval of the Commission.

S. The recognized majority horsemen's group racing at a licensed race meeting may, subject to the approval of the Commission, withdraw for administrative costs associated with serving the interests of the horsemen an amount not to exceed two percent of the amount in the horsemen's account.

T. The legitimate breakage from each pari-mutuel pool for live, historical, and simulcast horse racing shall be distributed as follows:

1. Seventy percent to be retained by the licensee to be used for capital improvements that are subject to approval of the Commission; and
2. Thirty percent to be deposited in the Racing Benevolence Fund, administered jointly by the licensee and the recognized majority horsemen's group racing at a licensed race meeting, to be disbursed with the approval of the Commission for gambling addiction and substance abuse

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counseling, recreational, educational, or other related programs.

U. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering on historical horse racing ~~on the first 3,000 terminals authorized~~, the licensee shall retain ~~1.25~~ 1.39 percent of such pool to be distributed as follows:

1. a. If generated at a racetrack, ~~0.5~~ 0.56 percent to the locality in which the racetrack is located; or
- b. If generated at a satellite facility *before July 1, 2026*, ~~0.25~~ 0.28 percent to the locality in which the satellite facility is located and ~~0.25~~ 0.28 percent to the Virginia locality in which the racetrack is located. *If generated at a satellite facility on and after July 1, 2026, 0.56 percent to the locality in which the satellite facility is located;*
2. To the Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund established pursuant to § 37.2-314.2, 0.01 percent;
3. To the (i) Virginia Breeders Fund, (ii) Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine for its equine programs, (iii) Virginia Horse Center Foundation, and (iv) Virginia Horse Industry Board, 0.025 percent each; and
4. The remainder to the Commonwealth as a license tax.

~~V. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering on historical horse racing on the 2,000 terminals authorized by the seventh enactment of Chapters 1197 and 1248 of the Acts of Assembly of 2020, the licensee shall retain 1.6 percent of such pool to be distributed as follows:~~

- ~~1. a. If generated at a racetrack, 0.64 percent to the locality in which the racetrack is located; or~~
- ~~b. If generated at a satellite facility, 0.32 percent to the locality in which the satellite facility is located and 0.32 percent to the Virginia locality in which the racetrack is located;~~
- ~~2. To the Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund established pursuant to § 37.2-314.2, 0.01 percent;~~
- ~~3. To the (i) Virginia Breeders Fund, (ii) Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine for its equine programs, (iii) Virginia Horse Center Foundation, and (iv) Virginia Horse Industry Board, 0.025 percent each; and~~
- ~~4. The remainder to the Commonwealth as a license tax."~~

Explanation:

(This amendment codifies the proportional taxation based on deployment methodology adopted by the Virginia Racing Commission at its October 15, 2024 meeting, and provides for the distribution the local share of tax levied on part-mutuel wagering to the localities in which satellite facilities are located beginning July 1, 2026.)

Effective Date

Effective Date

Language

Language:

Page 732, after line 1, insert:

"16. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a title numbered 29.5, containing a subtitle numbered I, consisting of sections numbered 29.5-100 through 29.5-119:

TITLE 29.5.

GAMING AND WAGERING.

SUBTITLE I.

VIRGINIA GAMING COMMISSION.

CHAPTER 1.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

§ 29.5-100. Definitions.

As used in this subtitle, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Board" means the Virginia Gaming Commission Board established pursuant to § 29.5-103.

"Commission" means the Virginia Gaming Commission established pursuant to § 29.5-101.

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Virginia Gaming Commission appointed pursuant § 29.5-102.

"Executive Secretary" means the Executive Secretary of Racing and Deputy Commissioner of Gaming appointed pursuant to § 29.5-105.

"Racing Commission" means the Virginia Racing Commission established pursuant to § 29.5-602.

§ 29.5-101. Virginia Gaming Commission established.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 1 (§ 18.2-325 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2 or any other provision of law, there is hereby established as an independent agency of the Commonwealth, exclusive of the legislative, executive, or judicial branches of government, the Virginia Gaming Commission, which shall include the (i) Virginia Racing Commission established pursuant to § 29.5-602, (ii) Charitable Gaming Advisory Board established pursuant to § 29.5-201, and (iii) Virginia Gaming Commission Board established pursuant to § 29.5-103 and a Commissioner appointed pursuant to § 29.5-102 for the purpose of overseeing all gaming regulatory operations in the Commonwealth, except as otherwise provided in

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Subtitle II (§ 29.5-700 et seq.).

§ 29.5-102. Commissioner appointed; salary; powers and duties.

A. The Commission shall be under the immediate supervision and direction of a Commissioner, who shall be a person of good reputation, particularly as to honesty and integrity, and shall be subject to a thorough background investigation conducted by the Department of State Police prior to appointment. The Commissioner shall possess demonstrated experience and expertise in one or more of the following fields: law, finance, public policy, or management of a significant regulatory enterprise. The Commissioner shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly if in session when the appointment is made, and if not in session, then at its next succeeding session. The Commissioner shall receive a salary as provided in the general appropriation act.

The Commissioner shall devote his full time to the performance of his official duties and shall not be engaged in any other profession or occupation.

Before entering upon the discharge of his duties, the Commissioner shall take an oath that he will faithfully and honestly execute the duties of his office during his continuance therein and shall give bond in such amount as may be fixed by the Governor, conditioned upon the faithful discharge of his duties. The premium on such bond shall be paid out of the Commonwealth Gaming Operations Fund, established pursuant to § 29.5-119.

B. The Commissioner shall have the following powers and duties:

1. Supervise and administer the operation of the Virginia Gaming Commission in accordance with the provisions of this subtitle and with the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this subtitle.

2. Employ such (i) deputy commissioners; (ii) professional, technical, and clerical assistants; and (iii) other qualified personnel as may be required to carry out the functions and duties of the Commission, including (a) an Executive Secretary of Racing and Deputy Commissioner of Gaming, (b) a Deputy Commissioner of Gaming and Regulatory Oversight, (c) a Chief Operating Officer, and (d) all necessary regular and special counsel notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 5 (§ 2.2-500 et seq.) of Title 2.2.

3. Act as secretary and executive officer of the Board.

4. Require bond or other surety satisfactory to the Commissioner from Commission employees with access to Commission funds, in such amount as provided in the rules and regulations of the Board. The Commissioner may also require bond from other employees, as he deems necessary.

5. Confer regularly, but not less than four times each year, with the Board on the operation and oversight of gaming activities regulated by the Commission; make available for inspection by the Board, upon request, all books, records, files, and other information and documents of the Commission; and advise the Board and recommend such matters as he deems necessary and advisable to improve the operation and oversight of gaming activities regulated by the

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Commission.

6. Suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any license, permit, or registration issued pursuant to this subtitle or the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this subtitle.

7. Enter into any arrangements with any foreign or domestic governmental agency for the purposes of exchanging information or performing any other act to better ensure the proper conduct of all gaming activities regulated by the Commission pursuant to this subtitle or the efficient conduct of the Commissioner's duties.

8. Participate in the Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Advisory Committee established pursuant to § 37.2-304 by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to enable collaboration among prevention and treatment providers and operators of legal gaming in the Commonwealth on efforts to reduce the negative effects of problem gambling.

C. The Commissioner shall establish the following divisions within the Commission:

1. A Problem Gambling Division for the purpose of coordinating with local, state, and national stakeholders to manage problem gambling research, prevention, recovery, and treatment efforts.

2. An External Affairs and Policy Division for the purpose of communicating with relevant stakeholders in the Commonwealth and recommending gaming policy decisions and legislative proposals to the General Assembly.

3. Any other division necessary to accomplish the goals of this subtitle.

§ 29.5-103. Virginia Gaming Commission Board established; membership; appointment; terms; compensation.

A. There is hereby created the Virginia Gaming Commission Board (the Board) within the Virginia Gaming Commission. The Board shall have a total membership of 11 members that shall consist of nine nonlegislative citizen members and two ex officio members. Members shall be appointed as follows: five nonlegislative citizen members, who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly if in session when the appointment is made, and if not in session, then at its next succeeding session; two nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates from a list of at least four nominees provided by the Chairman of the House Committee on General Laws; and two nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules from a list of at least four nominees provided by the Chairman of the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology. Of the nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor, at least one nonlegislative citizen member shall have experience in criminal investigations and law enforcement, and at least one nonlegislative citizen member shall be a certified public accountant authorized to practice in the Commonwealth or have experience in corporate finance and securities. A current member of the Virginia Racing Commission and the Executive Secretary of Racing and Deputy Commissioner of Gaming, or his designee, shall serve ex officio with nonvoting

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privileges. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Board shall be individuals of good reputation, particularly as to honesty and integrity, and shall be citizens of the Commonwealth. Consideration shall be given with respect to the political affiliation and the geographic residence of the nonlegislative citizen members prior to their appointment.

B. Ex officio members of the Board shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All members may be reappointed.

C. After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of five years. No nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive five-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment.

D. The Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The meetings of the Board shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.

E. Members shall receive such compensation for the performance of their duties as provided in § 2.2-2813. All members shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. Funding for the costs of compensation and expenses of the members shall be provided by the Virginia Gaming Commission.

F. Before entering upon the discharge of their duties, members shall take an oath that they will faithfully and honestly execute the duties of the office during their continuance therein and shall give bond in such amount as may be fixed by the Governor, conditioned upon the faithful discharge of their duties. The premium on such bond shall be paid out of the Commonwealth Gaming Operations Fund, established pursuant to § 29.5-119.

G. No member shall:

1. Have any direct or indirect financial, ownership, or management interest in any gaming activities regulated by the Commission or any agency of the Commonwealth.

2. Receive or share in, directly or indirectly, the receipts or proceeds of any gaming activities regulated by the Commission or any agency of the Commonwealth.

3. Have an interest in any contract for the manufacture or sale of gaming devices, the conduct of any gaming activity, or the provision of independent consulting services in connection with any gaming establishment or gaming activity regulated by the Commission or any agency of the Commonwealth.

§ 29.5-104. Powers and duties of the Board.

A. The Board shall have the power to (i) promulgate regulations governing the establishment and operation of charitable gaming, casino gaming, sports betting, and fantasy contests

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pursuant to Chapter 2 (§ 29.5-200 et seq.) and (ii) oversee the promulgation of regulations governing live horse racing, historical horse racing, and simulcast horse racing with pari-mutuel wagering pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 6 (§ 29.5-600 et seq.). Such regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.). The regulations shall provide for all matters necessary or desirable for the efficient, honest, and economical operation and administration of all forms of gaming regulated by the Board.

B. The Board shall also exercise the following powers and duties, and such others as may be provided by law:

- 1. Administer a voluntary exclusion program as provided in § 29.5-118.*
- 2. Establish a consumer protection program and publish a consumer protection bill of rights. Such program and bill of rights shall include measures to protect sports bettors, as defined in § 29.5-400, with respect to identity, funds and accounts, consumer complaints, self-exclusion, and any other consumer protection measure the Board determines to be reasonable.*
- 3. Adjust the percentage of uncollectible gaming receivables allowed to be subtracted from adjusted gross revenue, as defined in § 29.5-400, if it determines that a different percentage is reasonable and customary in the sports betting industry.*
- 4. Hear and decide an appeal of any (i) penalty, (ii) denial of a permit or renewal, or (iii) suspension or revocation of a permit imposed by the Commissioner pursuant to Chapter 4 (§ 29.5-400 et seq.).*
- 5. Promulgate regulations for the operation of a sports betting program under the direction of the Commissioner, who shall allow applicants to apply for permits to engage in sports betting operations in the Commonwealth. The Commission shall not operate a sports betting platform or a sports betting facility.*
- 6. Partner with law-enforcement authorities, including the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of the Gaming Enforcement Coordinator in the Department of State Police, to address instances of illegal gaming activities in the Commonwealth.*

C. The Board shall make policy and legislative recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly related to (i) the regulation of existing legal gaming and wagering, (ii) the expansion of new gaming types, and (iii) the eradication of illegal gaming activity in the Commonwealth.

§ 29.5-105. Executive Secretary of Racing and Deputy Commissioner of Gaming; powers and duties.

A. The Executive Secretary of Racing and Deputy Commissioner of Gaming shall have the following powers and duties:

- 1. Appoint stewards pursuant to § 29.5-605, with the advice of, in consultation with, and with the consent of the Virginia Racing Commission.*
- 2. Keep a true and full record of all proceedings of the Racing Commission and preserve at the Virginia Gaming Commission's general office all books, documents, and papers of the Racing*

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Commission.

3. Exercise and perform such powers and duties as may be delegated to him by the Commissioner or the Board or as may be conferred or imposed upon him by law.

B. Neither the Executive Secretary nor his spouse nor any member of his immediate family shall make any contributions to a candidate for office or office holder at the local or state level, or cause such a contribution to be made on his behalf.

§ 29.5-106. Deputy Commissioner of Gaming and Regulatory Oversight; powers and duties.

A. The Deputy Commissioner of Gaming and Regulatory Oversight shall have the following powers and duties:

1. Oversee regulation of all gaming activities authorized pursuant to this subtitle;

2. Manage a gaming compliance and audit division for the Commission;

3. Assume responsibility for all gaming licensing and permitting and related investigations;

4. Oversee electronic gaming operations authorized pursuant to this subtitle;

5. Exercise and perform such powers and duties as may be delegated to him by the Commissioner or the Board or as may be conferred or imposed upon him by law.

B. Neither the Deputy Commissioner of Gaming and Regulatory Oversight nor his spouse nor any member of his immediate family shall make any contributions to a candidate for office or office holder at the local or state level, or cause such a contribution to be made on his behalf.

§ 29.5-107. Chief Operating Officer; powers and duties.

A. The Chief Operating Officer shall have the following powers and duties:

1. Oversee and manage human resources, information technology systems, facilities and security, finance and accounting, purchasing, and internal auditing departments within the Commission; and

2. Exercise and perform such powers and duties as may be delegated to him by the Commissioner or the Board or as may be conferred or imposed upon him by law.

B. Neither the Chief Operating Officer nor his spouse nor any member of his immediate family shall make any contributions to a candidate for office or office holder at the local or state level, or cause such a contribution to be made on his behalf.

§ 29.5-108. Financial interests of Board, employees, and family members prohibited.

A. No Board member or employee of the Commission shall (i) be a principal stockholder or (ii) otherwise have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in any licensee or permit holder subject to the provisions of this subtitle. No Board member and no spouse or immediate family member of a Board member shall make any contribution to a candidate for office or officeholder at the local or state level or cause such a contribution to be made on his behalf.

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B. No employee of the Commission and no spouse or immediate family member of a Board member shall:

- 1. Have any direct or indirect financial, ownership, or management interest in any gaming activities regulated by the Commission or any agency of the Commonwealth.*
- 2. Receive or share in, directly or indirectly, the receipts or proceeds of any gaming activities regulated by the Commission or any agency of the Commonwealth.*
- 3. Have an interest in any contract for the manufacture or sale of gaming devices, the conduct of any gaming activity, or the provision of independent consulting services in connection with any gaming establishment or gaming activity regulated by the Commission or any agency of the Commonwealth.*

§ 29.5-109. Leases and purchases of property by the Board.

The making of leases and the purchasing of real estate by the Board under the provisions of this subtitle are exempt from the Virginia Public Procurement Act (§ 2.2-4300 et seq.). The Commission shall be exempt from the provisions of § 2.2-1149 and from any rules, regulations, and guidelines of the Division of Engineering and Buildings of the Department of General Services in relation to leases of real property into which it enters.

§ 29.5-110. Exemption of Commission from personnel and procurement procedures; information systems; etc.

A. The provisions of the Virginia Personnel Act (§ 2.2-2900 et seq.) and the Virginia Public Procurement Act (§ 2.2-4300 et seq.) shall not apply to the Commission in the exercise of any power conferred under this subtitle, nor shall the provisions of Chapter 20.1 (§ 2.2-2005 et seq.) of Title 2.2 or Article 2 (§ 51.1-1104 et seq.) of Chapter 11 of Title 51.1 apply to the Commission in the exercise of any power conferred under this subtitle.

B. To effect its implementation, the Commission's procurement of goods, services, insurance, and construction and the disposition of surplus materials shall be exempt from:

- 1. State agency requirements regarding disposition of surplus materials and distribution of proceeds from the sale or recycling of surplus materials under §§ 2.2-1124 and 2.2-1125;*
- 2. The requirement to purchase from the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired under § 2.2-1117; and*
- 3. Any other state statutes, rules, regulations, or requirements relating to the procurement of goods, services, insurance, and construction, including Article 3 (§ 2.2-1109 et seq.) of Chapter 11 of Title 2.2, regarding the duties, responsibilities, and authority of the Division of Purchases and Supply of the Department of General Services, and Article 4 (§ 2.2-1129 et seq.) of Chapter 11 of Title 2.2, regarding the review and the oversight by the Division of Engineering and Buildings of the Department of General Services of contracts for the construction of the Commission's capital projects and construction-related professional services under § 2.2-1132.*

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C. The Commission (i) may purchase from and participate in all statewide contracts for goods and services, including information technology goods and services; (ii) shall use directly or by integration or interface the Commonwealth's electronic procurement system subject to the terms and conditions agreed upon between the Commission and the Department of General Services; and (iii) shall post on the Department of General Services' central electronic procurement website all Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposal, sole source award notices, and emergency award notices to ensure visibility and access to the Commission's procurement opportunities on one website.

§ 29.5-111. Assistance from Department of State Police.

The Department of State Police shall assist in the conduct of investigations by the Commission.

§ 29.5-112. Criminal history records check required on certain employees; reimbursement of costs.

All persons hired by the Commission whose job duties involve access to or handling of the Commission's funds shall be subject to a criminal history records check before, and as a condition of, employment.

The Board shall develop policies regarding the employment of persons who have been convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude.

The Department of State Police shall be reimbursed by the Commission for the cost of investigations conducted pursuant to this section.

§ 29.5-113. Employees of the Commission.

Employees of the Commission shall be considered employees of the Commonwealth. Employees of the Commission shall be eligible for membership in the Virginia Retirement System or other retirement plan as authorized by Article 4 (§ 51.1-125 et seq.) of Chapter 1 of Title 51.1 and participation in all health and related insurance and other benefits, including premium conversion and flexible benefits, available to state employees as provided by law. Employees of the Commission shall be employed on such terms and conditions as established by the Board. The Board shall develop and adopt policies and procedures that afford its employees grievance rights, ensure that employment decisions shall be based upon the merit and fitness of applicants, and prohibit discrimination because of race, color, religion, ethnic or national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, military status, or disability. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Board shall develop, implement, and administer a paid leave program, which may include annual, personal, and sick leave or any combination thereof. All other leave benefits shall be administered in accordance with Chapter 11 (§ 51.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 51.1, except as otherwise provided in this section.

§ 29.5-114. Liability of Board members; suits by and against Board members.

A. No Board member may be sued civilly for doing or omitting to do any act in the performance

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of his duties as prescribed by this subtitle, except by the Commonwealth, and then only in the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond. Such proceedings by the Commonwealth shall be instituted and conducted by the Attorney General.

B. The Board may, in the name of the Commonwealth, be sued in the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond to enforce any contract made by it or to recover damages for any breach thereof. The Board may defend the proceedings and may institute proceedings in any court. No such proceedings shall be taken against, or in the names of, the members of the Board.

§ 29.5-115. Counsel for members, agents, and employees of Board.

If any member, agent, or employee of the Board is arrested, indicted, or otherwise prosecuted on any charge arising out of any act committed in the discharge of his official duties, the Board chairman may employ special counsel approved by the Attorney General to defend such member, agent, or employee. The compensation for special counsel employed pursuant to this section shall, subject to the approval of the Attorney General, be paid in the same manner as other expenses incident to the administration of this subtitle are paid.

§ 29.5-116. Hearings; representation by counsel.

Any licensee, permittee, registrant, or applicant for a license, permit, or registration authorized by this subtitle shall have the right to be represented by counsel at any Board hearing for which he has received notice. The licensee, permittee, registrant, or applicant shall not be required to be represented by counsel during such hearing. Any officer or director of a corporation may examine, cross-examine, and question witnesses, present evidence on behalf of the corporation, and draw conclusions and make arguments before the Board or hearing officers without being in violation of the provisions of § 54.1-3904.

§ 29.5-117. Hearings; allowances to witnesses.

Witnesses subpoenaed to appear on behalf of the Board shall be entitled to the same allowance for expenses as witnesses for the Commonwealth in criminal cases in accordance with § 17.1-611. Such allowances shall be paid out of the fund from which other costs incurred by the Board are paid upon certification to the Comptroller.

§ 29.5-118. Voluntary exclusion program.

The Board shall adopt regulations to establish and implement a voluntary exclusion program.

The regulations shall include the following provisions:

1. Except as provided by regulation of the Board, a person who participates in the voluntary exclusion program agrees to refrain from (i) participating in charitable gaming, as defined in § 29.5-200; (ii) engaging in any form of casino gaming authorized under the provisions of Chapter 3 (§ 29.5-300 et seq.); (iii) participating in sports betting, as defined in § 29.5-400; (iv) participating in fantasy contests, as defined in § 29.5-500; (v) participating in pari-mutuel wagering on live horse racing, historical horse racing, or simulcast horse racing authorized pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 6 (§ 29.5-600 et seq.); or (vi) playing any account-based

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lottery game authorized under the provisions of Subtitle II (§ 29.5-700 et seq.). Any state agency, at the request of the Commission, shall assist in administering the voluntary exclusion program pursuant to the provisions of this section.

2. A person who participates in the voluntary exclusion program may choose an exclusion period of two years, five years, or lifetime.

3. Except as provided by regulation of the Board, a person who participates in the voluntary exclusion program may not petition the Board for removal from the voluntary exclusion program for the duration of his exclusion period.

4. The name of a person participating in the voluntary exclusion program shall be included on a list of excluded persons. The list of persons entering the voluntary exclusion program and the personal information of the participants shall be confidential, with dissemination by the Board limited to any parties the Board deems necessary for purposes of enforcement. The list and the personal information of participants in the voluntary exclusion program shall not be subject to disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.). In addition, the Board may disseminate the list to other parties upon request by the participant and agreement by the Board.

5. Permit holders, as defined in § 29.5-400, and owners and operators of casino gaming establishments shall make all reasonable attempts as determined by the Board to cease all direct marketing efforts to a person participating in the voluntary exclusion program. The voluntary exclusion program shall not preclude permit holders or owners and operators of casino gaming establishments from seeking the payment of a debt incurred by a person before entering the voluntary exclusion program. In addition, any permit holder or owner or operator of a casino gaming establishment may share the names of individuals who self-exclude across its corporate enterprise, including sharing such information with any of its affiliates.

§ 29.5-119. Commonwealth Gaming Operations Fund.

There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the Commonwealth Gaming Operations Fund, referred to in this section as "the Fund." The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller. All funds appropriated for such purpose and any gifts, donations, grants, bequests, and other funds received on its behalf shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used solely to offset the Commission's costs associated with (i) the conduct of investigations required pursuant to any provision of this subtitle and (ii) the enforcement of regulations promulgated by the Virginia Gaming Commission Board pursuant to § 29.5-104. Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants issued by the Comptroller upon written request signed by the Commissioner.

17. That there shall be established a Virginia Gaming Oversight Commission (the

Oversight Commission), which shall consist of 10 members of the General Assembly. Members shall be appointed as follows: six members of the House of Delegates who are members of the House Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee for Courts of Justice, or the House Committee on General Laws to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates and four members of the Senate who are members of the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice, or the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules. The Oversight Commission shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership; however, the chairman and vice-chairman shall not both be members of the House of Delegates, nor shall both the chairman and vice-chairman be members of the Senate. No recommendation of the Oversight Commission shall be adopted if a majority of the House members or a majority of the Senate members appointed to the Oversight Commission (i) vote against the recommendation and (ii) vote for the recommendation to fail notwithstanding the majority vote of the Oversight Commission. The Oversight Commission shall exercise the function of overseeing the implementation of the provisions of this act and shall convene regularly in the exercise of that function. The Oversight Commission shall expire (a) on July 1, 2026, or (b) upon the appointment of all members to the Virginia Gaming Commission Board, established pursuant to § 29.5-103 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act, and the appointment of a Commissioner to the Virginia Gaming Commission pursuant to § 29.5-102 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act, whichever occurs first. The provisions of this enactment shall become effective in due course.

18. That the Virginia Gaming Oversight Commission created pursuant to the third enactment of this act shall report quarterly on its progress to the chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and General Laws and the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and General Laws and Technology.

19. That there shall be established a Legislative Transition Executive Committee (the Executive Committee), which shall consist of four members of the Virginia Gaming Oversight Commission, to be appointed as follows: two members from the House of Delegates and two members from the Senate to be appointed by the chairman of the Virginia Gaming Oversight Commission. The Executive Committee shall function as a work group of the Virginia Gaming Oversight Commission and shall meet more frequently than the full membership of the Virginia Gaming Oversight Commission for the purpose of making decisions based on the recommendations of the Virginia Gaming Oversight Commission and providing direction to the Virginia Lottery in its role as the project management organization overseeing the implementation of the provisions of this act.

20. That the Virginia Lottery shall act as the project management organization to oversee and execute the work of the Virginia Gaming Oversight Commission and the Legislative Transition Executive Committee as such bodies exercise their duties and responsibilities

pursuant to the third and fifth enactments of this act.

21. That the initial terms of office of those persons appointed to serve as nonlegislative citizen members on the Virginia Gaming Commission Board pursuant to § 29.5-103 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act, shall be staggered as follows: two persons shall be appointed for a term of five years; two persons shall be appointed for a term of four years; three persons shall be appointed for a term of three years; one person shall be appointed for a term of two years; and one person shall be appointed for a term of one year. Thereafter, nonlegislative citizen members of the Virginia Gaming Commission Board shall serve for terms of five years. The provisions of this enactment shall become effective in due course.

22. That the Chief Operating Officer of the Virginia Gaming Commission (the Commission) shall also serve as the Chief Transition Officer of the Commission to lead and coordinate the efforts between relevant state agencies and the Commission with respect to transitioning the oversight and regulation of charitable gaming, casino gaming, sports betting, fantasy sports, and horse racing from such relevant agencies to the Commission. The duties of the Chief Operations Officer that are related to such transition shall expire upon the successful completion of the transition process.

23. That the regulations of the (i) Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services promulgated pursuant to Article 1.1:1 (§ 18.2-340.15 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2 of the Code of Virginia; (ii) Virginia Lottery Board promulgated pursuant to Article 2 (§ 58.1-4030 et seq.) of Chapter 40 and Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.) of Title 58.1 of the Code of Virginia; and (iii) Virginia Racing Commission pursuant to Chapter 29 (§ 59.1-364 et seq.) of Title 59.1 of the Code of Virginia, as repealed by this act, shall remain in full force and effect until the Virginia Gaming Commission Board promulgates regulations pursuant to this act. Regulations with respect to clause (i) shall be administered by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and regulations with respect to clauses (ii) and (iii) shall be administered by the Virginia Lottery until the Virginia Gaming Commission Board promulgates regulations pursuant to this act. The provisions of this enactment shall become effective in due course.

24. That during the interim period between July 1, 2025, and the formal establishment of the Virginia Gaming Commission (the Commission), established pursuant to § 29.5-101 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act, the Virginia Lottery shall be responsible for conducting all necessary business functions assigned to the Commission pursuant to this act. Formal establishment shall include appointment of the Commissioner of the Commission pursuant to § 29.5-102 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act, and achievement of staffing levels adequate to allow the Commission to independently accomplish such business functions as determined by the Commissioner and the Virginia Gaming Commission Board, established pursuant to § 29.5-103 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act.

25. That in the event that ex officio membership on any board, commission, council,

committee, or other body is affected by the provisions of this act, the Governor shall designate an appropriate successor officer, employee, or member of a board or agency established pursuant to the provisions of this act as a replacement.

26. That the Governor may transfer an appropriation or any portion thereof within a state agency established, abolished, or otherwise affected by the provisions of this act, or from one such agency to another, to support the changes in organization or responsibility resulting from or required by the provisions of this act.

27. That any accrued sick leave or annual leave of any employee of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Virginia Lottery, or the Virginia Racing Commission who transfers to the Virginia Gaming Commission in accordance with the provisions of this act shall transfer with the employee.

28. That the Virginia Gaming Commission Board (the Board) shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this act by January 1, 2026; however the Board shall present such regulations to the Virginia Gaming Oversight Commission for review prior to adoption. With the exception of § 2.2-4031 of the Code of Virginia, neither the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq. of the Code of Virginia) nor the public participation guidelines adopted pursuant thereto shall apply to the initial adoption of any regulations pursuant to this act. Prior to adopting any regulations pursuant to this act, the Board shall publish in the Virginia Register of Regulations and post on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall an action that shall provide (i) a 60-day comment period; (ii) a summary of the proposed regulations; (iii) the text of the proposed regulations; (iv) the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the agency contact person responsible for receiving public comments; and (v) the statutory authority to promulgate the regulation. The legislative review provisions of subsections A and B of § 2.2-4014 of the Code of Virginia shall apply to the promulgation or final adoption process for regulations adopted pursuant to this act. The Board shall consider and keep on file all public comments received for any regulations adopted pursuant to this act. The provisions of this enactment shall become effective in due course.

29. That employees of the Virginia Gaming Commission (the Commission) shall be considered employees of the Commonwealth. Employees of the Commission shall be eligible for membership in the Virginia Retirement System or other retirement plan as authorized by Article 4 (§ 51.1-125 et seq.) of Chapter 1 of Title 51.1 of the Code of Virginia and participation in all health and related insurance and other benefits, including premium conversion and flexible benefits, available to state employees as provided by law. Employees of the Commission shall be employed on such terms and conditions as established by the Virginia Gaming Commission Board (the Board). The Board shall develop and adopt policies and procedures that afford its employees grievance rights, ensure that employment decisions are based upon the merit and fitness of applicants, and prohibit discrimination because of race, color, religion, ethnic or national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the

Board shall develop, implement, and administer a paid leave program, which may include annual, personal, and sick leave or any combination thereof. All other leave benefits shall be administered in accordance with Chapter 11 (§ 51.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 51.1 of the Code of Virginia, except as otherwise provided in this enactment.

30. That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Virginia Gaming Commission (the Commission) shall give preference in hiring to employees of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Virginia Lottery, and the Virginia Racing Commission (relevant state agencies). The Commission shall issue a written notice to all persons whose employment at such relevant state agencies will be transferred to the Commission. The date upon which such written notice is issued shall be referred to herein as the "Option Date." In order to facilitate an orderly and efficient transition and ensure the continuation of operations during the transition from the relevant state agencies to the Commission, the Commission shall have discretion, subject to the time limitations contained herein, to determine the date upon which any employee's employment with the relevant state agencies will end or be transferred to the Commission. This date shall be stated in the written notice and shall be referred to herein as the "Transition Date." No Transition Date shall occur prior to July 1, 2025, without the mutual agreement of the employee and the Commission. No Transition Date shall be set beyond July 1, 2026. Each person whose employment will be transferred to the Commission may, by written request made within 120 days of the Option Date, elect not to become employed by the Commission. Any employee of the relevant state agencies who (i) is not offered the opportunity to transfer to employment by the Commission or (ii) is not offered a position with the Commission for which the employee is qualified or is offered a position that requires relocation or a reduction in salary shall be eligible for the severance benefits conferred by the provisions of the Workforce Transition Act (§ 2.2-3200 et seq. of the Code of Virginia). Any employee who accepts employment with the Commission shall not be considered to be involuntarily separated from state employment and shall not be eligible for the severance benefits conferred by the provisions of the Workforce Transition Act. Any eligibility for such severance benefits shall be contingent on the continued employment through an employee's Transition Date.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any person whose employment is transferred to the Commission as a result of this act and who is a member of any plan for providing health insurance coverage pursuant to Chapter 28 (§ 2.2-2800 et seq.) of Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia shall continue to be a member of such health insurance plan under the same terms and conditions as if no transfer had occurred.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any person whose employment is transferred to the Commission as a result of this act and who is a member of the Virginia Retirement System or other retirement plan as authorized by Article 4 (§ 51.1-125 et seq.) of Chapter 1 of Title 51.1 of the Code of Virginia shall continue to be a member of the Virginia Retirement System or other such authorized retirement plan under the same terms and conditions as if no transfer had occurred.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any person whose employment is transferred to the Commission as a result of this act and who was subjected to a criminal history background check as a condition of employment with any of the relevant state agencies shall not be subject to any provisions of this act regarding a criminal history background check, unless the Commission deems otherwise.

31. That the Virginia Gaming Commission (the Commission) shall conduct a review of all technology systems inherited from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Virginia Lottery, and the Virginia Racing Commission for the purpose of increasing efficiency in core functions through the reduction of manual processes and standardizing similar processes, such as licensing, auditing, and case management, across the different types of gaming that are overseen and regulated by the Commission.

32. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation is \$0 for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities and cannot be determined for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice."

Explanation:

(This amendment amends the Code of Virginia to establish the Virginia Gaming Commission as an independent agency of the Commonwealth.)

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Page 729, strike lines 1 through 51.

Page 730, strike lines 1 through 52.

Page 731, strike lines 1 through 49.

Page 732, strike lines 1 and insert:

"7. That §§ 58.1-322.03, 58.1-339.8, and 58.1-390.3 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§58.1-322.03. Virginia taxable income; deductions.

In computing Virginia taxable income pursuant to § 58.1-322, there shall be deducted from

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Virginia adjusted gross income as defined in § 58.1-321:

1. a. The amount allowable for itemized deductions for federal income tax purposes where the taxpayer has elected for the taxable year to itemize deductions on his federal return, but reduced by the amount of income taxes imposed by the Commonwealth or any other taxing jurisdiction and deducted on such federal return and increased by an amount that, when added to the amount deducted under § 170 of the Internal Revenue Code for mileage, results in a mileage deduction at the state level for such purposes at a rate of 18 cents per mile; or

b. Provided that the taxpayer has not itemized deductions for the taxable year on his federal income tax return: (i) for taxable years beginning before January 1, 2019, and on and after January 1, 2027 \$3,000 for single individuals and \$6,000 for married persons (one-half of such amounts in the case of a married individual filing a separate return); (ii) for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2019, but before January 1, 2022, \$4,500 for single individuals and \$9,000 for married persons (one-half of such amounts in the case of a married individual filing a separate return); (iii) for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2022, but before January 1, 2024, \$8,000 for single individuals and \$16,000 for married persons (one-half of such amounts in the case of a married individual filing a separate return); (iv) for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2024, but before January 1, 2025, \$8,500 for single individuals and \$17,000 for married persons (one-half of such amounts in the case of a married individual filing a separate return); *and (v) for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2025, but before January 1, 2027, \$8,750 for single individuals and \$17,500 for married persons (one-half of such amounts in the case of a married individual filing a separate return).* For purposes of this section, any person who may be claimed as a dependent on another taxpayer's return for the taxable year may compute the deduction only with respect to earned income.

2. a. A deduction in the amount of \$930 for each personal exemption allowable to the taxpayer for federal income tax purposes.

b. Each blind or aged taxpayer as defined under § 63(f) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be entitled to an additional personal exemption in the amount of \$800.

The additional deduction for blind or aged taxpayers allowed under this subdivision shall be allowable regardless of whether the taxpayer itemizes deductions for the taxable year for federal income tax purposes.

3. A deduction equal to the amount of employment-related expenses upon which the federal credit is based under § 21 of the Internal Revenue Code for expenses for household and dependent care services necessary for gainful employment.

4. An additional \$1,000 deduction for each child residing for the entire taxable year in a home under permanent foster care placement as defined in § 63.2-908, provided that the taxpayer can also claim the child as a personal exemption under § 151 of the Internal Revenue Code.

5. a. A deduction in the amount of \$12,000 for individuals born on or before January 1, 1939.

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b. A deduction in the amount of \$12,000 for individuals born after January 1, 1939, who have attained the age of 65. This deduction shall be reduced by \$1 for every \$1 that the taxpayer's adjusted federal adjusted gross income exceeds \$50,000 for single taxpayers or \$75,000 for married taxpayers. For married taxpayers filing separately, the deduction shall be reduced by \$1 for every \$1 that the total combined adjusted federal adjusted gross income of both spouses exceeds \$75,000.

For the purposes of this subdivision, "adjusted federal adjusted gross income" means federal adjusted gross income minus any benefits received under Title II of the Social Security Act and other benefits subject to federal income taxation solely pursuant to § 86 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

6. The amount an individual pays as a fee for an initial screening to become a possible bone marrow donor, if (i) the individual is not reimbursed for such fee or (ii) the individual has not claimed a deduction for the payment of such fee on his federal income tax return.

7. a. A deduction shall be allowed to the purchaser or contributor for the amount paid or contributed during the taxable year for a prepaid tuition contract or college savings trust account entered into with the Commonwealth Savers Plan, pursuant to Chapter 7 (§ 23.1-700 et seq.) of Title 23.1. Except as provided in subdivision b, the amount deducted on any individual income tax return in any taxable year shall be limited to \$4,000 per prepaid tuition contract or college savings trust account. No deduction shall be allowed pursuant to this subdivision 7 if such payments or contributions are deducted on the purchaser's or contributor's federal income tax return. If the purchase price or annual contribution to a college savings trust account exceeds \$4,000, the remainder may be carried forward and subtracted in future taxable years until the purchase price or college savings trust contribution has been fully deducted; however, except as provided in subdivision b, in no event shall the amount deducted in any taxable year exceed \$4,000 per contract or college savings trust account. Notwithstanding the statute of limitations on assessments contained in § 58.1-312, any deduction taken hereunder shall be subject to recapture in the taxable year or years in which distributions or refunds are made for any reason other than (i) to pay qualified higher education expenses, as defined in § 529 of the Internal Revenue Code or (ii) the beneficiary's death, disability, or receipt of a scholarship. For the purposes of this subdivision, "purchaser" or "contributor" means the person shown as such on the records of the Commonwealth Savers Plan as of December 31 of the taxable year. In the case of a transfer of ownership of a prepaid tuition contract or college savings trust account, the transferee shall succeed to the transferor's tax attributes associated with a prepaid tuition contract or college savings trust account, including, but not limited to, carryover and recapture of deductions.

b. A purchaser of a prepaid tuition contract or contributor to a college savings trust account who has attained age 70 shall not be subject to the limitation that the amount of the deduction not exceed \$4,000 per prepaid tuition contract or college savings trust account in any taxable year. Such taxpayer shall be allowed a deduction for the full amount paid for the contract or contributed to a college savings trust account, less any amounts previously deducted.

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8. The total amount an individual actually contributed in funds to the Virginia Public School Construction Grants Program and Fund, established in Chapter 11.1 (§ 22.1-175.1 et seq.) of Title 22.1, provided that the individual has not claimed a deduction for such amount on his federal income tax return.

9. An amount equal to 20 percent of the tuition costs incurred by an individual employed as a primary or secondary school teacher licensed pursuant to Chapter 15 (§ 22.1-289.1 et seq.) of Title 22.1 to attend continuing teacher education courses that are required as a condition of employment; however, the deduction provided by this subdivision shall be available only if (i) the individual is not reimbursed for such tuition costs and (ii) the individual has not claimed a deduction for the payment of such tuition costs on his federal income tax return.

10. The amount an individual pays annually in premiums for long-term health care insurance, provided that the individual has not claimed a deduction for federal income tax purposes, or, for taxable years beginning before January 1, 2014, a credit under § 58.1-339.11. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2014, no such deduction for long-term health care insurance premiums paid by the individual during the taxable year shall be allowed if the individual has claimed a federal income tax deduction for such taxable year for long-term health care insurance premiums paid by him.

11. Contract payments to a producer of quota tobacco or a tobacco quota holder, or their spouses, as provided under the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 (P.L. 108-357), but only to the extent that such payments have not been subtracted pursuant to subsection D of § 58.1-402, as follows:

a. If the payment is received in installment payments, then the recognized gain may be subtracted in the taxable year immediately following the year in which the installment payment is received.

b. If the payment is received in a single payment, then 10 percent of the recognized gain may be subtracted in the taxable year immediately following the year in which the single payment is received. The taxpayer may then deduct an equal amount in each of the nine succeeding taxable years.

12. An amount equal to 20 percent of the sum paid by an individual pursuant to Chapter 6 (§ 58.1-600 et seq.), not to exceed \$500 in each taxable year, in purchasing for his own use the following items of tangible personal property: (i) any clothes washers, room air conditioners, dishwashers, and standard size refrigerators that meet or exceed the applicable energy star efficiency requirements developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy; (ii) any fuel cell that (a) generates electricity using an electrochemical process, (b) has an electricity-only generation efficiency greater than 35 percent, and (c) has a generating capacity of at least two kilowatts; (iii) any gas heat pump that has a coefficient of performance of at least 1.25 for heating and at least 0.70 for cooling; (iv) any electric heat pump hot water heater that yields an energy factor of at least 1.7; (v) any electric heat pump that has a heating system performance factor of at least 8.0 and a cooling seasonal energy efficiency ratio

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of at least 13.0; (vi) any central air conditioner that has a cooling seasonal energy efficiency ratio of at least 13.5; (vii) any advanced gas or oil water heater that has an energy factor of at least 0.65; (viii) any advanced oil-fired boiler with a minimum annual fuel-utilization rating of 85; (ix) any advanced oil-fired furnace with a minimum annual fuel-utilization rating of 85; and (x) programmable thermostats.

13. The lesser of \$5,000 or the amount actually paid by a living donor of an organ or other living tissue for unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses directly related to the donation that arose within 12 months of such donation, provided that the donor has not taken a medical deduction in accordance with the provisions of § 213 of the Internal Revenue Code for such expenses. The deduction may be taken in the taxable year in which the donation is made or the taxable year in which the 12-month period expires.

14. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2013, the amount an individual age 66 or older with earned income of at least \$20,000 for the year and federal adjusted gross income not in excess of \$30,000 for the year pays annually in premiums for (i) a prepaid funeral insurance policy covering the individual or (ii) medical or dental insurance for any person for whom individual tax filers may claim a deduction for such premiums under federal income tax laws. As used in this subdivision, "earned income" means the same as that term is defined in § 32(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. The deduction shall not be allowed for any portion of such premiums paid for which the individual has (a) been reimbursed, (b) claimed a deduction for federal income tax purposes, (c) claimed a deduction or subtraction under another provision of this section, or (d) claimed a federal income tax credit or any income tax credit pursuant to this chapter.

15. Business interest disallowed as a deduction pursuant to § 163(j) of the Internal Revenue Code:

- a. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2018, but before January 1, 2022, 20 percent of such disallowed business interest;
- b. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2022, but before January 1, 2024, 30 percent of such disallowed business interest;
- c. For taxable years beginning on and after January 2, 2024, 50 percent of such disallowed business interest.

For purposes of subdivision 15, "business interest" means the same as that term is defined under § 163(j) of the Internal Revenue Code.

16. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2019, the actual amount of real and personal property taxes imposed by the Commonwealth or any other taxing jurisdiction not otherwise deducted solely on account of the dollar limitation imposed on individual deductions by § 164(b)(6)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code.

17. For taxable years beginning before January 1, 2021, up to \$100,000 of the amount that is not deductible when computing federal adjusted gross income solely on account of the portion of

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subdivision B 10 of § 58.1-301 related to Paycheck Protection Program loans.

18. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2022, but before January 1, 2025, the lesser of \$500 or the actual amount paid or incurred for eligible educator qualifying expenses. For purposes of this subdivision, "eligible educator" means an individual who for at least 900 hours during the taxable year in which the credit under this section is claimed served as a teacher licensed pursuant to Chapter 15 (§ 22.1-289.1 et seq.) of Title 22.1, instructor, student counselor, principal, special needs personnel, or student aide serving accredited public or private primary and secondary school students in Virginia, and "qualifying expenses" means 100 percent of the amount paid or incurred by an eligible educator during the taxable year for participation in professional development courses and the purchase of books, supplies, computer equipment (including related software and services), other educational and teaching equipment, and supplementary materials used directly in that individual's service to students as an eligible educator, provided that such purchases were neither reimbursed nor claimed as a deduction on the eligible educator's federal income tax return for such taxable year.

§ 58.1-339.8. Income tax credit for low-income taxpayers.

A. *For purposes of this section, :*

"Family Virginia adjusted gross income" means the combined Virginia adjusted gross income of an individual, the individual's spouse, and any person claimed as a dependent on the individual's or his spouse's income tax return for the taxable year.

"Household" means an individual, or in the case of married *individuals*, an individual and his spouse, regardless of whether or not the individual and his spouse file combined or separate Virginia individual income tax returns.

"Poverty guidelines" means the poverty guidelines for the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia updated annually in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of § 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981.

"Virginia adjusted gross income" has the same meaning as the term is defined in § 58.1-321.

B. 1. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2000, any individual or *married individuals filing jointly* whose family Virginia adjusted gross income does not exceed 100 percent of the poverty guideline amount corresponding to a household of an equal number of persons as listed in the poverty guidelines published during such taxable year, shall be allowed a nonrefundable credit against the tax levied pursuant to § 58.1-320 in an amount equal to \$300 each for the individual, the individual's spouse, and any person claimed as a dependent on the individual's or married individuals' income tax return for the taxable year. For any taxable year in which married individuals file separate Virginia income tax returns, the credit provided under this section shall be allowed against the tax for only one of such two tax returns. Additionally, the credit provided under this section shall not be allowed against such tax of a dependent of the individual or of married individuals.

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2. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2006, any individual or married individuals *filing jointly*, eligible for a tax credit pursuant to § 32 of the Internal Revenue Code, may for the taxable year, in lieu of the credit authorized under subdivision 1, claim a nonrefundable credit against the tax imposed pursuant to § 58.1-320 in an amount equal to 20 percent of the credit claimed by the individual or married individuals for federal individual income taxes pursuant to § 32 of the Internal Revenue Code for the taxable year. In no case shall a household be allowed a credit pursuant to this subdivision and subdivision 1 or 3 for the same taxable year.

3. *a.* For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2022, but before January 1, 2025 any individual or married *individuals*, eligible for a tax credit pursuant to § 32 of the Internal Revenue Code, may for the taxable year, in lieu of the credit authorized under subdivision 1 or 2, claim a refundable credit against the tax imposed pursuant to § 58.1-320 in an amount equal to 15 percent of the credit claimed by the individual or married *individuals* for federal individual income taxes pursuant to § 32 of the Internal Revenue Code for the taxable year.

b. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2025 but before January 1, 2027, any individual or married individuals may, for the taxable year, in lieu of the credit authorized under subdivision 1 or 2, claim a refundable credit against the tax imposed pursuant to § 58.1-320 in an amount equal to 20 percent of the credit claimed by the individual or married persons for federal individual income taxes pursuant to § 32 of the Internal Revenue Code for the taxable year.

1. The refundable credit *claimed pursuant to this subdivision 3* shall be claimed on the Virginia income tax return and redeemed by the Tax Commissioner. In no case shall a household be allowed a credit pursuant to this subdivision 3 and subdivision 1 or 2 for the same taxable year.

C. The amount of the credit claimed pursuant to subdivision B 1 and B 2, or in the case of a nonresident or a person to which § 58.1-303 applies, subdivision B 3, for any taxable year shall not exceed the individual's or married individuals' Virginia income tax liability.

D. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, no credit shall be allowed pursuant to subsection B in any taxable year in which the individual, the individual's spouse, or both, or any person claimed as a dependent on such individual's or married individuals' income tax return, claims one or any combination of the following on his or their income tax return for such taxable year:

1. The subtraction under subdivision 8 of § 58.1-322.02;
2. The subtraction under subdivision 15 of § 58.1-322.02;
3. The subtraction under subdivision 16 of § 58.1-322.02;
4. The deduction for the additional personal exemption for blind or aged taxpayers under subdivision 2 b of § 58.1-322.03; or
5. The deduction under subdivision 5 of § 58.1-322.03.

§ 58.1-390.3. Elective income tax on pass-through entities.

A. 1. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2021, but before January 1, 2022, a pass-through entity may make an election, in a format and according to such requirements and procedures to be established by the Department, to pay the tax levied by this section at the entity level for the taxable year. Such election shall be made on or before a date to be determined by the Department, which shall be set no earlier than one year after the extended due date for filing the applicable return. Notwithstanding §§ 58.1-1812 and 58.1-1833, no interest shall accrue on underpayments or overpayments solely attributable to such election.

2. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2022, but before January 1, 2027, a pass-through entity may make an annual election, on its timely filed return pursuant to § 58.1-392, to pay the tax levied by this section at the entity level for the taxable period covered by such return. Such election shall be made on or before the due date for filing the applicable return, including any extensions that have been granted.

B. A tax at the rate of 5.75 percent is hereby annually imposed on the Virginia taxable income, as calculated pursuant to § 58.1-391 but taking into account only the pro rata or distributive share of each item of income, gain, loss, or deduction attributable to eligible owners, for each taxable year of every pass-through entity that makes the election provided under subsection A.

C. In computing the tax imposed by this section, the pro rata or distributive share of the Virginia taxable income of each nonresident eligible owner shall be limited to income that is attributable to Virginia sources and shall be subject to the modifications to income as described in §§ 58.1-322.01 through 58.1-322.04.

D. A pass-through entity that elects to pay the tax levied by subsection B shall be eligible for all credits, deductions, or other adjustments to taxable income under § 58.1-391, provided that a pass-through entity's taxable income shall be adjusted to eliminate any federal deduction for state and local income taxes.

E. Any person that is subject to the tax imposed under § 58.1-320 or 58.1-360 and is an eligible owner of a pass-through entity making the election pursuant to this section shall be entitled to a credit against the tax imposed, provided that taxable income has been adjusted to add back any deduction for state and local income taxes paid by the pass-through entity. Such credit shall be in an amount equal to such person's pro rata share of the tax paid under this section by any pass-through entity of which such person is an owner. If the amount of the credit allowed pursuant to this subsection exceeds such person's tax liability for the tax imposed under § 58.1-320 or 58.1-360, as applicable, such excess shall be treated as an overpayment and refundable pursuant to § 58.1-499.

F. If any pass-through entity makes an election pursuant to this section, the Department shall assess and collect tax, interest, and penalties as if such tax is a corporate income tax imposed pursuant to the provisions of Article 10 (§ 58.1-400 et seq.).

G. The Department shall develop and make publicly available guidelines implementing the

provisions of this section and the credit authorized by subdivision C 2 of § 58.1-332.

8. That the second enactment of Chapter 763 of the Acts of Assembly of 2023 and the second enactment Chapter 791 of the Acts of Assembly of 2023 are amended and reenacted as follows:

2. Notwithstanding subdivision B 11 of § 58.1-301, as amended by this or any other act, Virginia shall not conform to (i) any amendment enacted on or after January 1, 2025, with a projected impact that would increase or decrease general fund revenues by any amount in the fiscal year in which the amendment was enacted or any of the succeeding four fiscal years and (ii) all amendments enacted on or after January 1, 2025 if the cumulative projected impact of such amendments would increase or decrease general fund revenues by any amount in the fiscal year in which the amendments were enacted or any of the succeeding four fiscal years. The provisions of this enactment shall not apply to any amendment to federal income tax law that is either subsequently adopted by the General Assembly or a federal tax extender as defined under subdivision B 11 of § 58.1-301, as created by this act.”

Page 732, line 2 strike "*17*" and insert "*9*".

Page 732, line 3 strike "*18*" and insert "*10*".

Page 732, line 3, after "*seventh*," insert "*and*".

Page 732, line 3, after "*eighth*" strike the remainder of line 3.

Page 732, line 4, strike "*fifteenth, and sixteenth*".

Page 732, line 5, strike "*19*" and insert "*11*".

Explanation:

(This amendment extends the expiration date on the standard deduction, refundable earned income tax credit, and the pass-through entity elective tax until January 1, 2027. Additionally, it increases the standard deduction for tax year 2025 and 2026 to \$8,750 for single filers and \$17,500 for joint filers, a \$250 and \$500 increase respectively, and increases the refundability of the earned income tax credit from 15.0 to 20.0 percent of the federal earned income tax credit.)
