

Request to Amend House Bill 29, as Introduced

Chief Patron: Askew

Item 124 #1h

Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$0	\$500,000	GF

Language:

Page 25, line 14, strike "\$51,747,067" and insert "\$52,247,067".

Page 26, line 14, strike "\$1,157,065" and insert "\$1,657,065".

Page 36, line 7, strike "\$1,157,065" and insert "\$1,657,065".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the general fund to maintain funding for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library at fiscal year 2025 levels. Chapter 725 provided \$1,657,065 in fiscal year 2025 and \$1,157,065 in fiscal year 2026.)

Chief Patron: Bloxom

Item 370 #1h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Wildlife Resources	\$0	\$742,045	NGF

Language:

Page 191, line 26, strike "\$0" and insert "\$742,045".

Page 191, set out Item 370.

Page 191, Paragraph A, Strike "\$19,484,600" and insert "\$20,226,645".

Explanation:

(This amendment increases the transfer from the Game Protection Fund by \$742,000 in fiscal year 2026 to reflect the costs to the Department of Wildlife Resources of providing a 2 percent bonus as proposed in House Bill 29 as introduced. A companion amendment to Part 3 of House Bill 29 makes a corresponding adjustment to the transfer from the general fund to the Game Protection Fund.)

Chief Patron: Bloxom

Item 3-1.01 #2h

Transfers

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Language

Language:

Page 244, line 19, strike "\$12,184,600" and insert "\$12,946,645".

Explanation:

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(This amendment increases the transfer from the general fund to the Game Protection Fund by \$742,000 in fiscal year 2026 to reflect the costs to the Department of Wildlife Resources of providing a 2 percent bonus as proposed in House Bill 29 as introduced. A companion amendment to Item 370 makes a corresponding adjustment to the transfer from the Game Protection Fund to DWR.)

Chief Patron: Callsen

Item 102 #1h

Commerce and Trade

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Housing and
Community Development

\$0

\$2,500,000 GF

Language:

Page 16, line 12, strike "\$310,725,885" and insert "\$313,225,885".

Page 16, line 12, set out item 102, and insert:

"Z. Out of this appropriation, \$2,500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the City of Charlottesville to support the repurposing of existing facilities into two emergency shelters."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.5 million in fiscal year 2026 for the City of Charlottesville to create a low-barrier emergency shelter and high-barrier emergency shelter.)

Chief Patron: Callsen

Item 109 #1h

Commerce and Trade

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Energy

\$0

\$75,000 GF

Language:

Page 17, line 2, strike "\$4,766,189" and insert "\$4,841,189".

Page 17, line 2, set out Item 109, and insert:

"G. Out of this appropriation, \$75,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the City of Charlottesville to support the work of the Energy Resources Hub."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$75,000 in fiscal year 2026 to the City of Charlottesville to support the Energy Resources Hub which helps residents and businesses in Charlottesville and Albemarle County navigate resource programs, rebates, and incentives for energy efficiency, weatherization services, and electrification.)

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Chief Patron: Carr

Item 288 #2h

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 140, line 25, after "projections.", strike the remainder of the line.

Page 140, line 26, strike "corresponding legacy services have ended.", and insert:

"The new Medicaid behavioral health services and rates may be implemented beginning six months prior to the expected date on which corresponding legacy services will have ended to ensure a smooth transition and reduce the risk that individuals will be without services. Implementation of the redesigned services authorized in this paragraph shall be completed no later than July 1, 2027."

Page 140, strike lines 26 and 27.

Page 140, line 32, after "process.", insert:

"The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall report to the Joint Subcommittee for Health and Human Resources Oversight and the Behavioral Health Commission on the status of the regulations, guidance documents, provider manuals, assessment tools, training materials and related materials including a timeline for completion of the above no later than November 1, 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment modifies language in the introduced budget which delays the implementation of redesigned Medicaid behavioral health services until January 1, 2027. Language directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to implement the new behavioral health services and rates beginning six months prior to the expected date on which the legacy services they replace will have ended to ensure continuity of care. It also changes the implementation date of the new services from January 1, 2027 to July 1, 2027 and requires a status report to the Joint Subcommittee for Health and Human Resources Oversight and the Behavioral Health Commission by November 1, 2026.)

Chief Patron: Carr

Item 315 #1h

Health and Human Resources

Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$165,000 the second year from the general fund to support the distribution of comprehensive health and aging information to Virginia's senior population, their families and caregivers through the No Wrong Door's statewide resource database. Funding for this purpose shall be set out in Item 315 during enrollment of House Bill 29.)

Chief Patron: Carr

Item 469 #2h

Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Central Appropriations	\$0	\$160,135	GF

Language:

Page 206, line 3, strike "\$561,153,221" and insert "\$561,313,356".

Page 215, strike "\$91,928,059" and insert "\$92,088,194".

Page 215, after line 38, insert:

"4. It is the intention of the General Assembly that the Department of Planning and Budget include personnel cost for the Institute For Advanced Learning and Research into the methodology used to calculate the cost of future salary increases.

5. It is the intention of the General Assembly that the Department of Planning and Budget include personnel cost for the Roanoke Higher Education Authority into the methodology used to calculate the cost of future salary increases."

Explanation:

(This amendment makes a technical correction related to salary calculations for the Institute For Advanced Learning and Research and the Roanoke Higher Education Authority and includes funding for these 2 centers in the funding for the 2% bonus in June of 2026.)

Chief Patron: Cohen

Item 288 #3h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Medical Assistance	\$0	\$1,690,674	GF
Services	\$0	\$1,799,999	NGF

Language:

Page 117, line 46, strike "\$27,463,112,546" and insert "\$27,466,603,219".

Page 154, after line 37, insert:

"XXXXX. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall increase the initial income limit for Medicaid Works eligibility to 300 percent of the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) level to align with the Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus (CCC Plus) and Developmental

Disability (DD) Waiver programs income limits."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$1.7 million from the general fund and \$1.8 million from nongeneral funds in fiscal year 2026 and language to increase the initial income limit for Medicaid Works eligibility to 300 percent of the Supplemental Security Income level to align it with the Medicaid CCC plus and DD Waiver programs, allowing more working individuals with disabilities to be eligible for the Medicaid Works program. Funding assumes that 99 more individuals will become eligible for the program from this change. This was a recommendation from the 2024 Recommendations to Improve Access to and Successful Utilization of the Medicaid Works Program report.)

Chief Patron: Cole J.

Item 365 #2h

Natural and Historic Resources

Department of Environmental Quality

Language

Language:

Page 191, after line 11, insert:

"R. Out of the amounts in this item, \$500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for regional water resource planning activities."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to support regional water resource planning activities.)

Chief Patron: Herring

Item 365 #7h

Natural and Historic Resources

Department of Environmental Quality

Language

Language:

Page 191, after line 11, insert:

"R. All agencies or authorities of the Commonwealth with responsibilities identified in § 10.1-1330 of the Code of Virginia, shall take all actions necessary to rejoin the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, as defined in § 10.1-1329 of the Code of Virginia, and resume participation therein. Such required actions include (i) repealing or otherwise nullifying the final regulation titled 9VAC5-140, Regulation for Emissions Trading Programs, published in the Virginia Register of Regulations on July 31, 2023, no later than 90 days from the effective date of this act; (ii) reissuing or otherwise reinstating the final regulation titled 9VAC5-140, Regulation for Emissions Trading Programs, published in the Virginia Register of Regulations on August 3,

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2020, including any amendments necessary to account for the time such regulation was not in effect, no later than 90 days from the effective date of this act; (iii) no later than January 1, 2027, updating, amending, or revising the regulation to align with the latest Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative program review and revised model rule; (iv) entering into a contractual agreement with the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Inc. to rejoin the program, which the Director shall sign, and selling the allowances generated by the reissued regulatory program through auctions run by the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Inc.; (v) transferring auction proceeds, and any interest thereon, in accordance with subsection B of § 10.1-1330 of Code of Virginia with the responsible agencies disbursing such funds as expeditiously as possible; and (vi) providing annual reporting in accordance with subsection C of § 10.1-1330 of Code of Virginia. Any regulatory actions necessary to effectuate the requirements of this item are hereby exempted from the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq. of the Code of Virginia). The Department of Environmental Quality shall complete such regulatory actions without further action by the State Air Pollution Control Board."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires all agencies take actions necessary for the Commonwealth to rejoin the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.)

Chief Patron: Hodges

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Natural and Historic Resources

Department of Environmental Quality

Language

Language:

Page 191, after line 11, insert:

"R. Out of the amounts in this item, \$500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for regional water resource planning activities."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to support regional water resource planning activities.)

Chief Patron: Hope

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Central Appropriations

Central Appropriations

Language

Language:

Page 216, after line 4, insert:

"3. Notwithstanding subsection 1., the governing authority may use such funds to provide the

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bonus to some but not all of the four categories of employees specified in (a) - (d) of subsection 1."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides flexibility to localities giving them the option to provide the bonus to some but not all of the employee groups listed as state supported local employees).

Chief Patron: Krizek

Item 365 #6h

Natural and Historic Resources

Department of Environmental Quality

Language

Language:

Page 191, after line 11, insert:

"R. To assist with availability and allocation of Water Quality Improvement Fund grants, for any Enhanced Nutrient Removal Certainty Program upgrades undertaken by the Hampton Roads Sanitation District pursuant to § 62.1-44.19:14 G1 through G3, Code of Virginia, including but not limited to SWIFT nutrient upgrades, for which the Department of Environmental Quality enters into a grant agreement on or after January 1, 2026, payment of Water Quality Improvement Fund grants to the Hampton Roads Sanitation District shall be capped at \$190,000,000 million per year from fiscal year 2026 through and including fiscal year 2031, notwithstanding any higher amount that may be due to Hampton Roads Sanitation District under applicable grant agreements. Any amounts that are due but unpaid in any fiscal year as the result of the operation of the annual cap shall be deferred to and reimbursed in the next fiscal year. It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide sufficient annual allocations to the Water Quality Improvement Fund to reimburse the Hampton Roads Sanitation District for its grant eligible costs in the amount of \$190,000,000 per year through fiscal year 2031, at which time the Department of Environmental Quality's normal grant reimbursement procedures shall resume. The conditions and limitations of paragraph I of this item shall not apply to the projects covered by this paragraph."

Explanation:

(This amendment establishes an annual aggregate reimbursement cap of \$190 million for certain wastewater treatment plant upgrades required by the the Enhanced Nutrient Removal Certainty Program for which the Department of Environmental Quality enters into a grant agreement on or after January 1, 2026.)

Chief Patron: Laufer

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Transfers

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Language:

Page 246, strike lines 35 through 37.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language proposed in House Bill 29 as introduced which would transfer \$25 million from the balances of the Soil and Water Conservation District Dam Maintenance, Repair, and Rehabilitation Fund to the general fund.)

Chief Patron: McQuinn

Item 396 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Criminal Justice
Services

\$0

\$8,037,753 GF

Language:

Page 194, line 27, strike "\$229,650,081" and insert "\$237,687,834".

Page 194, set out Item 396.

Page 194, Paragraph A, strike the second "\$229,650,081" and insert "\$237,687,834".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$8.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 for Aid to Localities with Police Departments.)

Chief Patron: Pope Adams

Item 365 #5h

Natural and Historic Resources

Department of Environmental Quality

Language

Language:

Page 191, after line 11, insert:

"R. Any Enhanced Nutrient Removal Certainty (ENRC) Program priority project that is subject to a phased construction program with a completion date no later than January 1, 2030 pursuant to § 62.1-44.19:14(G), Code of Virginia, may apply Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF) grant funds to costs to complete the ENRC Program priority project that are not WQIF eligible costs up to the amount of any American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funds that the ENRC Program priority project documents have been used to pay for WQIF eligible costs on or before December 31, 2026. The ENRC Program priority project shall not (i) charge any single expenditure to more than one grant, (ii) receive grant funds in excess of the total costs that have been incurred as of the time reimbursement is requested from the Department, (iii) receive WQIF reimbursement at any point during the project in excess of the amount of WQIF eligible

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costs that have been incurred at the time reimbursement is requested, or (IV) receive total reimbursement from the WQIF in excess of the total approved WQIF grant amount."

Explanation:

(This amendment allows the South Central Wastewater Authority's Chesapeake Bay Nutrient Reduction Project in Petersburg the flexibility to prioritize use of funds from two existing ARPA grants to meet the 2026 federal ARPA expenditure deadline, and maintain and defer Water Quality Improvement Funds use until after all ARPA funds are used as construction continues through 2029.)

Chief Patron: Price

Item 101 #1h

Commerce and Trade

Economic Development Incentive Payments

Language

Language:

Page 14, line 23, after "expended." insert:

"Repayment of the treasury loan authorized in this paragraph will be at the determination of the Governor and General Assembly."

Explanation:

(The General Assembly approved a \$40.0 million loan for the City of Newport News during the 2024 General Assembly Session to help in the construction of housing for Navy personnel. This amendment allows the Governor and General Assembly to exercise discretion in setting terms for loan repayment and identifying performance metrics for which future repayment options can be based.)

Chief Patron: Price

Item 3-5.18 #1h

Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections

Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit

Language

Language:

Page 254, line 20, after "Services." insert:

"The Department of Education shall transfer up to \$5,000,000 of any unallocated tax credits of the Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits to the Department of Social Services to be designated solely for Foodbanks through the Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credit."

Explanation:

(This amendment transfers \$5.0 million in unused tax credits to DSS for foodbanks.)

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Chief Patron: Runion

Item 125 #1h

Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$0	\$7,150,452	GF

Language:

Page 39, line 53, strike "\$10,743,858,525" and insert "\$10,751,008,977".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$7.2 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to correct Rockingham County's local composite index value. Incorrect information was submitted to calculate the true value of real estate to inform the 2024-2026 rebenchmarking.)

Chief Patron: Sewell

Item 288 #4h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$0	\$600,000	GF

Language:

Page 117, line 46, strike "\$27,463,112,546" and insert "\$27,463,712,546".

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$600,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to preserve access to essential reproductive and sexual health care for Medicaid patients in light of the federal Medicaid defunding provision of certain providers, following the passage of the federal H.R.1 (119th Congress, 2025).)

Chief Patron: Sewell

Item 288 #5h

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

Language:

Page 117, line 46, strike "\$27,463,112,546" and insert "\$27,463,262,546".

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Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$150,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to stabilize contraceptive care delivery for Medicaid recipients who have received these services from Planned Parenthood providers through recent federal restrictions. This prevents unnecessary disruption to patient care while federal litigation proceeds, saving downstream costs to the state.)

Chief Patron: Simon

Item 295 #1h

Health and Human Resources

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Language

Language:

Page 164, line 55, strike "Not set out." and insert:

~~"TT. By no later than June 30, 2026, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) shall align and monitor the Commonwealth of Virginia's recovery support services, including services offered by recovery residences and other similar providers, with the nationally recognized American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) 4th Edition criteria to ensure quality and consistency in care. This criteria shall be made publicly available to all consumers and accessible on the DBHDS website."~~

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language requiring DBHDS to align and monitor Virginia's recovery support services with national criteria in order to align with workgroup recommendations resulting from Senate Bill 838 of the 2025 General Assembly. The rest of this item will be set out upon enrollment.)

Chief Patron: Thornton

Item 102 #2h

Commerce and Trade

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Housing and
Community Development

\$0

\$500,000 GF

Language:

Page 16, line 12, strike "\$310,725,885" and insert "\$311,225,885".

Page 16, line 12, set out item 102, and insert:

"Z. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 in the second year from the general fund is provided to the Peninsula Community Development Corporation and the Hampton Roads Community Action Program to jointly support housing rehabilitation, infill construction, and community revitalization projects serving low- to moderate-income households in the Hampton Roads

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region. Funds shall be used to catalyze the preservation and development of affordable housing, leverage additional public and private capital, and expand access to safe, quality housing for economically vulnerable residents. The Department of Housing and Community Development shall administer this appropriation and ensure compliance with applicable state program and reporting requirements."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 to support housing related projects of the Peninsula Community Development Corporation and the Hampton Roads Community Action Program.)

Chief Patron: Tran

Item 275 #1h

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Health

\$0

\$29,790,264 GF

Language:

Page 113, line 29, strike "\$183,148,466" and insert "\$212,938,730".

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$29.8 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to backfill the loss of federal funding for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program - Part B, which provides wraparound services for patients with HIV/AIDS. The program is administered by the Virginia Department of Health and has experienced declining federal funding and rebates from pharmaceutical companies, both of which are expected to continue to decline.)

Chief Patron: Tran

Item 4-5.04 #1h

Special Conditions and Restrictions on Expenditures

Goods and Services

Language

Language:

Page 287, line 3, unstrike "or state statute".

Explanation:

(This amendment restores language contained in Chapter 725, 2025 Acts of Assembly, 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.)

Chief Patron: Walker

Item 275 #2h

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FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Health

\$0

\$5,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 113, line 29, strike "\$183,148,466" and insert "\$188,148,466".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$5.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to backfill the anticipated loss of funding for the Ryan White Part B program for Grant Year 2026 (April 1, 2026 to March 1, 2027). Funds will restore critical HIV-related medical and supportive services, and prevent disruptions in access to life-saving medications for Virginians living with HIV.

Chief Patron: Willett

Item 275 #3h

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Health

\$0

\$6,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 113, line 29, strike "\$183,148,466" and insert "\$189,148,466".

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$6.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to backfill the loss of federal funding for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program - Part B, which provides wraparound services for patients with HIV/AIDS. The program is administered by the Virginia Department of Health and has experienced declining federal funding and rebates from pharmaceutical companies, both of which are expected to continue to decline.)

Chief Patron: Willett

Item 288 #1h

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 140, line 25, after "projections.", strike the remainder of the line.

Page 140, line 26, strike "corresponding legacy services have ended.", and insert:

"The new Medicaid behavioral health services and rates may be implemented beginning six months prior to the expected date on which corresponding legacy services will have ended to ensure a smooth transition and reduce the risk that individuals will be without services. Implementation of the redesigned services authorized in this paragraph shall be completed no later than July 1, 2027."

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Page 140, strike lines 26 through 27.

Page 140, line 32, after "process.", insert:

"The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall report to the Joint Subcommittee for Health and Human Resources Oversight and the Behavioral Health Commission on the status of the regulations, guidance documents, provider manuals, assessment tools, training materials and related materials including a timeline for completion of the above no later than November 1, 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment modifies language in the introduced budget which delays the implementation of redesigned Medicaid behavioral health services until January 1, 2027. Language directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to implement the new behavioral health services and rates beginning six months prior to the expected date on which the legacy services they replace will have ended to ensure continuity of care. It also changes the implementation date of the new services from January 1, 2027 to July 1, 2027 and requires a status report to the Joint Subcommittee for Health and Human Resources Oversight and the Behavioral Health Commission by November 1, 2026.)

Chief Patron: Willett

Item 365 #4h

Natural and Historic Resources

Department of Environmental Quality

Language

Language:

Page 191, after line 11, insert:

"R. Out of the amounts in this item, \$500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for regional water resource planning activities."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to support regional water resource planning activities.)

Chief Patron: Willett

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Transfers

Interfund Transfers

Language

Language:

Page 586, strike lines 4 through 6, and insert:

"W. On or before June 30, the State Comptroller shall transfer \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year to the general fund from the \$2.00 increase in the annual vehicle

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registration fee from the special emergency medical services fund contained in the Department of Health's Emergency Medical Services Program (40200) and shall be provided to the Virginia State Police for med flight operations. The remaining \$10,518,587 from the special emergency medical services fund (40200) each year would remain in the Special Emergency Medical Services Program and be distributed equally between the items listing in § 46.2-694 (a-e). This transfer of funds for items listed would continue annually."

Explanation:

(This amendment modifies a Part 3 transfer from the \$2.00 increase in the annual vehicle registration fee from the special emergency medical services fund contained in the Department of Health's Emergency Medical Services Program to the general fund. Language requires \$2.0 million the second year be transferred to the general fund and provided to fund State Police med flight operations. The remaining funds would be split equally among the uses set forth in state statute, which support recruitment, training and retention through grants and other initiatives targeted at non-profit agencies, funding to localities for training and equipment, and the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF). The RSAF provides grant funding to nonprofit licensed Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies or other Virginia EMS organizations.)

Chief Patron: Wilt

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Natural and Historic Resources

Department of Environmental Quality

Language

Language:

Page 191, after line 11, insert:

"R. Out of the amounts in this item, \$500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for regional water resource planning activities."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to support regional water resource planning activities.)
