

Amendments to SB 30 (as Introduced)

Item 0 #1s

Revenues

Revenues

Language

Language:

Page 1, strike lines 3 through 8 and insert:

"A BILL for all appropriations of the Budget submitted by the Governor of Virginia in accordance with the provisions of § 2.2-1509, Code of Virginia, and to provide a portion of the revenues for the two years ending respectively on the thirtieth day of June, 2027, and the thirtieth day of June, 2028; a BILL to amend and reenact §§ 30-309, 30-310, 33.2-3401, 58.1-322.03, 58.1-339.8, 58.1-602, 58.1-603.1, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, 58.1-604.01, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, 58.1-605, 58.1-605.1, 58.1-606.1, 58.1-609.3, 58.1-638, and 58.1-1743 of the Code of Virginia; and a Bill to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 2.2 a chapter numbered 55.7, consisting of a section numbered 2.2-5518".

Page 1, strike lines 25 through 32, and insert:"

	First Year	Second Year	Total
Unreserved Beginning Balance	\$2,816,398,593	\$0	\$2,816,398,593
Additions to Balance	(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)	(\$1,000,000)
Official Revenue Estimates	\$33,851,118,516	\$35,452,176,043	\$69,303,294,559
Transfer	\$999,092,390	\$983,473,601	\$1,982,565,991
Total General Fund Resources Available for Appropriation	\$37,666,109,499	\$36,435,149,644	\$74,101,259,143"

Page 1, strike lines 34 through 44, and insert:"

	First Year	Second Year	Total
Balance, June 30, 2024	\$13,494,379,594	\$0	\$13,494,379,594
Official Revenue Estimates	\$58,436,040,778	\$59,320,597,446	\$117,756,638,224
Lottery Proceeds Fund	\$877,725,168	\$877,725,168	\$1,755,450,336
Internal Service Fund	\$2,703,466,322	\$2,707,118,410	\$5,410,584,732
Bond Proceeds	\$974,376,296	\$220,000,000	\$1,194,376,296
Total Nongeneral Fund Revenues Available for Appropriation	\$76,485,988,158	\$63,125,441,024	\$139,611,429,182

TOTAL PROJECTED

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REVENUES	\$114,152,097,657	\$99,560,590,668	\$213,712,688,325"
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Page 2, strike lines 30 through 40, and insert:"

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$72,745,467,949	\$129,930,635,221	\$202,676,103,170
LEGISLATIVE			
DEPARTMENT	\$277,423,743	\$11,528,828	\$282,744,354
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT	\$1,460,230,779	\$89,365,446	\$1,549,596,225
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT	\$70,750,716,701	\$122,959,643,394	\$193,710,360,095
INDEPENDENT AGENCIES	\$257,096,726	\$6,870,097,553	\$7,127,194,279
STATE GRANTS TO			
NONSTATE AGENCIES	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
EXPENSES	\$1,338,212,359	\$1,911,400,194	\$3,249,612,553
TOTAL	\$74,083,680,308	\$131,842,035,415	\$205,925,715,723"

Explanation:

(This amendment modifies the front page to reflect changes to resources and spending as adopted by the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee, including expiration of the data center equipment sales and use tax exemption.)

Item 1 #1s

Legislative Department	FY26-27	FY27-28	
General Assembly of Virginia	\$1,489,480	\$1,489,480	GF

Language:

Page 3, line 5, strike "\$67,511,846" and insert "\$69,001,326".

Page 3, line 5, strike "\$67,511,846" and insert "\$69,001,326".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.5 million GF each year for the costs of providing full-time state

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employee benefits for the members of the Virginia Senate's second legislative aide position, including health care and retirement.)

Item 1 #2s

Legislative Department	FY26-27	FY27-28
General Assembly of Virginia	\$10,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 3, line 5, strike "\$67,511,846" and insert "\$67,521,846".

Page 10, line 28, after "P.", insert "1."

Page 10, line 37. strike the first reference of "\$15,000", and insert "\$25,000".

Page 11, after line 40, insert:

"2. Out of the appropriation included in the table above, \$10,000 the first year from the general fund for the Commission for Civic Education shall be provided for the one-time purpose of developing and maintaining a website for the Commission."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$10,000 GF the first year for the the Commission for Civic Education to support development and maintenance of a Commission website. The website will include student resources, educator resources, information on the annual Civic Education Summit, content from Summit presenters, and a teacher advertising campaign regarding the Summit. The Commission is working with VPAP.org on the website.)

Item 1 #3s

Legislative Department	FY26-27	FY27-28
General Assembly of Virginia	\$0	\$2,131,489 GF

Language:

Page 3, line 5, strike "\$67,511,846" and insert "\$69,643,335".

Page 3, line 20, after "\$17,640 per year", insert "through January 24, 2028, and shall be \$50,000 thereafter".

Page 3, line 20, after "\$18,000 per year", insert "through January 24, 2028, and shall be \$50,000 thereafter".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.1 million GF the second year to increase the salary of the members of the General Assembly to \$50,000 a year from current levels for all Senators and Delegates. This increase would be effective in January 2028, after the next election of the General Assembly.)

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Item 1 #4s

Legislative Department	FY26-27	FY27-28	
General Assembly of Virginia	\$44,184	\$44,184	GF

Language:

Page 3, line 5, strike "\$67,511,846" and insert "\$67,556,030".

Page 3, line 5, strike "\$67,511,846" and insert "\$67,556,030".

Page 11, after line 39, insert:

Virginia Boys and Men Advisory Commission	SB 447, 2026 Session	\$44,184	\$44,184
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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$44,184 GF each year to fund the fiscal impact of Senate Bill 447, which establishes the Virginia Boys and Men Advisory Commission as an advisory commission in the legislative branch of state government for the purpose of advising the General Assembly on issues of concern, including education inequity, economic opportunities, disparity in health outcomes, and the impact of social media use, as such issues relate to boys and men in the Commonwealth.)

Item 1 #5s

Legislative Department	FY26-27	FY27-28	
General Assembly of Virginia	\$7,200	\$7,200	GF

Language:

Page 3, line 5, strike "\$67,511,846" and insert "\$67,519,046".

Page 3, line 5, strike "\$67,511,846" and insert "\$67,519,046".

Page 10, line 35, strike "Autism Advisory Council", insert "Autism Advisory Board".

Page 10, strike the first reference "\$6,330", insert "\$13,530".

Page 10, strike the second reference "\$6,330", insert "\$13,530".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$7,200 GF each year for the per diem and travel costs of legislative members related to the establishment of the Autism Advisory Board pursuant to Senate Bill 280, which would replace the Autism Advisory Council.)

Item 1 #6s

Legislative Department

General Assembly of Virginia

Language

Language:

Page 3, line 25, strike "\$126,160" and insert "\$133,843".

Page 3, line 28, strike "\$344,216" and insert "\$365,179".

Page 3, line 31, strike "\$240,613" and insert "\$256,511".

Page 3, line 35, strike "\$52,102" and insert "\$55,275".

Page 3, line 36, strike "\$60,409" and insert "\$62,183".

Page 3, line 39, strike "\$19,538" and insert "\$20,728".

Page 3, line 40, strike "\$11,583" and insert "\$13,818".

Page 4, line 25, strike "\$83,336" and insert "\$88,412".

Explanation:

(This amendment makes technical updates to embedded numbers to reflect statewide salary actions.)

Item 1 #7s

Legislative Department

General Assembly of Virginia

Language

Language:

Page 14, after line 21, insert:

"X. The Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee and the House Appropriations Committee shall convene a technical work group to assess the process and provide recommendations related to the transition of the Department of General Services (the Department) from an executive branch agency to an independent agency of the Commonwealth pursuant to the intent of the General Assembly that (i) the Department transition to better serve the executive, legislative, and judicial branches, as well as independent agencies of the Commonwealth, and political subdivisions thereof, equally and (ii) such transition be finalized in the 2027 Regular Session. The work group shall include the Staff Directors of the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, or their designees; the Director of the Department; the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget, or his designee; and the Director of the Division of Legislative Services, or his designee. In conducting its assessment, the work group shall evaluate and make recommendations regarding (i) statutory changes necessary to establish the Department as an independent agency of the Commonwealth; (ii) appropriate governance and organizational structure of an independent department; (iii) budgetary and fiscal implications, including any

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necessary appropriations or transfers of funds and positions necessary to effectuate such transition; (iv) any existing responsibilities set forth in Chapter 11 of Title 2.2 (§ 2.2-1100 et seq.) of the Code of Virginia that need to be vested in the Governor to ensure appropriate executive approval over procurement and capital outlay of executive agencies; and (v) any other considerations relevant to the transition. The Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee and the House Appropriations Committee shall submit a joint report of the work group's findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than October 15, 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee and the House Appropriations Committee to convene a work group to assess the process and provide recommendations related to the transition of the Department of General Services from an executive branch agency to an independent agency of the Commonwealth.)

Item 8 #1s			
Legislative Department	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Joint Commission on Technology and Science	\$25,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 17, line 45, strike "\$461,878" and insert "\$486,878".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$25,000 GF the first year to fund the fiscal impact of Senate Bill 384, which directs the Joint Commission on Technology and Science to evaluate the feasibility and impact of developing a framework for any person or entity seeking to act as an independent verification organization that assesses artificial intelligence models' or applications' adherence to standards reflecting best practices for the prevention of personal injury and property damage.)

Item 14 #1s			
Legislative Department	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council	\$50,000	\$50,000	GF

Language:

Page 19, line 20, strike "\$922,593" and insert "\$972,593".

Page 19, line 20, strike "\$922,593" and insert "\$972,593".

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$50,000 GF each year for the fiscal impact of Senate Bill 530, which provides for submission of electronic disclosure forms and funding to build out the Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council's filing system to accommodate local filers.)

Item 19 #1s

Legislative Department	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Joint Commission on Health Care	\$150,000 1.00	\$150,000 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 21, line 39, strike "\$1,290,057" and insert "\$1,440,057".

Page 21, line 39, strike "\$1,290,057" and insert "\$1,440,057".

Page 22, after line 3, insert:

"Out of this appropriation, \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided for a position to provide financial oversight of the Medicaid program. The position shall monitor Medicaid expenditures on a monthly basis and within 20 days after the end of each month submit a letter to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees with an analysis of spending for that month and noting any significant variances, unplanned expenditures, or trends. This position shall also participate in the annual Medicaid forecasting process to review trends and provide advice in its development. The position shall report to the Executive Director of the Joint Commission on Health Care (JCHC), but shall be available to provide assistance by request to the House Appropriations Committee, Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee, and the Joint Subcommittee for Health and Human Resources Oversight. This position may also be used by the JCHC in its studies and work to the degree that its main responsibility for financial oversight of Medicaid is not impacted."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$150,000 GF each year for the Joint Commission on Health Care for a position to provide Medicaid financial oversight.)

Item 21 #1s

Legislative Department	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Virginia Commission on Youth	\$55,000	\$55,000	GF

Language:

Page 22, line 16, strike "\$434,188" and insert "\$489,188".

Page 22, line 16, strike "\$434,188" and insert "\$489,188".

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$55,000 GF each year to fully fund a third position for the Virginia Commission on Youth. The Commission is authorized for three positions, but has only filled two positions for a number of years. This amendment provides sufficient funding along with the Commission's current resources to fund a third position.)

Item 21 #2s

Legislative Department

Virginia Commission on Youth

Language

Language:

Page 22, after line 23, insert:

"The Commission on Youth shall develop recommendations, working with stakeholders, to incentivize local governments to draw down additional funding (above a base allocation) to support Child Advocacy Centers through partnership arrangements that may include the allocation of space, administrative support, or other supports. These recommendations shall also include potential access to funding through various court fees or other revenue options. The Commission shall report to relevant legislative committees by November 1, 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Commission on Youth to develop recommendations, working with stakeholders, to incentivize local governments to draw down additional funding (above a base allocation) to support Child Advocacy Centers through partnership arrangements that may include the allocation of space, administrative support, or other supports. These recommendations shall also include potential access to funding through various court fees or other revenue options.)

Item 22 #1s

Legislative Department

FY26-27

FY27-28

Virginia State Crime Commission

\$25,000

\$25,000 GF

Language:

Page 22, line 25, strike "\$2,008,782" and insert "\$2,033,782".

Page 22, line 25, strike "\$2,008,782" and insert "\$2,033,782".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$25,000 GF each year to support the work of the Mary Jane Burton Review Panel supported by the Virginia Crime Commission. The Review Panel was established

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by Chapters 421 and 430, 2025 Acts of Assembly, to review certain cases where testing or analysis was performed by Mary Jane Burton, a serologist at the Department of Forensic Science in the 1970s and the 1980s. The Review Panel consists of individuals who may request compensation for their time reviewing cases, such as retired judges, court appointed counsel, and an independent serologist, and there may also be costs associated with in-person panel meetings. To date, 314 cases have been identified for the panel to review.)

Item 23 #1s

Legislative Department	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Commission on Electric Utility Regulation	\$200,000 1.00	\$200,000 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 23, line 49, strike "\$691,123" and insert "\$891,123".

Page 23, line 49, strike "\$691,123" and insert "\$891,123".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$200,000 GF each year for the Commission on Electric Utility Regulation (CEUR) to hire one attorney and reduce the burden on the Division of Legislative Services.)

Item 25 #1s

Legislative Department

Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission

Language

Language:

Page 28, after line 42, insert:

"J. JLARC shall periodically review comprehensive teacher compensation in the Commonwealth, including benefits such as health insurance and retirement, and provide this information as part of the State Spending on K-12 Standards of Quality report."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs JLARC to periodically review comprehensive teacher compensation in Virginia, including benefits.)

Item 25 #2s

Legislative Department

Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission

Language

Language:

Page 28, after line 42, insert:

"J.1. For the purposes of conducting its study of the Department of Medical Assistance Service's (DMAS) oversight of managed care, consistent with its statutory authority to obtain information necessary for the performance of its duties from state agencies and any private entity that has entered a contractual relationship to accomplish an agency program, JLARC shall have the legal authority to access all information and records pertaining to Virginia's Medicaid program in the possession of: (i) DMAS pertaining to managed care and MCOs' performance, the setting of capitation rates, and the annual forecast of Medicaid expenditures; (ii) private entities under contract with DMAS for the provision of managed care, including, but not limited to, surveys of members or providers, case management notes, health risk assessments, prior authorization files, and internal appeals files; and (iii) private entities under contract with either DMAS or its contracted MCOs for services related to the delivery of or payment for care through Medicaid or the children's health insurance program.

2. Records provided by DMAS and its contractors to JLARC in connection with this study, where the records would not be subject to disclosure by DMAS, shall be excluded from the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.). DMAS and its contractors shall identify the specific portion of the records to be protected and the applicable provision of the Freedom of Information Act or other provision of law that excludes the record or portions thereof from mandatory disclosure."

Explanation:

(This amendment clarifies authority for JLARC to access relevant Medicaid data and information for its study of the Department of Medical Assistance Service's (DMAS) oversight of managed care.)

Item 25 #3s

Legislative Department

Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission

Language

Language:

Page 28, after line 42, insert:

"J. The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission shall include, on at least an every five-year rotation, an analysis of state spending for aid-to localities as part of its State Spending report."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to include, on at

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least an every five-year rotation, an analysis of state spending for aid-to localities as part of its State Spending report.)

Item 31 #1s

Judicial Department	FY26-27	FY27-28
Supreme Court	\$74,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 30, line 45, strike "\$64,548,646" and insert "\$64,622,646".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$74,000 GF the first year to implement the provisions of Senate Bill 180, which makes several changes to the payment schedule for court-ordered fines and costs.)

Item 31 #2s

Judicial Department	FY26-27	FY27-28
Supreme Court	(\$1,107,964)	(\$2,263,141) GF

Language:

Page 30, line 45, strike "\$64,548,646" and insert "\$63,440,682".

Page 30, line 45, strike "\$66,096,455" and insert "\$63,833,314".

Page 33, after line 27, insert:

"U. The Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court shall assess the cost and feasibility of providing infrastructure for remote proceedings in every district and circuit court in the Commonwealth and requiring judges to offer remote hearings in any motion, if both parties agree to the remote hearing. The assessment shall include: (i) the current capability for remote proceedings in each courtroom, including which types of court proceedings the remote proceedings support; (ii) the sources of funding that support the current infrastructure; (iii) recent amounts collected by circuit and district court clerks through local costs, fines, and fees that are not deposited into the state general fund, including a summary of the eligible uses for such collections; and (iv) the cost of providing infrastructure to support access to remote hearings for motions, arraignments, and other matters in each courtroom in the Commonwealth. The Office of the Executive Secretary shall provide the results of the assessment to the Chairs of the House Appropriations Committee and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee no later than November 15, 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$1.1 million GF the first year and \$2.3 million GF the second year proposed in the introduced budget to replace videoconferencing units in courtrooms and directs

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the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court to conduct a comprehensive study that examines the existing infrastructure for remote hearings in the Commonwealth, funding sources available to cover such infrastructure, and the cost and feasibility of providing and requiring remote hearing for all motions, with the agreement of both parties.)

Item 31 #3s

Judicial Department

FY26-27

FY27-28

Supreme Court

\$397,614

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 30, line 45, strike "\$64,548,646" and insert "\$64,946,260".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$397,614 GF the first year for system changes at the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court to support the provisions of Senate Bill 316, which requires any circuit court clerk with electronic filing of land records to establish a property alert electronic notification system.)

Item 31 #4s

Judicial Department

Supreme Court

Language

Language:

Page 33, after line 27, insert:

"U. The Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court shall assess the cost and feasibility of providing a unified efilng system for civil and criminal cases in circuit courts and requiring each circuit court to use the unified system. The assessment shall update the information in the 2018 report on statewide electronic filing of civil cases in circuit court submitted pursuant to Chapter 2, 2018 Special Session I, Acts of Assembly, and provide the updated assessment to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1, 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court to provide an assessment of the cost and feasibility of providing a unified efilng system for civil and criminal cases in circuit courts and requiring each circuit court to use the unified system. The assessment should include an update of the information provided in a similar report from 2018.)

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Item 32 #1s

Judicial Department	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Court of Appeals of Virginia	\$3,726,400	\$3,529,620	GF

Language:

Page 33, line 37, strike "\$23,087,457" and insert "\$26,813,857".

Page 33, line 37, strike "\$23,087,457" and insert "\$26,617,077".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.7 million GF the first year and \$3.5 million GF the second year to modernize the appellate case management system, including costs for personnel to implement and integrate the new system, software licenses, subscriptions, hardware, and hardware maintenance.)

Item 33 #1s

Judicial Department	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Circuit Courts	\$351,849	\$699,598	GF
	1.00	2.00	FTE

Language:

Page 34, line 19, strike "\$142,596,679" and insert "\$142,948,528".

Page 34, line 19, strike "\$142,596,679" and insert "\$143,296,277".

Page 36, after line 8, insert:

"L. Notwithstanding other provisions of the state law, the maximum number of circuit court judgeships in the 20th Judicial Circuit shall increase from five to six judgeships effective July 1, 2027. The Judicial Council shall conduct a study examining the organization and boundaries of the 15th and 20th Judicial Circuits. In conducting its study, the Judicial Council of Virginia (the Council) shall (i) review current caseload data, population data, other relevant data, and all calculations and recommendations provided in the three judicial workload studies conducted by the National Center for State Courts and submitted to the General Assembly to assess caseloads for the localities within the circuits; (ii) evaluate current court management practices and judicial court assignments and provide an analysis of the impact of such practices and assignments on the overall efficiency of the courts and judges; (iii) consider the geography of the circuits and time spent traveling between courthouses; (iv) analyze the composition of localities currently included in the circuits as compared to other circuits to determine whether they have a disproportionate number of localities with significant population and caseload growth; and (v) determine if the citizens of the circuits would be better served by adjusting the boundary lines of the 15th Circuit and the 20th Circuit in order to create additional judicial circuits. If boundary lines are not recommended to be redrawn, the Council shall provide

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suggestions to ease burdens on judges and specify any additional resources or support that the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia may be able to provide. The Council shall complete its meetings by November 30, 2026, and shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an executive summary and a report of its findings and recommendations for publication as a House or Senate document."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$351,849 GF the first year and \$699,598 GF the second year for two circuit court judgeships established by Senate Bill 158, adjusted to delay the effective date of the circuit court judgeship in the 20th Circuit until July 1, 2027. Language directs the Judicial Council to reexamine the boundary lines of the 15th and 20th Judicial Circuit using specified criteria, and submit its recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2026.)

Item 33 #2s		
Judicial Department	FY26-27	FY27-28
Circuit Courts	\$1,423,554	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 34, line 19, strike "\$142,596,679" and insert "\$144,020,233".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.4 million GF the first year to support implementation of Senate Bill 62, which establishes a resentencing process for individuals that were convicted of certain marijuana-related convictions before July 1, 2021, who are still incarcerated or on community supervision. The funding supports estimated costs for court-appointed counsel for indigent individuals.)

Item 34 #1s		
Judicial Department	FY26-27	FY27-28
General District Courts	\$644,256 2.00	\$636,056 2.00 GF FTE

Language:

Page 36, line 14, strike "\$184,169,557" and insert "\$184,813,813".

Page 36, line 14, strike "\$184,169,557" and insert "\$184,805,613".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$644,256 GF the first year and \$636,056 GF the second year for two

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additional general district court judgeships in the 12th and 26th districts pursuant to Senate Bill 158.)

Item 35 #1s

Judicial Department	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts	\$322,128 1.00	\$640,156 2.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 37, line 3, strike "\$132,045,360" and insert "\$132,367,488".

Page 37, line 3, strike "\$132,045,360" and insert "\$132,685,516".

Page 37, after line 44, insert:

"H. Notwithstanding other provisions of the state law, the maximum number of juvenile and domestic relations district court judgeships in the 15th Judicial District shall increase from five to six judgeships effective July 1, 2027."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$322,128 GF the first year and \$640,156 GF the second year for two additional juvenile and domestic relations court judgeships pursuant to Senate Bill 158. The new judgeship in the 15th Judicial District is delayed until July 1, 2027, while a jurisdictional boundary study is conducted pursuant to a companion amendment in Item 33.)

Item 40 #1s

Judicial Department	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Indigent Defense Commission	\$3,707,891 45.00	\$3,707,891 45.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 39, line 23, strike "\$94,773,343" and insert "\$98,481,234".

Page 39, line 23, strike "\$94,773,343" and insert "\$98,481,234".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.7 million GF and 45.0 positions each year for additional support staff in public defender offices, including paralegals, mitigation specialists, investigators, and legal assistants. In 2023, JLARC recommended funding additional mitigation specialist and paralegal positions to help public defenders manage their workloads.)

Item 50 #1s

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Executive Offices	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Attorney General and Department of Law	\$3,540,042	\$3,540,042	GF

Language:

Page 45, line 12, strike "\$61,665,660" and insert "\$65,205,702".

Page 45, line 12, strike "\$61,665,660" and insert "\$65,205,702".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.5 million GF each year to support salary adjustments for approximately 320 attorneys across all Office of the Attorney General divisions.)

Item 50 #2s

Executive Offices	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Attorney General and Department of Law	\$312,735 3.00	\$767,664 6.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 45, line 12, strike "\$61,665,660" and insert "\$61,978,395".

Page 45, line 12, strike "\$61,665,660" and insert "\$62,433,324".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$312,735 GF the first year and 3.0 positions and \$767,664 GF the second year and 6.0 positions to fund the associated fiscal impact from legislation passed in General Assembly that impacts the workload of the Office of the Attorney General.)

Item 51 #1s

Executive Offices

Attorney General and Department of Law

Language

Language:

Page 47, after line 12, insert:

"The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit shall submit an annual report no later than October 1, to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees detailing caseload activity, enforcement outcomes, staffing levels, expenditures, Medicaid recoveries, and return-on-investment metrics, including trends and performance measures."

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Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees detailing caseload activity, enforcement outcomes, staffing levels, expenditures, Medicaid recoveries, and return-on-investment metrics, including trends and performance measures.)

Item 56 #1s			
Executive Offices	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Secretary of the Commonwealth	\$110,392	\$110,392	GF
	1.00	1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 49, line 16, strike "\$3,897,760" and insert "\$4,008,152".

Page 49, line 16, strike "\$3,897,760" and insert "\$4,008,152".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$110,392 GF each year for the Secretary of the Commonwealth for the fiscal impact of Senate Bill 316. The Secretary is responsible for the commissioning of Notaries Public in Virginia, including providing educational and reference materials. The bill directs the Secretary to develop curricula and education for notaries and electronic notaries who are applying for commission (four hours) or recommission (two hours). Such curricula must include information on notarial laws, best practices, identity verification, real estate fraud and an examination.)

Item 57 #1s	
Executive Offices	
Office of the State Inspector General	Language

Language:

Page 50, line 28, after "Committee" insert:

"Notwithstanding Article 4 of Chapter 1, Title 53.1, the Office of the Department of Corrections Ombudsman shall not be required to meet the requirements in § 53.1-17.2 (A) (5) related to a statewide uniform reporting system, the provisions in § 53.1-17.7 (B) related to notification to the complainant, and § 53.1-17.8 (A)(2-10). The Office has the authority to prioritize complaints by inmates, including complaints by family members when the inmate is unable to submit a complaint on his own behalf. The primary purpose of the Office is to focus resources on identifying, investigating, and reporting on any systemic issues to help address any such issues

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at the Department of Corrections."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides language that streamlines certain statutory requirements of the Office of the Department of Corrections Ombudsman to help them address a backlog of complaints and focus on identifying and working to address any systemic issues at the Department of Corrections.)

	Item 60 #1s		
Administration	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Compensation Board	\$127,269	\$127,269	GF

Language:

Page 52, line 14, strike "\$685,058,201" and insert "\$685,185,470".

Page 52, line 14, strike "\$685,058,201" and insert "\$685,185,470".

Page 55, line 6, strike each instance of "\$2,042,314" and insert "\$2,169,583".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$127,269 GF each year to cover recent cost increases in Virginia Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) services.)

	Item 60 #2s		
Administration	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Compensation Board	(\$3,900,000)	(\$3,900,000)	GF

Language:

Page 52, line 14, strike "\$685,058,201" and insert "\$681,158,201".

Page 52, line 14, strike "\$685,058,201" and insert "\$681,158,201".

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects to other purposes \$3.9 million GF each year proposed in the introduced budget to increase the minimum number of deputy sheriffs in each office from five to 10.)

	Item 64 #1s		
Administration	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Compensation Board	\$329,320	\$359,258	GF

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Language:

Page 60, line 23, strike "\$116,705,440" and insert "\$117,034,760".

Page 60, line 23, strike "\$116,705,440" and insert "\$117,064,698".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$329,320 GF the first year and \$359,258 GF the second year to restore state support for 50 Assistant Commonwealth's Attorneys and 15 support staff positions allocated by the Compensation Board in Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices for which salaries were previously reduced due to budget reductions, and for which funding has not been restored.)

Item 64 #2s

Administration

FY26-27

FY27-28

Compensation Board

\$80,243

\$89,142 GF

Language:

Page 60, line 22, strike "\$116,705,440" and insert "\$116,785,683".

Page 60, line 22, strike "\$116,705,440" and insert "\$116,794,582".

Page 63, after line 4, insert:

"N. Out of this appropriation, \$80,243 the first year and \$89,142 the second year from the general fund is designated for the Compensation Board to fund one additional assistant Commonwealth's Attorney position that shall be dedicated to prosecution activities in, and shall serve simultaneously in, the offices of attorneys for the Commonwealth in the 9th Judicial Circuit in which no other assistant Commonwealth's Attorney position is funded by the Compensation Board. The Board shall ensure that this position is shared across such offices in more than one locality with the consent of the respective attorneys for the Commonwealth and the Compensation Board in accordance with procedures adopted by the Compensation Board."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$80,243 GF the first year and \$89,142 GF the second year to allocate one additional assistant commonwealth's attorney position to serve simultaneously in two localities in the 9th Judicial Circuit, where each office is served solely by the elected attorney for the Commonwealth with no assistants. A companion amendment to Item 67 provides positions in the position count table.)

Item 64 #3s

Administration

FY26-27

FY27-28

Compensation Board

\$600,165

\$654,725 GF

Amendments to SB 30 (as Introduced)

Language:

Page 60, line 23, strike "\$116,705,440" and insert "\$117,305,605".

Page 60, line 23, strike "\$116,705,440" and insert "\$117,360,165".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$600,165 GF the first year and \$654,725 GF the second year for additional career development program prosecutor participation based on the 38 qualified and unfunded positions that met all criteria of the program but could not be approved for the related 19.48 percent salary adjustment based on the current appropriation for the program.)

Item 64 #4s

Administration

FY26-27

FY27-28

Compensation Board

\$1,599,229

\$1,744,614 GF

Language:

Page 60, line 23, strike "\$116,705,440" and insert "\$118,304,669".

Page 60, line 23, strike "\$116,705,440" and insert "\$118,450,054".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.6 million GF the first year and \$1.7 million GF the second year to reclassify paralegals in Commonwealth's Attorney offices to a higher administrative salary level, increasing the starting salary from \$32,801 to \$43,841.)

Item 65 #1s

Administration

FY26-27

FY27-28

Compensation Board

\$459,927

\$510,937 GF

Language:

Page 63, line 5, strike "\$81,741,987" and insert "\$82,201,914".

Page 63, line 5, strike "\$81,741,987" and insert "\$82,252,924".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$459,927 GF the first year and \$510,937 GF the second year to provide the career development program salary incentive for 5.0 circuit court clerks and 94.0 deputy clerks that qualify, but for which insufficient funding is available.)

Item 66 #1s

Amendments to SB 30 (as Introduced)

Administration	FY26-27	FY27-28
Compensation Board	\$108,717	\$118,600 GF

Language:

Page 65, line 37, strike "\$29,107,045" and insert "\$29,215,762".

Page 65, line 37, strike "\$29,107,045" and insert "\$29,225,645".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$108,717 GF the first year and \$118,600 GF the second year to provide salary incentives to employees in local treasurers' offices who qualify for the Commonwealth's Career Development Program for constitutional offices, including 4.0 treasurers and 18.0 deputy treasurers who have achieved certification as Master Governmental Treasurers and Master Governmental Deputy Treasurers.)

Item 67 #1s

Administration

Compensation Board

Language

Language:

Page 67, line 29, strike each instance of "1,449" and insert "1,450".

Explanation:

(This amendment is a technical companion to an amendment in Item 64 that allocates one additional assistant commonwealth's attorney position to serve simultaneously in two localities in the 9th Judicial Circuit. This amendment adjusts the Compensation Board position table accordingly.)

Item 71 #1s

Administration	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of General Services	\$2,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 73, line 1, strike "\$74,624,259" and insert "\$76,624,259".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million GF for the costs of Senate Bill 650, which directs the Department of General Services to take down three confederate statues in Capitol Square.)

Item 71 #2s

Administration

Department of General Services

Language

Language:

Page 73, line 21, strike "\$15.50", insert "\$18.25".

Page 73, line 22, strike "\$15.50", insert "\$18.25".

Page 73, after line 40, insert:

"5. All agencies invoiced by the Department of General Services for rent shall pay such invoice within 30 days of receipt. The State Comptroller, at the request of the Director of DGS, shall transfer available funding from any agency that fails to pay its invoice in a timely manner to DGS. The Director of DGS shall have discretion to extend the payment deadline for any agency that can justify needing more time in order to generate to funds to pay the rent to DGS."

Explanation:

(This amendment increases the rent charged by the Department of General Services to state agencies for state-owned office space. A corresponding amendment in Central Appropriations provides funding for the state share of the increase in rent costs.)

Item 74 #1s

Administration

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Human Resource
Management

(\$200,000)

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 76, line 14, strike "\$118,052,873" and insert "\$117,852,873".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$200,00 GF the first year provided for a leadership academy in the introduced budget.)

Item 74 #2s

Administration

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Human Resource
Management

\$175,224

\$175,224 GF

Language:

Page 76, line 14, strike "\$118,052,873" and insert "\$118,228,097".

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Page 76, line 14, strike "\$117,376,823" and insert "\$117,552,047".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$174,224 GF each year to fund the fiscal impact of Senate Bill 286, which creates the state position of internship coordinator.)

Item 75 #1s

Administration

Administration of Health Insurance

Language

Language:

Page 79, after line 35, insert:

"I. The Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM) shall, through its contracted actuary, evaluate pharmaceutical manufacturer programs and other contracting arrangements available to self-insured health insurance programs that are intended to reduce the costs of glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) receptor agonists and related therapies. The evaluation shall include: (i) a review of manufacturer-sponsored programs and any other contractual arrangements that are available; and (ii) an assessment of the fiscal impact and feasibility associated with participation in such programs or arrangements. DHRM shall project cost savings for such programs or contracting arrangements and shall be authorized to implement the program or arrangement with the greatest projected savings to the state health plan that also results in achieving the savings for the state health plan as included in Senate Bill 30, as introduced. If DHRM determines that such savings cannot be achieved, then DHRM shall be authorized to impose increased cost-sharing for GLP-1 drugs prescribed for weight loss and add additional restrictions on GLP-1 drugs to achieve the savings. Any changes to the state health plan pursuant to this paragraph requires 30 days prior notice to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM) to evaluate pharmaceutical manufacturer programs and other contracting arrangements available to reduce the costs of glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) receptor agonists and related therapies. DHRM must project cost savings for such programs or contracting arrangements and is authorized to implement the program or arrangement with the greatest projected savings to the state health plan.)

Item 76 #1s

Administration

FY26-27

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Virginia Management Fellows	\$400,000	\$400,000	GF
Program Administration	2.00	2.00	FTE

Language:

Page 79, line 41, strike "\$1,660,510" and insert "\$2,060,510".

Page 79, line 41, strike "\$1,660,510" and insert "\$2,060,510".

Page 80, after line 10, insert:

"D. The Department of Human Resource Management is authorized to adjust the starting salary of the Management Fellows, effective July 10, 2026, for the newest cohort at that time. The starting salary shall be benchmarked to similar programs and positions to be competitive, but shall be limited to available funding.

E. The Department of Human Resource Management shall assess the need to create a salary step for the second year of the program for Management Fellows. In addition, the Department shall assess the capacity of the program to increase the typical cohort size and report any recommendations or funding needs to the advisory group established in this Item, which shall meet to consider the information prior to October 1, 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$400,000 GF each year to increase support for the Virginia Management Fellows program. The position level is increased by two for a total of 20 positions to reflect the typical size of the cohorts in the program.)

Item 77 #1s

Administration	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Elections	\$100,000	\$110,000	GF

Language:

Page 80, line 27, strike "\$24,730,589" and insert "\$24,830,589".

Page 80, line 27, strike "\$21,394,303" and insert "\$21,504,303".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 GF the first year and \$110,000 GF the second year for the fiscal impact of Senate Bill 57, which requires the Department of Elections (ELECT) to rejoin the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC).)

Item 77 #2s

Administration	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Elections	\$50,400	\$0	GF

Language:

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Page 80, line 27, strike "\$24,730,589" and insert "\$24,780,989".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50,400 GF the first year for the fiscal impact of Senate Bill 162, which provides that any person who loses their political rights as a result of a felony conviction will be invested with those rights upon their release from incarceration and entitled to register to vote. The Department of Elections will need to make changes to the voter registration system to permit people to register to vote by the scheduled date of release and to receive information from multiple state agencies.)

Item 77 #3s

Administration	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Elections	\$615,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 80, line 27, strike "\$24,730,589" and insert "\$25,345,589".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$615,000 GF the first year for the associated costs of the Department of Elections to advertise and provide information to voters on three constitutional amendments that will be on the November 2026 ballot.)

Item 80 #1s

Administration	FY26-27	FY27-28
Virginia Information Technologies Agency	\$2,600,000	\$800,000 NGF

Language:

Page 83, line 31, strike "\$25,322,123" and insert "\$27,922,123".

Page 83, line 31, strike "\$25,389,125" and insert "\$26,189,125".

Page 84, line 14, after "appropriation,", strike "\$1,340,053", insert "\$3,940,053".

Page 84, line 14, after "first year and", strike "\$1,407,055", insert "\$2,207,055".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.6 million NGF the first year and \$800,000 NGF the second year from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation (COAR) fund for the procurement of services to expand and enhance the cloud-based data analytics platform that provides substance use disorder analytics.)

Item 85 #1s

Agriculture and Forestry

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Language

Language:

Page 89, line 35, after "Code of Virginia.", insert "Any funding remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall carryforward to the next fiscal year and be reappropriated for the same purpose."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides that general fund support for the Large Animal Veterinary Grant Program will carryforward to simplify administration of reimbursable grant agreements.)

Item 92 #1s

Agriculture and Forestry

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Department of Agriculture and
Consumer Services

\$865,365
7.00

\$865,365 GF
7.00 FTE

Language:

Page 92, line 49, strike "\$18,297,875" and insert "\$19,163,240".

Page 92, line 49, strike "\$18,297,875" and insert "\$19,163,240".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$865,365 GF each year and 7.0 positions to support the creation of a retail cannabis market, as outlined in senate Bill 542).

Item 99 #1s

Agriculture and Forestry

FY26-27

FY27-28

Virginia Racing Commission

\$1,000,000

\$1,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 96, line 31, strike "\$4,724,579" and insert "\$5,724,579".

Page 96, line 31, strike "\$4,724,579" and insert "\$5,724,579".

Page 97, after line 44, insert:

"H. Out of the amounts in this Item, \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year from the general fund shall be distributed to support racing and equine events. Of that amount,

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\$500,000 each year shall be provided to the Shenandoah Agricultural Foundation for harness racing at the Shenandoah County Fairgrounds and \$500,000 each year shall be provided to the Great Meadow Foundation for steeplechase and other events."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million GF each year to support the Shenandoah Agricultural Foundation and the Great Meadow Foundation horse racing and equine events.)

Item 101 #1s

Commerce and Trade

Economic Development Incentive Payments

Language

Language:

Page 101, line 48, after "deposited" strike remainder of the line.

Page 101, strike lines 49 - 51, and insert:

"to the Precision Plastic Manufacturing Grant Fund for grants to be paid in accordance with § 59.1-284.41, Code of Virginia."

Page 101, line 53, after "deposited" strike remainder of the line.

Page 101, strike line 54.

Page 102, strike lines 1-2, and insert:

"to the Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient Manufacturing Grant Fund for grants to be paid in accordance with House Bill 800 and Senate Bill 404 of the 2026 General Assembly."

Page 102, line 4, after "deposited" strike remainder of the line.

Page 102, strike lines 5-7, and insert:

"to the Power Transformer Manufacturing Grant Fund for grants to be paid in accordance with House Bill 799 and Senate Bill 403 of the 2026 General Assembly."

Page 102, line 9, after "deposited" strike remainder of the line.

Page 102, strikes lines 10 - 12, and insert:

"to the Pharmaceutical Substance Manufacturing Grant Fund for grants to be paid in accordance with House Bill 1076 and Senate Bill 527 of the 2026 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment is technical in nature, and updates the references for several economic development incentive payments.)

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Commerce and Trade

Economic Development Incentive Payments

Language

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Language:

Page 101, after line 26, insert:

"5. Included in the resources for the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program Fund are balances transferred from the Virginia Business Ready Sites Acquisition Fund, as directed by Item 3-1.01 of this Act."

Explanation:

(This amendment notes the transfer of support for the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program Fund as directed in Part 3 of the bill.)

	Item 102 #1s	
Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$50,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 102, line 31, strike "\$311,162,101" and insert "\$361,162,101".

Page 103, line 38, after "Item" strike the first instance of "\$87,500,000" and insert "\$137,500,000".

Page 103, after line 56, insert:

"4.a. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 36 - 142, Code of Virginia, out of the amounts in this paragraph, up to \$20,625,000 the first year shall be used by the department to work in collaboration with the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) to create a two-year pilot program that will provide loan origination and servicing activities as needed to carry out the purposes of (i) making lower-interest loans to eligible entities that incur costs in the acquisition, construction, or improvement of mixed-income housing projects or for infrastructure needed for site development and readiness for housing projects; (ii) loan origination and servicing costs; and (iii) administration costs, as provided for in Senate Bill 490. b. The Department shall develop, in consultation with VHDA, guidelines and other materials to facilitate the purposes of the pilot program. The Department, in consultation with VHDA, shall define "low income," "moderate income," "mixed income," and "mixed-income housing project" in developing such guidelines. The Department may consider loan cap amounts, loan percentage of total cost of a housing project, income limits for the affordable housing portion of a housing project, and other considerations to structure the loans."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$50.0 million GF the first year for the Virginia Housing Trust Fund. Of that amount, \$20.6 million is directed to a pilot program for mixed-income housing developments or for infrastructure needed for site development and readiness for such housing developments, as outlined in Senate Bill 490.)

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Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$13,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 102, line 31, strike "\$311,162,101" and insert "\$324,162,101".

Page 104, line 20, after "Item" strike "\$3,450,000" and insert "\$16,450,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$13.0 million GF the first year for the Eviction Prevention and Diversion Program.)

Item 102 #3s

Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$25,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 102, line 31, strike "\$311,162,101" and insert "\$311,187,101".

Page 105, after line 7 insert:

"R. Out of the amounts in this Item, \$25,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to support the Income Qualified Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Task Force, established under the provisions of Senate Bill 5, 2026 General Assembly Session."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$25,000 GF the first year to coordinate the Income-Qualified Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Task Force, as outlined in Senate Bill 5, 2026 Session.)

Item 102 #4s

Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$261,000 2.00	\$261,000 2.00	GF FTE

Language:

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Page 102, line 31, strike "\$311,162,101" and insert "\$311,423,101".

Page 102, line 31, strike "\$311,162,101" and insert "\$311,423,101".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$261,000 GF each year and 2.0 positions for the fiscal impact of Senate Bill 666, which makes available data on new and existing housing developments in each locality.)

Item 102 #5s

Commerce and Trade

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 105, after line 7 insert:

"R.1. From the amounts authorized in Item 102, Paragraph Q.2.c., Chapter 725, 2025 Acts of Assembly, it is the intent of the General Assembly that these funds will carry forward for the same purpose and that the Department of Housing and Community Development will issue a contract by August 1, 2026.

2. As authorized in Item 102, Paragraph Q.2., Chapter 725, 2025 Acts of Assembly, An additional \$200,000 in the first year shall be provided to extend the pilot program through June 30, 2027. An interim report detailing the pilot program launch will be submitted to the Chairs of the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee and the House Appropriations Committee by November 1, 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment continues authorization of funding provided in Chapter 725, 2025 Acts of Assembly, and extends the pilot emergency communications program through June 30, 2027.)

Item 102 #6s

Commerce and Trade

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 105, strike lines 5 through 7.

Page 482, strike lines 4 through 5.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language included in the introduced budget bill that diverts funding

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from the Low-Income Energy Efficiency Program Fund to the Department of Emergency Management.)

Item 102 #7s

Commerce and Trade

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 105, after line 7, insert:

"R. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 10.1 - 1330, Code of Virginia, the department shall utilize \$9,100,000 of unobligated balances in the Low-Income Energy Efficiency Program Fund (02017) for the City of Charlottesville for development of a transitional housing and life skills training facility to increase capacity to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the community."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$9.1 million the first year from unobligated balances in the Low-Income Energy Efficiency Program Fund to the City of Charlottesville for development of a transitional housing and life skills training facility for individuals and families. Utility bills are an economic pressure that may result in housing instability for low-income Virginians.)

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Commerce and Trade

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 107, line 43, after "provided for" strike "the Virginia Main Street Program"

Explanation:

(This amendment is technical in nature, and removes a cap on administrative expenses for the Virginia Main Street Program so that the program may comply with national accreditation criteria, which requires one staff person for every 10 accredited communities.)

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Department of Housing and
Community Development

\$190,000

\$190,000 GF

Language:

Page 105, line 8, strike "\$77,687,403" and insert "\$77,877,403".

Page 105, line 8, strike "\$77,687,403" and insert "\$77,877,403".

Page 106, line 22, strike "\$190,943" and insert "\$340,943".

Page 106, line 23, strike "\$190,943" and insert "\$340,943".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$150,000 GF each year for the Hampton Roads Planning District. The district serves as the hub for regional cooperation in Hampton Roads and provides services and promotes collaboration that result in cost savings and return on investment for the region.)

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Commerce and Trade

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 108, line 1, strike "102" and insert "103".

Page 108, after line 49, insert:

"7.a. Out of the amounts in this paragraph O, the department is authorized to use up to \$5,000,000 to establish a program to provide grants for unexpected costs incurred by broadband providers related to the expansion of broadband throughout the Commonwealth. Such "Broadband Deployment Awards" are intended for reimbursement of unexpected make ready costs incurred by providers of broadband service that are expanding service to unserved or underserved areas pursuant to a state or federal grant. For purposes of this paragraph, "unexpected make ready costs" shall be limited to costs related to utility pole replacements and mid-span pole installations; railroad crossings; and, where cost-effective, undergrounding of broadband lines.

b. The department may establish an application process for broadband providers to apply for such Broadband Deployment Awards. The intent of such awards is to mitigate broadband deployment-related costs that applicants have already paid or committed to paying, rather than making deployment contingent on receipt of a Broadband Deployment Award. Applicants shall be required to submit the following information: (i) the amount of the requested funding; (ii) documentation sufficient to establish that the applicant has already paid or committed to spending the money necessary to complete the broadband deployment; (iii) an explanation as to why the actual make ready costs were higher than anticipated when the provider sought state or federal grant funding; and (iv) any other information, protections, or criteria determined by the department as necessary to effectuate the provisions of this subparagraph 7."

Explanation:

(This language only amendment provides for using existing state resources for unexpected broadband make-ready costs and establishes parameters for the grants.)

Item 103 #4s

Commerce and Trade

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 103, line 1, strike "102" and insert "103".

Page 108, after line 49, insert:

"7.a. Out of the amounts in this paragraph O, the department may utilize up to \$5,000,000 to establish a program to reimburse broadband providers for costs associated with relocating facilities located in public rights-of-way when such relocation is mandated by the Commonwealth or the federal government. For purposes of this subparagraph 7, relocation expenses shall include, without limitation, relocation of broadband-related lines and facilities located along or across rights of way controlled by the Virginia Department of Transportation. This paragraph does not confer or imply a right to reimbursement of relocation expenses, only that such expenses are eligible for reimbursement at the department's discretion.

b. The department may develop and establish criteria and an application process for broadband providers to seek discretionary reimbursement for relocation expenses. The intent of such reimbursement is to ensure that reliable broadband service remains available throughout the Commonwealth and that providers are incentivized to maintain such service even in high-cost, low-customer density areas. Applicants for reimbursement shall be required to submit the following information: (i) information regarding the estimated or actual costs associated with the mandated re-location; (ii) the amount of broadband service locations that rely on the broadband facilities for service; (iii) the value of the facilities to be relocated; (iv) the age of the facilities to be relocated; and (v) any other information, protections, or criteria determined by the department as necessary to effectuate the provisions of this subparagraph 7."

Explanation:

(This language only amendment provides for using existing state resources for forced relocation of broadband facilities in public right-of-ways and establishes parameters for the grants.)

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Department of Housing and
Community Development

\$7,000,000

\$0 GF

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Language:

Page 105, line 8, strike "\$77,687,403" and insert "\$84,687,403".

Page 112, after line 12, insert:

"X. Out of the amounts in this Item, \$7,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Portsmouth to support the Prentis Street transmission water main improvements project."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$7.0 million GF the first year to the City of Portsmouth to support transmission water main improvements to increase reliability in the city water distribution system, make the system more resilient, and eliminate risk for downtown Suffolk.)

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Commerce and Trade

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 112, after line 12, insert:

"X. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 10.1 - 1330, Code of Virginia, the department shall utilize \$1,480,000 of unobligated balances in the Low-Income Energy Efficiency Program Fund (02017) for Albemarle County to design and construct an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible walking trail to connect Biscuit Run Park to the Monacan Indian Tribute Park within the Southwood Mobile Home Park Redevelopment Project."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.5 million from the unobligated balances in the Low-Income Energy Efficiency Program Fund the first year to Albemarle County for a one-mile, accessible trail from the state-owned and locally-developed Biscuit Run Park to the newly-opened Monacan Indian Nation Tribute Park within the Southwood Mobile Home Park redevelopment project, a nonprofit-led, inclusive, mixed-income community.)

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Commerce and Trade

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Energy

\$1,025,000
3.00

\$425,000 GF
3.00 FTE

Language:

Page 114, line 2, strike "\$4,931,922" and insert "\$5,956,922".

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Page 114, line 2, strike "\$4,931,922" and insert "\$5,356,922".

Page 114, after line 35, insert:

"F. Out of this appropriation, \$1,025,000 the first year and \$425,000 the second year from the general fund and three positions are provided for the fiscal impact of legislation from the 2026 Session. The first year funding amount includes support for the studies directed by Senate Bill 43 and Senate Bill 267, and the remainder of the first year funding and second year amount supports the costs of Senate Bill 25, Senate Bill 382, and Senate Bill 448."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million GF the first year, \$425,000 GF the second year and 3.0 positions for the fiscal impact of Senate Bills 25, 43, 267, 382, and 448.)

	Item 109 #2s		
Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Energy	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 114, line 1, strike "\$4,931,922" and insert "\$14,931,922".

Page 114, line 1, strike "\$4,931,922" and insert "\$14,931,922".

Page 114, after line 35, insert:

"F. Out of this appropriation, \$10,000,000 the first year and \$10,000,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to support the Virginia Clean Energy Innovation Bank, as established by the provisions of Senate Bill 225, 2026 General Assembly Session."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$10.0 million GF each year to create and fund the Virginia Clean Energy Innovation Bank as provided for in Senate Bill 225 to accelerate the deployment of clean energy projects, greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects, and other qualified projects.)

	Item 109 #3s		
Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Energy	\$2,000,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 114, line 1, strike "\$4,931,922" and insert "\$6,931,922".

Page 114, after line 35, insert:

"F. Out of this appropriation, \$2,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to implement the Solar Interconnection Grant Fund, in accordance with the provisions of Senate

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Bill 659 of the 2026 General Assembly Session."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million GF the first year to establish the Solar Interconnection Grant Program, in accordance with Senate Bill 659. The Commission on Electric Utility Regulation endorsed the amendment and legislation.)

Item 114 #1s		
Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28
Virginia Tourism Authority	(\$2,500,000)	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 120, line 25, strike "\$31,385,719" and insert "\$28,885,719".

Page 122, line 15, strike "\$5,000,000" and insert "2,500,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$2,500,000 GF the first year from the Sports Tourism Grant Program to other priorities.)

Item 115 #1s		
Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28
Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority	(\$35,000,000)	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 122, line 21, strike "\$76,786,965" and insert "\$41,786,965".

Page 127, line 18, after "Assembly." insert "As prescribed in Item 115, paragraph P., Chapter 725, 2025 Acts of Assembly, on or before August 1 of each year, upon signature of the MOU, the University of Virginia shall submit information on the financial performance of the initiative to the Authority, to include (i) budget and actual revenue and expenditures to planned revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year; (ii) total investments broken out into various investment activities; and (iii) cash balances."

Page 127, strike lines 20 through 34.

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$35.0 million GF the first year from the University of Virginia's Institute for Biotechnology to other budget priorities.)

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Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority	\$75,000	\$125,000	GF

Language:

Page 122, line 21, strike "\$76,786,965" and insert "\$76,861,965".

Page 122, line 21, strike "\$41,786,965" and insert "\$41,911,965".

Page 127, line 10, after "Item" strike "\$125,000" and insert "\$200,000".

Page 127, line 10, after "and" strike "\$125,000" and insert "\$250,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$75,000 GF the first year and \$125,000 GF the second year for the Virginia Academy of Science, Engineering, and Medicine to expand the Commonwealth of Virginia Engineering and Science Fellowship program and to produce scientific briefs by leveraging private and institutional funds to conduct programs for policy makers.)

Item 117 #1s

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Education, Central Office Operations	\$600,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 129, line 31, strike "\$169,148,616" and insert "\$169,748,616".

Page 132, after line 44, insert:

"O. Out of this appropriation, \$600,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to support the development of a phased reduction model for the Child Care Subsidy Program as set forth in legislation in the 2026 Session."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$600,000 GF the first year to support the development of a phased reduction model consistent with Senate Bill 20.)

Item 117 #2s

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY26-27	FY27-28
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Department of Education, Central Office Operations	\$1,500,000 4.00	\$750,000 4.00	GF FTE
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Language:

Page 129, line 31, strike "\$169,148,616" and insert "\$170,648,616".

Page 129, line 31, strike "\$169,148,616" and insert "\$169,898,616".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.5 million GF the first year, \$750,000 GF the second year, and 4.0 positions each year to support the impact of Senate Bills 394, 450, 491, and 685, passed in the 2026 Session.)

Item 118 #1s

Education: Elementary and Secondary

Department of Education, Central Office Operations

Language

Language:

Page 135, after line 1, insert:

"K. The Department of Education (DOE) shall, after consultation with the local schools currently utilizing Children Services Act (CSA) funds for transitional services, as defined in §2.2-5211 of the Code of Virginia, issue guidance regarding how local school divisions can utilize CSA funds for transition services. Such guidance shall be issued by December 1, 2026. DOE shall make recommendations to the Chairs of Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee, Health and Human Resources Subcommittee, and the House Appropriations Health and Human Resources Subcommittee on (i) removing barriers to using Students with Intensive Support Needs Application (SISNA) funds including additional recommended uses of SISNA funds that would allow children to remain in their public school and (ii) how DOE will make the SISNA application process less cumbersome. Such recommendations shall address concerns raised by local education agencies as noted in DOE's report to the Office of Children's Services."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides language ensuring that the Department of Education issues guidance on how localities can use existing authority to transition students back to public schools from private day placements and would request information on how the students with intensive support needs funding and application process could be more flexible and used to keep students at risk of private day placements in their public school setting.)

Item 123 #1s

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Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Education, Central
Office Operations

(\$1,500,000)

(\$500,000) GF

Language:

Page 137, line 41, strike "\$31,040,859" and insert "\$29,540,859".

Page 137, line 41, strike "\$30,040,859" and insert "\$29,540,859".

Page 139, strike lines 18 through 28.

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$1.5 million GF the first year and \$500,000 GF the second year and strikes the associated language related to a digital wallet initiative from the introduced budget to other policy priorities.)

Item 123 #2s

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Education, Central
Office Operations

\$1,000,000

\$250,000 GF

Language:

Page 137, line 41, strike "\$31,040,859" and insert "\$32,040,859".

Page 137, line 41, strike "\$30,040,859" and insert "\$30,290,859".

Page 139, after line 28, insert:

"N. Out of this appropriation, \$1,000,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to support the Joint Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education Funding. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a contractor to support the development of a new funding formula. The RFP shall be subject to the approval of a majority of the House members and a majority of the Senate members of the Joint Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education Funding. The Superintendent shall ensure continued collaboration between the contractor, the Joint Subcommittee, and the Department of Planning and Budget."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million GF the first year and \$250,000 GF the second year for the Joint Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education Funding's continued work on JLARC recommendations. Language allows the funding to be used for a contractor to support the work of the Joint Subcommittee.)

Item 123 #3s

Amendments to SB 30 (as Introduced)

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Education, Central
Office Operations

\$5,138,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 137, line 41, strike "\$31,040,859" and insert "\$36,178,859".

Page 139, after line 28, insert:

"N.1. Out of this appropriation, \$5,138,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the continued implementation of a statewide learning management system (LMS) and resources. 2. The Department of Education shall establish a workgroup to explore long-term funding options to support school division usage, Virtual Virginia activities, and professional learning support. The workgroup should consist of representatives from participating school divisions, Virtual Virginia, and the Virginia Community College System to review impacts to dual enrollment and two-year matriculation, equitable access to high school and college credit courses along with viable funding possibilities. The workgroup shall report to the Chairs of the House Committees on Education and Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Education and Health and Finance and Appropriations by November 1, 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$5.1 million GF the first year to support a statewide learning management system. Language directs the Department of Education to establish a workgroup to explore long-term funding options and report by November 1, 2026.)

Item 124 #1s

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY26-27

FY27-28

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$900,000

\$900,000 GF

Language:

Page 139, line 40, strike "\$52,993,467" and insert "\$53,893,467".

Page 139, line 40, strike "\$52,235,967" and insert "\$53,135,967".

Page 152, after line 32, insert:

"EEE. Out of this appropriation, \$900,000 the first year and \$900,000 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 provides \$900,000 GF each year 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.)

Item 124 #2s

Education: Elementary and Secondary

Direct Aid to Public Education

Language

Language:

Page 152, line 15, strike "Pilot".

Explanation:

(This language amendment removes the "pilot" status of the Community Builders Program to reflect the impact of legislation that passed the Senate during the 2026 General Assembly Session.)

Item 124 #3s

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY26-27

FY27-28

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$1,500,000

\$1,500,000

GF

Language:

Page 139, line 40, strike "\$52,993,467" and insert "\$54,493,467".

Page 139, line 40, strike "\$52,235,967" and insert "\$53,735,967".

Page 142, line 31, strike each instance of "\$2,281,000" and insert "\$3,781,000".

Page 142, line 34, strike each instance of "\$708,000" and insert "\$2,208,000".

Page 142, line 53, after "hours." insert: "Scholarships may be used to assist with expenses incurred during the supervised clinical practice required for licensure."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$1.5 million GF each year to support teaching scholarship loans. Language specifies that scholarship money may be used to assist with expenses during the supervised clinical practice required for licensure.)

Item 124 #4s

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY26-27

FY27-28

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$300,000

\$300,000

GF

Language:

Page 139, line 41, strike "\$52,993,467" and insert "\$53,293,467".

Page 139, line 41, strike "\$52,235,967" and insert "\$52,535,967".

Page 152, after line 32, insert:

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"EEE. Out of this appropriation, \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the Virginia Museum of History and Culture to support the Civics Connects program for middle school-aged children in the Commonwealth."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$300,000 GF each year for the Virginia Museum of History and Culture to support the Civics Connects program to improve civics education in alignment with the civics and economics Standards of Learning (SOLs).)

Item 124 #5s		
Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY26-27	FY27-28
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$2,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 139, line 40, strike "\$52,993,467" and insert "\$54,993,467".

Page 152, after line 32, insert:

"EEE. Out of this appropriation, \$2,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to support the AI Innovation in Education Pilot Program. The Department shall administer the Program and develop guidelines. Funding may be used to support the adoption of artificial intelligence software, programs, and training."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million GF the first year to support the AI Innovation in Education Pilot Program. Language requires the Department of Education to administer the programs and establish guidelines, and specifies that funds may be used to support the adoption of artificial intelligence software, programs, and training. This amendment supports the fiscal impact of Senate Bill 394.)

Item 124 #6s		
Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY26-27	FY27-28
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$500,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 139, line 40, strike "\$52,993,467" and insert "\$53,493,467".

Page 152, after line 32, insert:

"EEE. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for grants, administered by the Department of Education, to high-need public elementary and secondary schools to assist such schools with the purchase of Automated External Defibrillators for the development and/or implementation of a cardiac emergency response plan (CERP) to

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further promote CERP preparedness."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 GF the first year to support grants, administered by the Department of Education, to high-need public elementary and secondary schools to assist in the purchase of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) for the development or implementation of Cardiac Emergency Response Plans (CERP) to further promote CERP preparedness.)

Item 124 #7s

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY26-27	FY27-28
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$250,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 139, line 41, strike "\$52,993,467" and insert "\$53,243,467".

Page 152, after line 32, insert:

"EEE. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Neck to support the Northumberland Youth and Teen Clubhouse."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$250,000 GF the first year to the Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Neck to support the Northumberland Youth and Teen Clubhouse.)

Item 124 #8s

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY26-27	FY27-28
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$500,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 139, line 41, strike "\$52,993,467" and insert "\$53,493,467".

Page 152, after line 32, insert:

"EEE. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to DonorsChoose to administer a grant program consisting of individual grants of supplies valued at no more than \$750 per grant for Virginia public school teachers, within their first two years of service, to obtain supplies and materials for their classrooms or school operations."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 GF the second year to DonorsChoose to administer a grant program for Virginia public school teachers within their first two years of service to obtain supplies and materials for their classrooms or school operations.)

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Item 124 #9s

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY26-27	FY27-28
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$250,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 139, line 40, strike "\$52,993,467" and insert "\$53,243,467".

Page 152, after line 32, insert:

"EEE. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the Virginia Alliance of YMCAs to support the continuation of the partnership between the YMCA of South Hampton and Virginia Beach Public Schools."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$250,000 GF the first year to the Virginia Alliance of YMCAs to continue the partnership between the YMCA of South Hampton and Virginia Beach Public Schools.)

Item 124 #10s

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY26-27	FY27-28
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000 GF

Language:

Page 139, line 41, strike "\$52,993,467" and insert "\$55,493,467".

Page 139, line 41, strike "\$52,235,967" and insert "\$54,735,967".

Page 151, line 41, strike each instance of "\$2,500,000" and insert "\$5,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$2.5 million GF each year for Community Schools Development and Implementation Planning Grants, bringing the total appropriation to \$5.0 million GF each year.)

Item 124 #11s

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY26-27	FY27-28
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$250,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 139, line 40, strike "\$52,993,467" and insert "\$53,243,467".

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Page 152, after line 32, insert:

"EEE. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the Blue Ridge Partnership for Health Science Careers to support the cost of a feasibility study for the establishment of a Regional Public Biomedical Sciences High School."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$250,000 GF the first year for the Blue Ridge Partnership for Health Science Careers to conduct a feasibility study for the establishment of a Regional Public Biomedical Sciences High School, embedded in a K–12 education-to-employment pipeline, located on the Virginia Tech Carilion Riverside medical campus.)

Item 124 #12s

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$100,000	\$100,000	GF

Language:

Page 139, line 41, strike "\$52,993,467" and insert "\$53,093,467".

Page 139, line 41, strike "\$52,235,967" and insert "\$52,335,967".

Page 151, line 24, strike each instance of "\$150,000" and insert "\$250,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$100,000 GF each year for Reck League, bringing the total appropriation to \$250,000 GF each year.)

Item 124 #13s

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$4,100,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 139, line 41, strike "\$52,993,467" and insert "\$57,093,467".

Page 152, after line 32, insert:

"EEE. Out of this appropriation, \$4,100,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to Rockingham County Public Schools to support career and technical education programs, including equipment."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$4.1 million GF the first year to support career and technical education programs in Rockingham County Public Schools.)

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Item 124 #14s

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY26-27

FY27-28

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$750,000

\$750,000 GF

Language:

Page 139, line 41, strike "\$52,993,467" and insert "\$53,743,467".

Page 139, line 41, strike "\$52,235,967" and insert "\$52,985,967".

Page 146, line 41, strike each instance of "\$2,850,000" and insert "\$3,600,000".

Page 146, line 50, strike each instance of "\$1,100,000" and insert "\$1,850,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$750,000 GF each year to support the Richmond Teacher Residency Program to sustain essential operational costs and ensure the continued preparation of highly effective teachers for Virginia's hard-to-staff schools. This brings the total appropriation for the Richmond program to \$1.9 million GF each year.)

Item 124 #15s

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY26-27

FY27-28

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$193,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 139, line 41, strike "\$52,993,467" and insert "\$53,186,467".

Page 152, after line 32, insert:

"EEE. Out of this appropriation, \$193,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided to the Virginia Girl Scout Legislative Coalition to support youth mental wellness programs for girl scouts in the Nation's Capital Council, Colonial Coast Council, Commonwealth of Virginia Council, and Virginia's Skyline Council. Each council will receive \$43,250 to develop "patch" programs and hold mental health summits."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$193,000 GF the first year to the Virginia Girl Scout Legislative Coalition to support youth mental wellness programs.)

Item 125 #1s

Education: Elementary and Secondary

Direct Aid to Public Education

Language

Language:

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Page 155, line 36, after "percent." insert:

"Beginning with the 2028-2030 biennium, the true value of property shall include real estate, public service corporations, and tangible personal property under subdivision A 17 of § 58.1-3503, Code of Virginia as reported by the State Department of Education."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds to the computation of the local composite index the value of computer equipment and peripherals used in a data center beginning with the 2028-2030 biennium.)

Item 125 #2s

Education: Elementary and Secondary

Direct Aid to Public Education

Language

Language:

Page 163, after line 41, insert:

"33. The Department of Education shall review funding for regional career and technical education schools, including (i) identifying funding sources and amounts for such schools and (ii) proposing recommendations and estimated costs for alternative funding mechanisms, including but not limited to a similar mechanism as Academic Year Governor's Schools. The Department shall report on the findings of the review to the Chairs of the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee by November 1, 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides language directing the Department of Education to report on the funding sources and amounts for regional career and technical education schools and propose recommendations and estimated costs for alternate funding models, including but not limited to a mechanism similar to Academic Year Governor's Schools. A report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations Committee and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee is due by November 1, 2026.)

Item 125 #3s

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY26-27

FY27-28

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$12,819,492

\$12,760,192 GF

Language:

Page 152, line 33, strike "\$11,395,866,095" and insert "\$11,408,685,587".

Page 152, line 33, strike "\$11,253,671,960" and insert "\$11,266,432,152".

Page 166, line 42, strike "4.75" and insert "5.75".

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Page 166, line 42, strike “5.25” and insert “6.25”.

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$12.8 million GF each year to increase the special education add-on by one percent for each level of services. This brings the total add-on to 5.75 percent for level 1 students and 6.25 percent for level 2 students.)

	Item 125 #4s	
Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY26-27	FY27-28
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$8,613,643	\$8,971,315 GF

Language:

Page 152, line 33, strike "\$11,395,866,095" and insert "\$11,404,479,738".

Page 152, line 33, strike "\$11,253,671,960" and insert "\$11,262,643,275".

Page 180, line 4, strike “\$10,962,824” and insert “\$19,576,467”.

Page 180, line 4, strike “\$11,418,036” and insert “\$20,389,351”.

Page 180, line 9, strike “\$0.28” and insert “\$0.50”.

Page 181, after line 3, insert:

“d. Divisions and individual schools are encouraged to use funds provided in this section to explore participation in the Community Eligibility Provision.

e. The Department of Education, in collaboration with school divisions, shall review participation in the Community Eligibility Provision statewide, including (i) reasons for non-participation among schools with Identified Student Percentages between 25.0 and 40.0 percent with a focus on those with an Identified Student Percentage between 35.0 and 40.0 percent, (ii) a summary of the financial benefits that schools or divisions participating in the Community Eligibility Provision have realized, and (iii) recommendations for encouraging participation, including cost estimates for each option. The Department shall report to the Chairs of the House Committees on Education and Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Education and Health and Finance and Appropriations by October 15, 2026.”

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$8.6 million GF the first year and \$9.0 million GF the second year to increase the per meal reimbursement amount for school breakfast from \$0.28 to \$0.50 to increase participation in the school breakfast program. Language directs the Department of Education to review participation in the Community Eligibility Provision statewide and provide a report by October 15, 2026.)

Item 125 #5s

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Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY26-27

FY27-28

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$49,384,715
\$0

\$49,346,731 GF
\$20,000,000 NGF

Language:

Page 152, line 33, strike "\$11,395,866,095" and insert "\$11,445,250,810".

Page 152, line 33, strike "\$11,253,671,960" and insert "\$11,323,018,691".

Page 166, line 45, strike "\$785,857,850" and insert "\$835,242,565".

Page 166, line 45, strike "\$792,497,223" and insert "\$841,843,954".

Page 166, line 46, strike "\$194,690,377" and insert "\$214,690,377".

Page 167, line 3, strike "37.0" and insert "39.9".

Page 167, line 4, after "student" insert " the first year, and a payment equal to a 0.0 to 52.1 percent basic-aid add-on per estimated At-Risk student the second year".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$49.4 million GF the first year, \$49.3 million GF the second year, and \$20.0 million NGF the second year from the Lottery Proceeds Fund to increase the At-Risk Add-On to a maximum percentage of 39.9 in the first year and 52.1 in the second year. NGF in the second year reflects revenues from Senate Bill 661, and a companion amendment in Part 3 transfers such funds to the Lottery Proceeds Fund to be distributed for K-12 initiatives.)

Item 125 #6s

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY26-27

FY27-28

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$0

\$60,000,005 NGF

Language:

Page 152, line 33, strike "\$11,253,671,960" and insert "\$11,313,671,965".

Page 183, line 14, strike "\$276,361,277" and insert "\$336,361,282".

Page 183, line 16, strike "\$422.56" and insert "\$514.30".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$60.0 million NGF the second year from the Lottery Proceeds Fund to increase the Infrastructure and Operations per pupil amount. Funds reflect revenues from Senate Bill 661, and a companion amendment in Part 3 transfers such funds into the Lottery Proceeds Fund to support K-12 initiatives.)

Item 125 #7s

Amendments to SB 30 (as Introduced)

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY26-27

FY27-28

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$46,728,709

\$114,677,450 GF

Language:

Page 152, line 33, strike "\$11,395,866,095" and insert "\$11,442,594,804".

Page 152, line 33, strike "\$11,253,671,960" and insert "\$11,368,349,410".

Page 153, line 13, strike "\$1,858,500,000" and insert "\$1,905,228,709".

Page 153, line 13, strike "\$1,905,700,000" and insert "\$2,020,377,450".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$46.7 million GF the first year and \$114.7 million GF the second year to reflect a sales tax adjustment.)

Item 125 #8s

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY26-27

FY27-28

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$63,612,903

\$129,711,030 GF

Language:

Page 152, line 33, strike "\$11,395,866,095" and insert "\$11,459,478,998".

Page 152, line 33, strike "\$11,253,671,960" and insert "\$11,383,382,990".

Page 168, line 21, strike "\$382,547" and insert "\$573,289"

Page 168, line 22, strike "\$772,166" and insert "\$1,164,059".

Page 168, line 23, strike each instance of "2.0" and insert "3.0"

Page 179, line 38, strike "\$605,964" and insert "\$908,951"

Page 179, line 39, strike "\$1,237,529" and insert "\$1,865,951".

Page 179, line 41, strike each instance of "2.0" and insert "3.0"

Page 184, line 27, strike "\$126,238,320" and insert "\$189,851,223".

Page 184, line 27, strike "\$253,615,840" and insert "\$383,326,870".

Page 184, line 30, strike "2.0" and insert "3.0".

Page 184, line 32, strike "2.0" and insert "3.0".

Page 184, line 36, strike "2.0" and insert "3.0".

Page 184, line 37, strike "2.0" and insert "3.0".

Page 184, line 39, strike "2.0" and insert "3.0".

Page 184, line 44, strike "2.0" and insert "3.0".

Page 184, line 45, strike "2.0" and insert "3.0".

Page 184, strike lines 50 through 54 and insert:

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"b. Out of this appropriation, \$908,951 the first year and \$1,865,951 the second year from the general fund is provided for the state share of the salary increases stated in paragraph a. above for Academic Year Governor's Schools, and \$573,289 the first year and \$1,164,059 the second year from the Lottery Proceeds fund is provided for the state share of these salary increases for Regional Alternative Education Programs."

Page 185, line 2, strike "2.0" and insert "3.0".

Page 185, line 3, strike "2.0" and insert "3.0".

Page 185, line 3, strike "4.04" and insert "6.04".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$63.6 million GF the first year and \$129.7 million GF the second year to increase teacher salaries by 1.0 percent each year, bringing the total teacher salary increase to 3.0 percent each year when combined with the Governor's introduced budget.)

Item 125 #9s

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY26-27

FY27-28

Direct Aid to Public Education

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

\$0 GF
\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 164, line 8, strike "\$360,000,000" and insert "\$310,000,000".

Page 170, line 13, after "c." insert: "The Board of Education may offer up to \$50,000,000 the first year from the Literary Fund in school construction loans, subject to the availability of funds. Amounts designated for school construction loans that are not obligated in the first year may be obligated in the second year."

Explanation:

(This amendment decreases the Literary Fund amount designated for teacher retirement costs in the first year from \$360.0 million NGF to \$310.0 million NGF and authorizes \$50.0 million from the Literary Fund for school construction loans.)

Item 125 #10s

Education: Elementary and Secondary

Direct Aid to Public Education

Language

Language:

Page 179, after line 53, insert:

"j. Notwithstanding § 22.1-26, Code of Virginia, or any other provision of law, any academic

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year Governor's School established pursuant to § 22.1-26, Code of Virginia, shall be subject to approval by the General Assembly, and shall be included in the introduced budget bill pursuant to § 2.2-1509, Code of Virginia."

Explanation:

(This language amendment provides that the creation of any new Governor's Schools will be subject to General Assembly approval.)

	Item 126 #1s		
Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 187, line 17, strike "\$691,911,494" and insert "\$716,911,494".

Page 187, line 17, strike "\$695,022,764" and insert "\$720,022,764".

Page 194, after line 25, insert:

"G. Out of this appropriation, \$25,000,000 the first year and \$25,000,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the Employee Child Care Assistance Program administered by the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation (Foundation).

1. In establishing guidelines for the Program, the Foundation shall: (i) limit eligibility for state contributions for slots serving households with income at or below 85 percent of the state median income; (ii) establish a schedule of expected family copayments not to exceed 5 percent of household income for households with income at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty level and between 5 percent and 10 percent of family income for households with incomes above 300 percent of the federal poverty level and below 85 percent of the state median income; and (iii) provide that the state match does not exceed 40 percent of the cost of the slot remaining after application of family copayments.

2. Program funds shall be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. The Foundation is encouraged to prioritize participation of small businesses and serving a variety of employers and employees representing each Ready Region.

3. For the purpose of the Program, "Eligible mixed delivery provider" means a child day center or family day home that has been selected or identified to deliver mixed delivery services through a local agreement with the relevant regional entity established pursuant to subsection D of § [22.1-289.05](#) of the Code of Virginia, "Employer" means an employer with at least one employee who works in the Commonwealth in each of 20 or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year, and "Small business" means an employer with fewer than 50 employees."

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$25.0 million GF each year to support the Employee Child Care Assistance Program, as established in legislation during the 2026 Session.)

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Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY26-27

FY27-28

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$0

\$3,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 187, line 17, strike "\$695,022,764" and insert "\$698,022,764".

Page 194, after line 25, insert:

“G. Out of this appropriation, \$3,000,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to support the costs associated with a phased reduction model set forth in legislation in the 2026 Session.”

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.0 million GF the second year to support the costs of a phased reduction model as set forth in Senate Bill 20.)

Item 131 #1s

Education: Higher Education

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

Language

Language:

Page 201, line 11, after "fund" strike the remainder of the line.

Page 201, line 12, strike "second year from nongeneral funds"

Explanation:

(This amendment removes authorization for the use of nongeneral fund resources to support tuition waiver programs.)

Item 131 #2s

Education: Higher Education

FY26-27

FY27-28

State Council of Higher Education for
Virginia

\$9,450,000

\$2,650,000 GF

Language:

Amendments to SB 30 (as Introduced)

Page 196, line 46, strike "\$373,888,512" and insert "\$383,338,512".

Page 196, line 46, strike "\$376,358,512" and insert "\$379,008,512".

Page 200, line 11, strike "\$23,750,000" and insert "\$33,200,000".

Page 200, line 11, strike "\$37,350,000" and insert "\$40,000,000".

Page 200, line 12, strike "13,600,000" and insert "\$6,800,000".

Page 200, after line 23, insert:

"6. To the greatest extent possible, institutions shall submit reimbursement requests within 60 days of program completion by the student and credential reimbursements shall be submitted within 90 days of program completion unless otherwise excepted by the Council. All annual data shall be submitted by November 1 to ensure that the annual report may be compiled and validated by the deadline.

7. By August 1 of each year, the participating institutions shall each submit to the Council an implementation plan for the awarding of program funds, including a list of new program offerings, which programs from the prior year will no longer be offered, and institutional plans for instances where funds are anticipated to be exhausted prior to the end of the fiscal year."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$9.5 million GF the first year and \$2.7 million GF the second year for the New Economy Workforce Credential Grant (Fast Forward). Additional funding is needed to maintain the community colleges' current programs and begin addressing the backlog of high demand programs.)

Item 131 #3s

Education: Higher Education

FY26-27

FY27-28

State Council of Higher Education for
Virginia

\$7,700,000

\$9,600,000 GF

Language:

Page 196, line 46, strike "\$373,888,512" and insert "\$381,588,512".

Page 196, line 46, strike "\$376,358,512" and insert "\$385,958,512".

Page 197, line 13, strike the first instance of "\$112,325,881" and insert "\$120,025,881".

Page 197, line 13, strike the second instance of "\$112,325,881" and insert "\$121,925,881".

Explanation:

(The amendment provides and additional \$7.7 million GF the first year and \$9.6 million GF the second year for the Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG) Program. The amount provides awards at the levels included in the current budget due to higher than expected enrollment growth.)

Item 131 #4s

Education: Higher Education

FY26-27

FY27-28

State Council of Higher Education for
Virginia

\$3,330,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 196, line 46, strike "\$373,888,512" and insert "\$377,218,512".

Page 201, after line 24, insert:

"K. Out of this appropriation, \$3,330,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for implementation of a medical education grant-for-service program pursuant to Senate Bill 625 of the 2026 General Assembly Session. The Council may utilize up to 10 percent of the funds provided in this paragraph for administrative costs associated with implementing the program, including costs incurred by the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority for program operations."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.3 million GF the first year to fund the Medical Education Grant-for-Service program pursuant to Senate Bill 625.)

Item 133 #1s

Education: Higher Education

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

Language

Language:

Page 205, after line 36, insert:

"T. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) shall conduct a study and impact analysis of the decline in international student enrollment at four-year colleges and universities in the Commonwealth and to develop recommendations to address such impacts. In conducting the study, SCHEV shall work in coordination with public institutions of higher education and shall (i) identify public colleges and universities exhibiting sustained declines in international student enrollment over multiple consecutive academic years, as well as those experiencing a significant decline during the 2025–2026 academic year; (ii) compare enrollment trends between public and private four-year institutions to determine whether declines are consistent statewide or disproportionately affecting specific categories of institutions; and (iii) evaluate international student enrollment trends in graduate programs and assess whether graduate-level enrollment is declining at a similar or higher rate than undergraduate enrollment. SCHEV shall further assess the institutional, academic, financial, economic, societal, and workforce impacts associated with declining international student enrollment, including but not limited to impacts on tuition revenue, research capacity, graduate education, workforce

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pipelines, and the Commonwealth's long-term economic competitiveness. As part of this analysis, SCHEV shall examine the extent to which current federal administration policies, including visa, immigration, and related regulatory actions, have contributed to observed enrollment trends. SCHEV shall submit its findings and any recommendations in a report to the Chairs of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health, the Secretary of Education, and the Governor no later than December 1, 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs a study and impact analysis of the decline in international student enrollment at four-year colleges and universities in the Commonwealth and the development of recommendations to address such impacts.)

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Education: Higher Education

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

Language

Language:

Page 205, line 3, strike "pilot".

Page 205, line 4, strike "pilot" and insert "program".

Explanation:

(This amendment clarifies that the mental health workforce program is ongoing.)

Item 137 #1s

Education: Higher Education

FY26-27

FY27-28

Christopher Newport University

\$1,059,252

\$1,226,994

GF

Language:

Page 206, line 22, strike "\$117,767,350" and insert "\$118,826,602".

Page 206, line 22, strike "\$117,029,450" and insert "\$118,256,444".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.1 million GF the first year and \$1.2 million GF the second year for the Science and Engineering Research Center at Christopher Newport University.)

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Education: Higher Education

FY26-27

FY27-28

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The College of William and Mary in Virginia	\$327,000 2.30	\$327,000 2.30	GF FTE
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Language:

Page 208, line 12, strike "\$301,698,112" and insert "\$302,025,112".

Page 208, line 12, strike "\$300,659,162" and insert "\$300,986,162".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$327,000 GF each year and 2.3 positions to continue the Community Law Clinic at the William and Mary Law School, which serves community members in matters of housing, family law, public benefits, consumer protection, and other general litigation issues. Funds are expected to provide pro bono legal services to support underrepresented members of the greater Hampton Roads community in civil legal matters and provide law students with the opportunity to be a part of a clinical program to gain the experience they need to become effective legal advocates.)

Item 145 #1s

Education: Higher Education

FY26-27

FY27-28

Virginia Institute of Marine Science

(\$402,400)

(\$314,209)

GF

Language:

Page 211, line 5, strike "\$36,218,471" and insert "\$35,816,071".

Page 211, line 5, strike "\$36,012,305" and insert "\$35,698,096".

Page 212, strike lines 40 and 41.

Explanation:

(This amendment defers \$402,400 GF the first year and \$314,209 GF the second year in support for a new study of algal blooms that was provided in the introduced budget.)

Item 148 #1s

Education: Higher Education

FY26-27

FY27-28

George Mason University

\$50,000

\$50,000

GF

Language:

Page 213, line 22, strike "\$856,112,781" and insert "\$856,162,781".

Page 213, line 22, strike "\$841,978,378" and insert "\$842,028,378".

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$50,000 GF each year for the Schar School of Policy and Government to implement a Civics Education Pilot Program. The initiative will create a course, in coordination with the Virginia Commission on Civics, which is available to students from all Virginia public universities.)

Item 152 #1s

Education: Higher Education

FY26-27

FY27-28

James Madison University

\$0
0.00

\$1,000,000 GF
14.69 FTE

Language:

Page 216, line 42, strike "\$457,060,106" and insert "\$458,060,106".

Page 218, after line 6, insert:

"F. As part of the six year plan process, James Madison University shall develop a phased transition to direct admission for the undergraduate nursing program. The transition plan shall be reported as part of the August 2026 six year plan submission."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million GF the second year and 14.69 positions to ensure program viability and expansion of the accelerated Fast Flex nursing program. The program allows students to complete core nursing coursework in one year through non-traditional scheduling. Continued funding will support the launch of a new non-traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program while maintaining the existing four-year BSN program and growing the number of nursing graduates. In addition, James Madison University is directed to develop an implementation plan for direct admission to the undergraduate nursing program to better anticipate and manage demand.)

Item 160 #1s

Education: Higher Education

FY26-27

FY27-28

Norfolk State University

\$2,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 220, line 46, strike "\$158,218,457" and insert "\$160,218,457".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million GF the first year for continued Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) modernization at Norfolk State University.)

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Item 193 #1s

Education: Higher Education

FY26-27

FY27-28

University of Virginia's College at
Wise

\$750,000

\$750,000 GF

Language:

Page 241, line 48, strike "\$49,537,942" and insert "\$50,287,942".

Page 241, line 48, strike "\$49,297,042" and insert "\$50,047,042".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$750,000 GF each year to ensure that UVA Wise remains an affordable and accessible option for students.)

Item 203 #1s

Education: Higher Education

Virginia Community College System

Language

Language:

Page 252, line 5, strike "\$13,600,000" and insert "\$6,800,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment adjusts the transfer of cash balances to support the Workforce Credential Grant Program. A corresponding change is made to Item 131 G.)

Item 219 #1s

Education: Higher Education

FY26-27

FY27-28

Virginia Cooperative Extension and
Agricultural Experiment Station

\$761,475

\$761,475 GF

Language:

Page 266, line 28, strike "\$116,561,722" and insert "\$117,323,197".

Page 266, line 28, strike "\$116,561,722" and insert "\$117,323,197".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$761,475 GF each year to support the establishment of an agricultural business innovation cohort including Area Specialized Agents and a state specialist in Agricultural Business Innovation. The team will have expertise in economics and business

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with backgrounds in precision agriculture, automation and connectivity, data analytics, workforce training, or controlled environment agriculture, and it will facilitate innovative agricultural approaches through the implementation of technologies such as smart sensors, autonomous systems for crop and animal management, precision farm equipment, and other analytical tools.)

Item 225 #1s

Education: Other Education

FY26-27

FY27-28

Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia

\$250,000

\$250,000 GF

Language:

Page 271, line 5, strike "\$3,901,103" and insert "\$4,151,103".

Page 271, line 5, strike "\$3,901,103" and insert "\$4,151,103".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$250,000 GF each year to support operating expenses at the Frontier Culture Museum.)

Item 226 #1s

Education: Other Education

FY26-27

FY27-28

Gunston Hall

\$200,000

\$200,000 GF

Language:

Page 271, line 28, strike "\$1,638,907" and insert "\$1,838,907".

Page 271, line 28, strike "\$1,638,907" and insert "\$1,838,907".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$200,000 GF each year to support operating expenses at Gunston Hall.)

Item 227 #1s

Education: Other Education

FY26-27

FY27-28

Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation

\$480,000

\$480,000 GF

Language:

Page 271, line 41, strike "\$23,456,456" and insert "\$23,936,456".

Page 271, line 41, strike "\$23,456,456" and insert "\$23,936,456".

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$480,000 GF each year to support operating expenses at the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation.)

		Item 230 #1s	
Education: Other Education	FY26-27	FY27-28	
The Library Of Virginia	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 273, line 9, strike "\$27,429,726" and insert "\$28,429,726".

Page 273, line 9, strike "\$27,429,726" and insert "\$28,429,726".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million GF each year to support state aid to local public libraries.)

		Item 232 #1s	
Education: Other Education	FY26-27	FY27-28	
The Science Museum of Virginia	\$200,000	\$200,000	GF

Language:

Page 274, line 1, strike "\$17,097,822" and insert "\$17,297,822".

Page 274, line 1, strike "\$17,497,822" and insert "\$17,697,822".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$200,000 GF each year to support operating expenses at the Science Museum of Virginia.)

		Item 237 #1s	
Education: Higher Education	FY26-27	FY27-28	
New College Institute	\$0	\$3,185,419	GF

Language:

Page 276, line 24, strike "\$1,597,035" and insert "\$4,782,454".

Page 277, strike lines 9 through 10.

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$3.2 million GF the second year to continue general fund support for the New College Institute during completion and consideration of the sustainability plan.)

Item 238 #1s

Education: Higher Education

FY26-27

FY27-28

Institute for Advanced Learning and
Research

(\$4,670,000)

(\$4,670,000)

GF

Language:

Page 277, line 18, strike "\$12,916,322" and insert "\$8,246,322".

Page 277, line 18, strike "\$12,916,322" and insert "\$8,246,322".

Explanation:

(This amendment defers \$4.7 million GF in both years provided in the introduced budget for administration of the Great Opportunities in Technology and Engineering Careers (GO TEC) program. The Institute for Advanced Learning and Research is conducting a sustainability study to determine the funding structure for ongoing program administration costs.)

Item 239 #1s

Education: Higher Education

FY26-27

FY27-28

Roanoke Higher Education Authority

\$300,000

\$300,000

GF

Language:

Page 277, line 37, strike "\$2,903,651" and insert "\$3,203,651".

Page 277, line 37, strike "\$2,903,651" and insert "\$3,203,651".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$300,000 GF each year in additional operating support for the Roanoke Higher Education Center.)

Item 240 #1s

Education: Higher Education

FY26-27

FY27-28

Southern Virginia Higher Education
Center

\$472,000
5.00

\$472,000
5.00

GF
FTE

Language:

Page 278, line 2, strike "\$7,622,330" and insert "\$8,094,330".

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Page 278, line 2, strike "\$7,622,330" and insert "\$8,094,330".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$472,000 GF each year and 5.0 positions to support instructors in high demand programs, including automation and robotics, HVAC, industrial and technical, information technology, and welding.)

Item 241 #1s			
Education: Higher Education	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center	\$230,000 1.00	\$230,000 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 279, line 2, strike "\$5,756,152" and insert "\$5,986,152".

Page 279, line 2, strike "\$5,756,152" and insert "\$5,986,152".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$230,000 GF each year and 1.0 position to support a full-time healthcare simulation technologist position and operating costs. The Center has secured grant and philanthropic funds to develop the Regional Simulation Lab for Nursing and Allied Health.)

Item 243 #1s			
Education: Higher Education	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Maintain Affordable Access	\$0	\$50,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 280, line 2, strike "\$0" and insert "\$50,000,000".

Page 280, after line 12, insert:

"C. Out of this appropriation, \$50,000,000 the second year from the general fund is designated to support undergraduate need-based financial aid. For the purposes of budget execution and base budget development, these appropriated funds shall be transferred to the individual institutions. Allocations from this item are as follows:

Institution	FY 2028
Christopher Newport University	\$1,100,000

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College of William and Mary	\$553,333
George Mason University	\$6,613,333
James Madison University	\$3,226,667
Longwood University	\$1,170,000
Norfolk State University	\$2,456,667
Old Dominion University	\$7,116,667
Radford University	\$2,030,000
University of Mary Washington	\$780,000
University of Virginia	\$1,040,000
University of Virginia - College at Wise	\$470,000
Virginia Commonwealth University	\$7,050,000
Virginia Military Institute	\$216,667
Virginia State University	\$2,090,333
Virginia Polytechnic and State University	\$4,456,667
Richard Bland College	\$173,333
Virginia Community College System	\$9,456,333
Total	\$50,000,000"

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50.0 million GF the second year to continue and enhance first year support included in the introduced budget bill for undergraduate need-based financial aid.

	Item 243 #2s	
Education: Higher Education	FY26-27	FY27-28
Maintain Affordable Access	\$27,500,000	\$45,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 280, line 2, strike "\$0" and insert "\$27,500,000".

Page 280, line 2, strike "\$0" and insert "\$45,000,000".

Page 280, after line 12, insert:

"C. Out of this appropriation, \$27,500,000 the first year and \$45,000,000 the second year from the general fund is designated to support operations of the institutions. For the purposes of budget execution and base budget development, these appropriated funds shall be transferred to the individual institutions. Allocations from this funding are as follows:

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Institution	FY 2027	FY 2028
Christopher Newport University	\$737,900	\$1,207,473
College of William and Mary	\$1,038,950	\$1,700,100
George Mason University	\$3,716,000	\$6,080,727
James Madison University	\$1,969,450	\$3,222,736
Longwood University	\$590,950	\$967,009
Norfolk State University	\$658,100	\$1,076,891
Old Dominion University	\$2,380,100	\$3,894,709
Radford University	\$900,050	\$1,472,809
University of Mary Washington	\$585,650	\$958,336
University of Virginia	\$2,988,350	\$4,890,027
University of Virginia - College at Wise	\$240,900	\$394,200
Virginia Commonwealth University	\$3,631,600	\$5,942,618
Virginia Military Institute	\$290,050	\$474,627
Virginia State University	\$605,050	\$990,083
Virginia Polytechnic and State University	\$3,191,500	\$5,222,455
Richard Bland College	\$154,350	\$252,573
Virginia Community College System	\$3,821,050	\$6,252,627
Total	\$27,500,000	\$45,000,000"

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$27.5 million GF the first year and \$45.0 million GF the second year for higher education institution operating costs. State operating support for higher education limits tuition and fee increases for students.)

Item 243 #3s

Education: Higher Education

Maintain Affordable Access

Language

Language:

Page 280, strike lines 3 through 12.

Amendments to SB 30 (as Introduced)

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language related to a tuition cap included in the introduced budget.)

Item 249 #1s

Finance

Department of Accounts

Language

Language:

Page 286, after line 15, insert:

"C. A working capital advance (WCA) of up to \$8,500,000 is provided to the Cardinal program to expand the current Cardinal Human Capital Management (HCM) System to include labor management and collective bargaining functionality. The funding may be used to develop business requirements, implement a new module, and to make technical adjustments to current Cardinal HCM functionality in order to meet the business requirements. No funds shall be drawn or expended from this WCA without the approval of the Secretary of Finance."

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes a working capital advance (WCA) of up to \$8,500,000 to expand the current Cardinal Human Capital Management (HCM) System to include labor management and collective bargaining functionality pursuant to Senate 378, which authorizes collective bargaining for state employees.)

Item 261 #1s

Finance

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Taxation

\$550,000

\$128,308

GF

Language:

Page 291, line 14, strike "\$75,586,564" and insert "\$76,136,564".

Page 291, line 14, strike "\$75,586,564" and insert "\$75,714,872".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$550,000 GF the first year and \$128,308 GF the second year for the fiscal impact from legislation passed by the Senate.)

Item 261 #2s

Finance

FY26-27

FY27-28

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Department of Taxation	\$61,863 1.00	\$121,692 1.00	GF FTE
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Language:

Page 291, line 14, strike "\$75,586,564" and insert "\$75,648,427".

Page 291, line 14, strike "\$75,586,564" and insert "\$75,708,256".

Page 295, after line 43, insert:

"EE.1. There is hereby appropriated a sum sufficient from the general fund of the state treasury to enable the payment of awards to individuals for assisting in the collection of delinquent taxes owed, pursuant to Senate Bill 224 of the 2026 General Assembly.

2. The Department of Taxation shall report annually by October 1, of each year on the number and amount of any payment of awards in the prior fiscal year pursuant to Senate Bill 224 of the 2026 General Assembly. The Department shall submit the report to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees and shall include program outcomes, including the number of tips received, investigations initiated, amounts assessed, amounts collected, awards paid, administrative costs, and net revenue recovered. No information shall be included that could identify any informant or taxpayer."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$61,863 GF the first year and \$121,692 GF the second year for the Department of Taxation to hire one full-time employee to perform audits pursuant to Senate Bill 224, related to awarding compensation to individuals who provide information that leads to the successful collection of delinquent taxes owed by other individual or business taxpayers. The amendment also includes sum sufficient appropriation language for awards to individuals assisting the Department of Taxation.)

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Finance

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Taxation

\$499,040,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 291, line 14, strike "\$75,586,564" and insert "\$574,626,564".

Page 295, after line 43, insert:

"EE.1. There is hereby established in the state treasury and on the books of the State Comptroller a special nonreverting fund known as the 2026 Income Tax Rebate Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall be credited to the general fund.

2. Out of this appropriation, \$499,040,000 the first year from the general fund shall be deposited into the 2026 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. The information statement attached to the tax rebate checks issued pursuant with this item shall state, "the enclosed Tax

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Relief for Working Virginians was authorized by the 2026 General Assembly."

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, 2025, but before January 1, 2026, an individual filing a return on or before November 3, 2026 or married persons filing a joint return on or before November 3, 2026 shall be issued a refund in an amount up to \$100 for an individual, or \$200 for married persons filing a joint return. An individual shall only be allowed a refund pursuant to this Item 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 Item 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 Item 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, 2026, refunds due pursuant to this Item shall be issued on or before October 15, 2026. In no case shall any interest be paid on any refund due pursuant to this Item."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$499.0 million from the general fund in the first year to effectuate an income tax rebate of \$100 for single files and \$200 for married filers to be paid during fiscal year 2027.)

Item 265 #1s

Finance

Department of the Treasury

Language

Language:

Page 298, after line 43, insert:

"H. The State Treasurer shall transfer funds as set forth in § 10.1-1330(C), Code of Virginia."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the State Treasurer to transfer funds as required by § 10.1-1330 of the Code of Virginia such that December 2023 auction funds under the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative are released.)

Item 265 #2s

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Finance

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of the Treasury

\$1,815,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 297, line 44, strike "\$18,457,046" and insert "\$20,272,046".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.8 million from the general fund the first year for the administrative costs at the Department of the Treasury to provide tax relief for working Virginians by issuing rebate checks or direct deposit.)

Item 265 #3s

Finance

Department of the Treasury

Language

Language:

Page 298, after line 43, insert:

"H. The Department of the Treasury shall review the the current Virginia Energy Leasing Program (VELP) to determine its effectiveness in promoting and financing energy efficiency improvements in state agencies. The report shall include: (i) an historical review of projects financed through the program including projected and actual energy savings, operational savings, and facility performance improvements associated with financed projects; (ii) project payback periods and cost-effectiveness metrics; (iii) as part of its review, the department shall consider alternative financing arrangements that may further facilitate and encourage state agencies to pursue energy efficiency projects; (iv) any recommendations for improving program efficiency and participation. The report shall be submitted by October 1, 2026, to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees.)

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of the Treasury to review the current Virginia Energy Leasing Program (VELP) to determine its effectiveness in promoting and financing energy efficiency improvements in state agencies.)

Item 267 #1s

Finance

Treasury Board

Language

Language:

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Page 301, after line 22, insert:

"Prince William-Manassas Regional Adult Detention Center \$275,400
Western Tidewater Regional Jail \$954,992"

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes \$954,992 in bond authority for Western Tidewater Regional Jail and \$275,400 in bond authority for Prince William-Manassas Regional Adult Detention Center to cover the 25.0 percent state share of one-time capital funding for renovations and upgrades. The projects were approved by the Board of Local and Regional Jails but were not included in the introduced budget.)

Item 270 #1s

Health and Human Resources

Secretary of Health and Human Resources

Language

Language:

Page 306, after line 52, insert:

"C.1. The Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall establish a Task Force on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) error rate reduction status and implementation of Community Engagement requirements in the Medicaid program to ensure that the Commonwealth addresses the SNAP error rate in the most prudent manner possible and receives implementation updates for the Medicaid Community Engagement requirements. The Task Force shall include representatives from the Department of Medical Assistance Services, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Planning and Budget, and staff from the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees.

2. The Task Force shall: (i) assess the most recent SNAP error rate, including payment error trends, quality control results, and the major policy and operational drivers contributing to the error rate; (ii) evaluate the current corrective action plan to reduce and sustain a lower SNAP error rate; (iii) assess the resources and operational capabilities of the Department of Social Services and local departments to effectively lower the error rate; and (iv) make recommendations to improve the SNAP benefits administration processes.

3. The Task Force shall also: (i) review the status, federal approvals, and implementation timeline of Medicaid Community Engagement requirements; (ii) provide regular enrollment, exemption, and compliance updates; and (iii) recommend strategies to modernize and streamline the eligibility determination and case management system to improve administrative efficiency.

4. The Secretary shall provide an update to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by October 1, 2026, and

every 90 days thereafter through the end of fiscal year 2028, on the efforts, progress, and challenges related to decreasing the SNAP error rate and implementing Medicaid Community Engagement Requirements."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to establish a Task Force on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) error rate and implementation of Community Engagement requirements in the Medicaid program to ensure that the Commonwealth addresses the SNAP error rate in the most prudent manner possible and receives implementation updates for the Medicaid Community Engagement requirements.)

Item 270 #2s

Health and Human Resources

Secretary of Health and Human Resources

Language

Language:

Page 306, after line 52, insert:

"C. The Secretary of Health and Human Resources, in collaboration with the Department of Health and the Department of Medical Assistance Services, shall convene a workgroup to evaluate the fiscal sustainability and administrative structure of the Commonwealth's administration of the federal Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program. The workgroup shall include representatives from the Department of Health, the Department of Medical Assistance Services, the Department of Planning and Budget, staff from the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, and any other stakeholders as deemed necessary by the Secretary. The workgroup shall: (i) review the causes of recent revenue shortfalls; (ii) assess internal controls and compliance with federal grant requirements; (iii) evaluate the administration of the Ryan White Part B program; and (iv) recommend actions to resolve the financial instability resulting from rebate revenue decline. The Secretary shall report the findings and recommendations of the workgroup to the Chairs of the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee and the House Appropriations Committee no later than December 1, 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, in collaboration with the Department of Health and the Department of Medical Assistance Services, to convene a workgroup to evaluate the fiscal sustainability and administrative structure of the Commonwealth's administration of the federal Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and recommend actions to resolve the financial instability resulting from rebate revenue decline.)

Item 271 #1s

Health and Human Resources

Children's Services Act

Language

Language:

Page 307, line 36, strike "as defined in the".

Page 307, line 37, strike "Children's Services Act policy manual" and insert "who otherwise meet one of the criteria pursuant to § 2.2-5211, Code of Virginia."

Explanation:

(This amendment clarifies that in order to be eligible for Special Education Wrap Around Services under the Children's Services Act, individuals must meet one of the criteria outlined in § 2.2-5211, Code of Virginia.)

Item 271 #2s

Health and Human Resources

Children's Services Act

Language

Language:

Page 310, strike lines 31 through 32, and insert:

"the rate of reimbursement to localities for private day educational services for the per student/per diem tuition rates shall not increase more than 2.5 percent over the per student/per diem tuition rates for such services provided in the previous year."

Explanation:

(This amendment clarifies that the rate cap for reimbursement to localities for private day educational services is associated with the per student/per diem tuition rates.)

Item 272 #1s

Health and Human Resources

Children's Services Act

FY26-27

(\$100,000)

FY27-28

(\$100,000) GF

Language:

Page 310, line 36, strike "\$3,100,312" and insert "\$3,000,312".

Page 310, line 36, strike "\$3,100,312" and insert "\$3,000,312".

Page 310, line 42, strike "1."

Page 310, strike line 42 from "Out" to line 46 "agency."

Page 310, line 46, strike "OCS" and insert "The Office of Children's Services"

Page 310, strike line 51.

Page 311, strike lines 1 through 8.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$100,000 GF each year provided to the Office of Children's Services (OCS) to contract with the Virginia Department of Education's Office of Special Education to conduct a review of private day placement decisions in those localities with a higher than average number of placements and make recommendations to the local education agency. The review was done last year and OCS indicates another study would be duplicative and not provide significant new information. OCS will still be required to publish on its website private day placements data.)

Item 274 #1s

Health and Human Resources

Department of Health

Language

Language:

Page 312, strike lines 25 through 51.

Page 313, strike lines 1 through 56.

Page 314, strike lines 1 through 45.

Page 314, after line 45, insert:

"A. This appropriation shall only be used for the provision of loans or scholarships in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Board of Health and the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority, or for the administration, management, and reporting thereof.

B. Any unexpended balance in this Item at the close of business on June 30 each year shall not revert to the general fund, but shall be carried forward and reappropriated.

C.1. Out of this appropriation, \$7,350,000 the first year and \$7,350,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the Virginia Department of Health for the Virginia Behavioral Health Loan Repayment Program. Eligible practitioners include: psychiatrists, licensed clinical psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors, child and adolescent psychiatrists, child and adolescent psychiatry Fellows, psychiatric physician assistants, psychiatric pharmacists, psychiatric registered nurses, and psychiatric nurse practitioners. The program shall include a tiered incentive system as follows: (i) Tier I providers: child and adolescent psychiatrists, child and adolescent psychiatry Fellows, psychiatric nurse practitioners, psychiatric registered nurses, and psychiatrists; (ii) Tier II providers: licensed clinical psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, and licensed professional counselors; and (iii) Tier III providers: mental health service professionals defined in § 54.1-2400.1 of the Code of Virginia who are not set forth in C.1. as Tier I or Tier II providers.

2. For each eligible year of service provided, the practitioner shall receive a year of applicable loan repayment award in return. Loan repayment checks will be submitted at the end of each

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year of service. Payments will be made directly to the lender. Practitioners must agree to a minimum of two years of practice for the behavioral health provider with the ability for two one-year renewals. The program shall require preference be given to applicants choosing to practice in underserved areas which must be a federally designated mental Health Professional Shortage Area or Medically Underserved Area within the Commonwealth. Practitioners are required to practice at Community Services Boards, behavioral health authorities, state mental health facilities, free clinics, federally qualified health centers, academic medical centers, stand-alone inpatient psychiatric facilities that serve uninsured or medically underserved populations and/or communities, and other similar health safety net organizations in order to be eligible for the program. The award amount is up to 25 percent of student loan debt, not to exceed \$50,000 per year for Tier I professionals or \$20,000 per year for Tier II professionals. In no instance shall the loan repayment exceed the total student loan debt.

3. No match contribution from practice sites or the community is required. Loan repayment awards shall be tax exempt.

4. The program shall have an Advisory Board, composed of representatives from stakeholder organizations and community members as determined by the department. The Advisory Board will meet annually and provide guidance regarding effective outreach and feedback on both programmatic processes and impact. The department shall provide an annual report to the Advisory Board on successes, challenges and opportunities with the program.

5. The Board of Health shall develop regulations consistent with this language in order for the department to administer the program.

D.1. Out of this appropriation, \$9,571,000 the first year and \$9,571,000 the second year shall be provided to the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority for the administration of nursing scholarship and loan programs pursuant to [SB 405; pending legislation; §§ 23.1-614 and 32.1-122.6:01 through 32.1-122.6:02 once amended through such legislation]. The Authority may move appropriation between scholarship or loan repayment programs as long as the scholarship or loan repayment is in accordance with promulgated regulations.

2. Out of the appropriation in D.1., \$3,600,000 the first year and \$3,600,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided for the Nursing Preceptor Incentive Program. The Authority shall collaborate with the advisory board to the Virginia Nursing Workforce Center pursuant to [SB 405; pending legislation; § 32.122.7:2 once amended], and other relevant stakeholders on a nursing student preceptor grant program. The program shall offer up to a \$5,000 incentive for any Virginia licensed physician, physician's assistant, licensed practical nurse, registered nurse, or advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) who, in conjunction with a licensed and accredited Virginia public or private not-for-profit school of nursing, provides a clinical education rotation of 250 hours, which is certified as having been completed by the school. The amount of the incentive may be adjusted based on the actual number of hours completed during the clinical education rotation. The program shall seek to reduce the shortage of registered nurse clinical education opportunities especially in high demand fields such as psychiatry and anesthesiology.

3. Out of the appropriation in D.1., \$35,000 the first year and \$35,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the Nurse Loan Repayment Program to provide loan repayments for certified nurse aides. The total loan repayment allowed per certified nurse aide is limited to

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no more than \$1,000.

4. Out of the appropriation in D.1., \$1,936,000 the first year and \$1,936,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to fund nursing scholarship and loan repayment programs to recruit and retain nurses and nurse faculty, consistent with § 32.1-122.6:01 of the Code of Virginia, the Nursing Preceptor Incentive Program established in Chapter 552, 2021 Special Session I, Acts of Assembly, the Virginia Nurse Practitioner/Nurse Midwife scholarship program, the Nurse Educator Scholarship Program pursuant to 12VAC5-545-10, the Nurse Loan Repayment Program authorized in § 32.1-122.6:04, Code of Virginia, and the Long-Term Facility Nursing Scholarship Program, authorized in § 54.1-3011.2, Code of Virginia.

a. Out of the appropriation in paragraph D.4., \$64,000 the first year and \$64,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to fund the Long-Term Facility Nursing Scholarship, authorized in § 54.1-3011.2, Code of Virginia. The program shall offer a scholarship for any Virginia student accepted for enrollment or enrolled in an approved education program in the Commonwealth of Virginia to become a certified nurse aide, licensed practical nurse, or registered nurse, and who commits to work in a long-term care facility after graduation. For each year of scholarship money received, the participant agrees to engage in the equivalent of one year of full-time nursing practice in a long-term care facility in the Commonwealth.

b. Out of the appropriation in paragraph D.4., \$936,000 the first year and \$936,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided for nursing scholarship, loan repayment and incentive programs based on priorities as identified by the Virginia Health Workforce Authority and the ability of the Authority to expedite funding to recipients.

c. Out of the appropriation in paragraph D.4., \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the second year from the general fund may be provided to create a scholarship to support licensed practical nurses serving as a school nurse or school nurse assistant to become a registered nurse, as funds are available. The Authority shall collaborate with the Department of Education in developing the scholarship program in accordance with the recommendations from the 2021 "Report of the Department of Education on School Health Personnel in Virginia Public Schools: Recommendations for Qualifications and Training". The program shall offer a scholarship, not greater than \$10,000, for any licensed practical nurse currently serving as a Virginia school nurse to complete the training and education requirements to become a registered nurse in an approved education program in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For each year of the scholarship money received, the student must maintain employment as a school nurse and agree to engage in the equivalent of one year of full-time employment as a school nurse after graduation. Full-time employment during school is not required and does not count towards the required one-year service obligation.

5. Out of the appropriation in D.1., \$4,000,000 the first year and \$4,000,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the Earn to Learn Nursing Education Acceleration program. The Authority shall establish criteria for making grants from the program, including application guidelines and metrics for evaluation. Grants shall be awarded for the purpose of forming collaborative clinical training arrangements between high schools, colleges and universities, hospitals, and health providers, increasing the number of nursing students receiving necessary clinical training to achieve certification, and creating and ensuring employment opportunities for nursing students. To be eligible for grants, applicants must provide

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employment opportunities to students at each student's current certification level with compensation consistent with other employees at identical certification levels and must demonstrate that the grant application will increase on a net basis the number of nursing graduates achieving sufficient clinical hours to achieve higher nursing certifications when compared to averages over the past five years.

E. The Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority shall each publish and regularly update on their websites information about respective incentive programs in this appropriation so that information is readily available to the public. In addition, the Authority shall notify nursing schools and nursing programs throughout the Commonwealth of the availability of nursing scholarship and loan repayment program funding, including information about the Nursing Preceptor Incentive Program, prior to each academic year in a timely manner to accept applications and process them.

F. The Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority shall expand the Mary Marshall Scholarship Program to include humanitarian parolees as eligible participants. In addition, the Authority 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 prior to admission for licensure.

G. The Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority shall submit an annual report, for the prior fiscal year, by October 1 to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees for the programs funded in this item to include: (i) total awards by grant program for the prior fiscal year; (ii) total expenditures by grant program for the prior fiscal year; (iii) any remaining funding not expended by the end of the fiscal year; (iv) total administrative costs attributable specifically to the nursing scholarship and loan repayment programs; (iv) total administrative expenditures of the Authority, itemized by personnel, contractual services, information technology, facilities, travel, and other overhead; and (v) program performance and accountability metrics for each scholarship and loan program.

H. The Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority shall submit its audited annual financial report for the prior fiscal year within 30 days of it being completed to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees. In addition, to the annual financial report, the Authority shall include any audit findings and resulting corrective actions and report on the total compensation of the three highest-compensated employees of the Authority for the prior fiscal year. If the audited annual financial report and other required information of the Authority is not submitted by July 1, then no funding in this Item shall be provided to the Authority for that fiscal year until the requirements are met."

Explanation:

(This amendment transfers the administrative oversight of nursing scholarship and loan repayment programs from the Department of Health to the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority in accordance with the provisions of Senate Bill 405.)

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Department of Health

\$10,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 314, line 46, strike "\$51,635,927" and insert "\$61,635,927".

Page 316, after line 21, insert:

"I. Out of this appropriation, \$10,000,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided to the Virginia Rescue Squad Assistance Fund."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$10.0 million GF the first year to support the Virginia Rescue Squad Assistance Fund.)

Item 276 #1s

Health and Human Resources

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Health

\$142,671
1.00

\$142,671 GF
1.00 FTE

Language:

Page 316, line 22, strike "\$21,555,698" and insert "\$21,698,369".

Page 316, line 22, strike "\$21,555,698" and insert "\$21,698,369".

Page 316, after line 24, insert:

"A. Out of this appropriation, \$142,671 the first year and \$142,671 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for any case involving a manner of death consistent with Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP) to: (i) in addition to other information it deems appropriate, disclose its investigation into the cause of death in a full report, which shall include written findings pursuant to § 32.1-283, and (ii) within 30 days of such findings refer the case to a public or private institution, which shall provide to the decedent's next of kin, if known, information regarding the benefits of and process for submitting the deceased's medical information, including information about the deceased's history of epilepsy and seizures, to the North American SUDEP Registry.

B. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner shall publish resources with information on SUDEP and a SUDEP death investigation form on its website."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$142,671 GF and 1.0 position each year for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) to investigate any case involving a manner of death consistent with Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP) and provide a full report to a public or private institution. It also requires OCME to publish resources with information on SUDEP and a SUDEP death investigation form on its website.)

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Item 278 #1s

Health and Human Resources

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Health

\$12,000,000

\$6,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 316, line 49, strike "\$132,907,252" and insert "\$144,907,252".

Page 316, line 49, strike "\$121,585,668" and insert "\$127,585,668".

Page 318, after line 23, insert:

"M. Out of this appropriation, \$12,000,000 the first year and \$6,000,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the Virginia Department of Health for the purposes of funding the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part B for HIV care services to persons living with HIV/AIDS. The department shall distribute the funding to Ryan White Part B subrecipients at the same level as grant year 2024 (April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024)."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$12.0 million GF the first year and \$6.0 million GF the second year for the Department of Health (VDH) to support the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part B, which provides wraparound services for patients with HIV/AIDS. Language requires VDH to distribute the program funds to subrecipients (non-federal organizations such as non-profits, universities, or local governments that receive federal grants from VDH) that receive a portion of a federal grant (a "subaward") from VDH at the same level as was provided in grant year 2024.)

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Health and Human Resources

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Health

\$4,642,403

\$4,642,403 GF

Language:

Page 316, line 49, strike "\$132,907,252" and insert "\$137,549,655".

Page 316, line 49, strike "\$121,585,668" and insert "\$126,228,071".

Page 318, after line 23, insert:

"M. Out of this appropriation, \$4,642,403 the first year and \$4,642,403 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to support state epidemiology positions."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$4.6 million GF both years to support state epidemiology positions, strengthening Virginia's ability to identify, track, and stop HIV/AIDS, measles, and other infectious disease outbreaks.)

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Health and Human Resources

Department of Health

Language

Language:

Page 318, after line 23, insert:

"M.1. The Department of Health shall establish a workgroup on childhood immunization schedules and immunizations for public health emergencies. The workgroup shall include representatives from practitioner groups, including pediatricians, family medicine doctors, pharmacists, and other stakeholders to review Virginia's statutes and regulations governing childhood immunizations associated with public health emergencies to ensure evidence-based vaccines are included to protect public health. The Commissioner of the Department of Health shall make recommendations to improve Virginians' access to vaccines approved by the FDA and other organizations that review scientific evidence.

2. The Department of Health shall also collaborate with the Department of Medical Assistance, the Bureau of Insurance, and the Association of Health Plans, and create recommendations to improve the availability and affordability of vaccines with respect to insurance coverage.

3. The Department of Health shall submit a report of recommendations to the Chairs of the House Appropriations Committee, Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee, House Health & Human Services Committee, and Senate Education and Health Committee by November 1, 2026. "

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Health to establish a workgroup on childhood immunization schedules and immunizations for public health emergencies and collaborate with the Department of Medical Assistance, the Bureau of Insurance, and the Association of Health Plans to create recommendations to improve the availability and affordability of vaccines with respect to insurance coverage. The workgroup will report to the General Assembly by November 1, 2026.)

Item 278 #4s

Health and Human Resources

Department of Health

Language

Language:

Page 318, after line 23, insert:

"L.1 Any drug manufacturer with a permit under § 54.1-3437, or a nonresident drug manufacturer registered under § 54.1-3442.01, shall certify annually with the Board that it

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allows for up to five contract pharmacies to be used by each individual Federally Qualified Health Center to which the manufacturer shall ship 340B-covered drugs.

2. Any drug manufacturer that violates this provision is subject to a civil penalty of \$5,000. The State Health Commissioner shall assess the civil penalty for each refusal to fulfill a Federally Qualified Health Center's purchase order for a 340B-covered drug for delivery to a contract pharmacy. Each violation constitutes a separate civil penalty. Such penalty shall be collected by the Board and the proceeds shall be deposited into the general fund."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires drug manufacturers to ship 340B-covered drugs for up to five contract pharmacies used by Federally Qualified Health Centers. Any drug manufacturer that does not comply will be subject to a \$5,000 penalty.)

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Health and Human Resources

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FY27-28

Department of Health

\$425,000

\$45,000 GF

Language:

Page 318, line 25, strike "\$25,832,137" and insert "\$26,257,137".

Page 318, line 25, strike "\$25,832,137" and insert "\$25,877,137".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$425,000 GF the first year and \$45,000 GF the second year to fund the fiscal impact of Senate Bill 362, which prohibits any person from establishing or operating a donor human milk bank without first obtaining a license from the State Health Commissioner and makes it a Class 6 felony for any person to establish or operate a donor human milk bank in the Commonwealth without obtaining such license. The Department of Health is required to modify its Office of Licensure and Certification application portal to create a new provider type for Donor Human Milk banks with applications for an initial license, renewed license, or key changes in licensing record.)

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Department of Health

\$291,627
2.00

\$291,627 GF
2.00 FTE

Language:

Page 318, line 25, strike "\$25,832,137" and insert "\$26,123,764".

Page 318, line 25, strike "\$25,832,137" and insert "\$26,123,764".

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$291,627 GF and 2.0 additional Medical Facility Inspector positions to address the nursing home complaint backlog.)

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Health and Human Resources

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Health

\$250,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 318, line 25, strike "\$25,832,137" and insert "\$26,082,137".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$250,000 GF the first year to fund the fiscal impact of Senate Bill 247, which requires a person taking over the daily operations and management of a nursing home when change of ownership or control occurs, to apply to the Commissioner of Health for a change of operator license. The bill establishes the requirements for the application for the granting of such license and establishes a civil penalty for failing to provide the Commissioner with information or documentation, effectuating a change of operator without applying for a change of operator license, or providing fraudulent information on an application for a change of operator license.)

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Health and Human Resources

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Health

\$2,500,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 319, line 28, strike "\$180,469,119" and insert "\$182,969,119".

Page 320, after line 42, insert:

"J.1 Out of this appropriation, \$2,500,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided to pilot perinatal health hub programs throughout the Commonwealth. The Virginia Department of Health, in collaboration with the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative, shall provide one-year grant awards for community-based providers (hubs) to improve perinatal outcomes and to reduce maternal and infant mortality in their communities.

2. The Virginia Department of Health, in collaboration with the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative, and in consultation with the Department of Medical Assistance Services, shall establish grant application selection and award criteria. Essential elements shall include: (i) a description of how the funds will be utilized and a description of the services to be provided; (ii) a description of the populations who will be served; (iii) a requirement for collaboration with

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local and regional stakeholders; (iv) a required physical presence in the region in which a hub will be located; (v) a contractual collaboration with a regional birthing hospital and/or obstetrical clinic for pregnant and postpartum families in the region which the hub is located; (vi) partnerships and/or contracts with Medicaid managed care organizations for the purpose of sharing data and collaboration; (vii) the use of evidence based quality standards as defined by the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative and the Health Resources Services Administration; (viii) an evaluation of program impact on populations served; and (ix) a plan for future sustainability.

3. The Virginia Department of Health, in collaboration with the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative, shall develop a report that includes, but is not limited to, a listing of participating community providers and award amounts, a description of services provided, a description of populations served, the number of individuals served, and an assessment of health outcomes and program effectiveness. This report shall be provided to the Governor, and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees annually on or before June 30. Any unexpended balance in this paragraph at the close of business on June 30, 2027, associated with perinatal hubs shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.5 million GF in the first year for the perinatal health hubs pilot development. This amendment reverses the action in the introduced budget to remove the one-time funding of \$2.5 million GF each year allocated for the perinatal health hubs pilot development and extends the pilot program into the first year of the biennium.)

Item 280 #2s

Health and Human Resources

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Health

\$0

\$1,815,358 GF

Language:

Page 319, line 28, strike "\$180,469,119" and insert "\$182,284,477".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.8 million GF the second to fund the fiscal impact of Senate Bill 813, which directs the State Health Commissioner to establish the Sickie Cell Coordinated Access Network to provide health care providers in the Commonwealth with real-time consultation and support from sickie cell specialists.)

Item 280 #3s

Health and Human Resources

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FY27-28

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Department of Health	\$880,000	\$1,700,000	GF
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Language:

Page 319, line 28, strike "\$180,469,119" and insert "\$181,349,119".

Page 319, line 28, strike "\$180,469,119" and insert "\$182,169,119".

Page 320, line 4, strike "\$880,000" and insert "\$1,760,000".

Page 320, line 4, strike "\$880,000" and insert "\$2,580,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$880,000 GF the first year and \$1.7 million GF the second year for the comprehensive adult program for sickle cell disease.)

Item 280 #4s

Health and Human Resources

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Health

\$450,000

\$900,000 GF

Language:

Page 319, line 28, strike "\$180,469,119" and insert "\$180,919,119".

Page 319, line 28, strike "\$180,469,119" and insert "\$181,369,119".

Page 319, line 51, strike "450,000" and insert "900,000".

Page 319, line 51, strike "450,000" and insert "1,350,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$450,000 GF the first year and \$900,000 GF the second year for the Department of Health's pediatric sickle cell program.)

Item 280 #5s

Health and Human Resources

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Health

\$105,115
1.00

\$105,115 GF
1.00 FTE

Language:

Page 319, line 28, strike "\$180,469,119" and insert "\$180,574,234".

Page 319, line 28, strike "\$180,469,119" and insert "\$180,574,234".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$105,115 GF and 1.0 position each year to fund the fiscal impact of Senate Bill 308, which directs the Department of Health (VDH) to develop a strategic plan to reduce rates of opioid overdose and opioid overdose death in the Commonwealth by: (i)

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conducting an evaluation and needs assessment of existing opioid overdose prevention, intervention, and treatment efforts in the Commonwealth, and (ii) collaborating with the Secretaries of Health and Human Resources, Education, Public Safety and Homeland Security, and such other stakeholders and state agencies as may be appropriate. The bill requires VDH to report annually by November 1 to the Governor and General Assembly regarding the status of the strategic plan and implementation thereof.)

Item 280 #6s

Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Health	\$300,000	\$900,000	GF
	\$900,000	\$2,700,000	NGF

Language:

Page 319, line 28, strike "\$180,469,119" and insert "\$181,669,119".

Page 319, line 28, strike "\$180,469,119" and insert "\$184,069,119".

Page 320, line 24, after "appropriation", strike "\$500,000" and insert "\$800,000".

Page 320, line 24, after "and", strike "\$500,000" and insert "\$1,400,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$300,000 GF and \$900,000 NGF the first year and \$900,000 GF and \$2.7 million NGF the second year for the Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting program. The evidence-based program provides critical home based services for expectant and new parents in ‘at-risk’ communities throughout the state.)

Item 281 #1s

Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Health	\$600,000	\$0	GF
	\$1,200,000	\$0	NGF

Language:

Page 320, line 43, strike "\$338,600,566" and insert "\$340,400,566".

Page 322, line 37, after "appropriation," strike "\$3,000,000" and insert "\$4,200,000"

Page 323, after line 51, insert:

"K. Out of this appropriation, \$600,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the Department of Health to provide grants to organizations offering preventative care, including STI testing and cancer screening."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$1.2 million NGF the first year from the Temporary

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Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant to support maintaining access to long-acting reversible contraceptives and \$600,000 GF the first year to support health care providers offering preventative services.)

Item 281 #2s

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Department of Health

\$1,300,000

\$3,300,000 GF

Language:

Page 320, line 43, strike "\$338,600,566" and insert "\$339,900,566".

Page 320, line 43, strike "\$338,600,566" and insert "\$341,900,566".

Page 323, after line 51, insert:

"K. Out of this appropriation, \$1,300,000 the first year and \$3,300,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the Department of Health for cannabis public health programs, including public awareness campaigns that are designed to prevent drugged driving, discourage consumption by persons younger than 21 years of age, and inform the public of other potential risks."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.3 million GF the first year and \$3.3 million GF the second year for the Department of Health to fund cannabis public health programs, including public awareness campaigns that are designed to prevent drugged driving, discourage consumption by persons younger than 21 years of age, and inform the public of other potential risks. This funding is available due to the net profits of the Cannabis Control Authority.)

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Department of Health

\$5,000,000

\$5,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 323, line 53, strike "\$33,179,983" and insert "\$38,179,983".

Page 323, line 53, strike "\$33,179,983" and insert "\$38,179,983".

Page 325, after line 53, insert:

"4. Out of this appropriation, \$5,000,000 the first year and \$5,000,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the Virginia Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (VAFCC) to support the clinics' delivery of medical, dental, vision, speech, hearing, and behavioral health care as well as prescription medications and substance use disorder services."

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$5.0 million GF each year to support the increased demand for the clinics' delivery of medical, dental, vision, speech, hearing, and behavioral health care as well as prescription medications and substance use disorder services.)

			Item 282 #2s
Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Health	\$500,000	\$500,000	GF

Language:

Page 323, line 52, strike "\$33,179,983" and insert "\$33,679,983".

Page 323, line 52, strike "\$33,179,983" and insert "\$33,679,983".

Page 328, line 51, strike "\$500,000" and insert "\$1,000,000"

Page 328, line 51, strike "\$500,000" and insert "\$1,000,000"

Page 328, line 52, after "Healthier757", insert "and HealthierRVA".

Page 328, line 53, after "Hampton Roads" insert "and the City of Richmond".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 GF each year to expand the Healthier757 initiative and launch the HealthierRVA initiative.)

			Item 282 #3s
Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Health	\$50,000	\$50,000	GF

Language:

Page 323, line 53, strike "\$33,179,983" and insert "\$33,229,983".

Page 323, line 53, strike "\$33,179,983" and insert "\$33,229,983".

Page 329, after line 8, insert:

"CC. Out of this appropriation, \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the ETSI Health Clinic."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50,000 GF each year for the ETSI Health Clinic.)

			Item 282 #4s
Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	

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Department of Health	\$0	\$3,075,000	NGF
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Language:

Page 323, line 52, strike "\$33,179,983" and insert "\$36,254,983".

Page 327, line 23, after "fund" insert "and \$3,075,000".

Page 327, line 23, after "year" insert "from the nongeneral fund".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.1 million NGF the second year by allowing \$1.0 million of existing appropriations for Virginia's All Payer Claims Database to draw down federal matching dollars for Medicaid. Additional dollars generated will cover increased vendor costs and additional analytic support for state agency and private users.)

Item 282 #5s

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Department of Health

\$326,700

\$326,700 NGF

Language:

Page 323, line 53, strike "\$33,179,983" and insert "\$33,506,683".

Page 323, line 53, strike "\$33,179,983" and insert "\$33,506,683".

Page 328, line 31, after "general fund" insert "and \$326,700 the first year and \$326,700 the second year from the nongeneral fund"

Page 328, line 37, after "telehealth." insert "The Department of Medical Assistance Services is authorized to draw down federal matching funds for this appropriation."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$326,700 NGF each year for the Virginia Center for Health Innovation to facilitate and run the Virginia Task Force on Primary Care. Currently, the Department of Health (VDH) receives \$816,750 each year to contract with the Virginia Center for Health Innovation, which qualifies for federal matching funds currently not being drawn down. This amendment would grant the Department of Medical Assistance Services the authority to modify the existing interagency agreement with VDH to match eligible funds from current appropriations for the Task Force on Primary Care.)

Item 283 #1s

Health and Human Resources

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Health

\$50,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

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Page 329, line 9, strike "\$89,697,000" and insert "\$139,697,000".

Page 329, after line 41, insert:

"G.1. The unexpended balance remaining at the close of business on June 30, 2026, in the appropriation made in Item 280 I., Chapter 725, 2025 Acts of Assembly, shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated for this purpose consistent with the funding offers made by December 1, 2025.

2. Out of this appropriation, \$50,000,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided for the Virginia Department of Health to provide one-time grants to localities to upgrade or replace existing drinking water infrastructure. The Department shall use existing guidelines established pursuant to Item 280 I., Chapter 725, 2025 Acts of Assembly. The Department may consider previous applications submitted pursuant to Item 280 I., Chapter 725, 2025 Acts of Assembly, as well as new applications.

3. To receive a grant, localities must provide proof of at least a 25 percent match for the cost of a project. No grant to a locality shall fully fund a drinking water project.

4. The Department shall report to the Chairs of the Senate Finance and Appropriations and House Appropriations Committees on the number of applications received for grants, the total grants and grant amounts awarded, the localities to which grants will be awarded, and the description of drinking water infrastructure projects for which the grants will be used no later than December 1, 2026.

5. After allocating funds for H.1., priority consideration shall be given to the Town of Orange, Town of Jarratt, and Town of Blackstone. Priority consideration shall also be given to Fairfax county only for the purposes of providing assistance for local governments and well owners to connect to the public surface water systems when reasonably available.

6. The Department may use up to \$500,000 of the funds in paragraph G.2. for administration costs of providing drinking water infrastructure grants to localities.

7. Any unexpended balances in paragraph G.2. at the close of business on June 30, 2027, shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated for this purpose.

H.1. Out of the amounts in G.2. the Department shall allocate no less than \$20,000,000 to the City of Richmond which shall be designated for the purposes of capital improvements and repairs to the City of Richmond's Water Treatment Plant as set forth in the Virginia Department of Health's Comprehensive Waterworks Evaluation and Cost Estimate report dated April 8, 2025, and pursuant to recommendations of the Richmond Regional Water Workgroup established in this Item. Funding for the capital improvements and repairs is contingent upon the execution of a memorandum of understanding among the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Health. The memorandum of understanding and any associated grant agreement must be executed by August 31, 2026, and such agreement shall include the process and conditions related to the disbursement of funds from the Virginia Department of Health to the City of Richmond. The agreement shall also include provisions pertaining to the maintenance of effort by the City related to capital improvements and repairs to and the operations and maintenance of its water treatment plant. These funds may not be used to supplant other local, state, or federal funds dedicated for capital improvements and repairs to and operations and maintenance of the City of Richmond's Water Treatment Plant.

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2. The Richmond Regional Water Workgroup shall be established and shall include ten members: the State Health Commissioner, who shall be chair of the Workgroup, or a designee, who shall be a full-time employee of the Virginia Department of Health; the Director of the Department of General Services or a designee, who shall be a full-time employee of the Department of General Services; the chief administrative officer and director of public utilities of the City of Richmond or a designee; the chief administrative officer and director of public utilities of the County of Chesterfield or designees; the chief administrative officer and director of public utilities of the County of Hanover or designees; and the chief administrative officer and director of public utilities of the County of Henrico or designees. A quorum of the Workgroup shall consist of six members. At its first meeting to be held in July, 2026, the workgroup shall elect from among its members a vice-chair. Meetings of the Workgroup shall be held at the call of the chair, and no fewer than six meetings shall be held each year. The Virginia Department of Health shall staff the Workgroup.

3. The Richmond Regional Water Workgroup shall: (i) review and make recommendations concerning the program for maintenance of and capital improvements and repairs to the City of Richmond's Water Treatment Plant to ensure its reliability as a supplier of drinking water; (ii) review and make recommendations concerning the staffing, operations, and long term sustainability of the City of Richmond's Water Treatment Plant to ensure its reliability as a supplier of drinking water; (iii) review compliance by the City of Richmond with its contractual agreements with the counties of Chesterfield, Hanover, and Henrico for the provision of drinking water to those localities; and (iv) prepare, publish, and deliver a report of its findings, recommendations, and use of funding in this Item to the Governor, the Chair of the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee and the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, and the chief elected officers of the City of Richmond, and the counties of Chesterfield, Hanover, and Henrico each year by November 1. The Workgroup shall continue to monitor compliance with the grant agreement until all funds provided in this Item have been disbursed and the projects for which the funds were provided have been completed."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides language ensuring the carry forward of \$25.0 million GF from Item 280 I., Chapter 725, 2025 Acts of Assembly, provided for the Virginia Department of Health to provide one-time grants to localities to upgrade or replace existing drinking water infrastructure. Language also requires funding distribution levels to remain consistent with original offers made, which included \$6.2 million GF to the Town of Bowling Green, \$12.0 million GF to Greene County, and \$6.8 million GF to Fauquier County. This amendment also creates a new grant of \$50.0 million GF, subject to similar criteria as defined in the previous grant from Item 280 I., Chapter 725, 2025 Acts of Assembly and will allocate no less than \$20.0 million to the City of Richmond, and with the remaining funds, give priority consideration to the Town of Orange, Town of Jarratt, and Town of Blackstone. Priority consideration will also be given to Fairfax county only for the purposes of providing assistance for local governments and well owners to connect to the public surface water systems when reasonably available. This amendment also establishes the Richmond Regional Water Workgroup to oversee drinking water grants in the City of Richmond.)

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Item 286 #1s

Health and Human Resources

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Department of Health

\$895,740

\$895,740

GF

Language:

Page 330, line 17, strike "\$47,665,967" and insert "\$48,561,707".

Page 330, line 17, strike "\$46,232,620" and insert "\$47,128,360".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$895,740 GF each year to fund the fiscal impact of Senate Bill 271, which establishes the Prescription Drug Affordability Board for the purpose of protecting the citizens of the Commonwealth and other stakeholders within the health care system from the high costs of prescription drug products.)

Item 288 #1s

Health and Human Resources

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Health Professions

\$154,900

\$154,900

NGF

1.00

1.00

FTE

Language:

Page 332, line 8, strike "\$53,010,551" and insert "\$53,165,451".

Page 332, line 8, strike "\$53,033,321" and insert "\$53,188,221".

Page 333, after line 10, insert:

"E. Out of this appropriation, \$154,900 the first year and \$154,900 the second year from the nongeneral fund shall be used to implement Board of Medicine unconscious bias and cultural competency training."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$154,900 NGF and 1.0 position each year to implement Board of Medicine unconscious bias and cultural competency training.)

Item 288 #2s

Health and Human Resources

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Health Professions

(\$153,850)

(\$176,620)

NGF

Language:

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Page 332, line 8, strike "\$53,010,551" and insert "\$52,856,701".

Page 332, line 8, strike "\$53,033,321" and insert "\$52,856,701".

Page 332, strike lines 48 through 51.

Page 333, strike lines 1 through 10.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$153,850 NGF the first year and \$176,620 NGF the second year and establishing language for the "Virginia Center for the Nursing Workforce" within the Department of Health Professions. The Virginia Nursing Workforce Center was created by the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority in 2025 and serves that purpose.)

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Health and Human Resources

Department of Health Professions

Language

Language:

Page 333, after line 10, insert:

"E. The workgroup established pursuant to Chapter 590 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly shall be continued. The workgroup shall report its findings to the Chairs of the House Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by November 1, 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds language continuing the workgroup established in Chapter 590 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly and extends the reporting requirement to November 1, 2026. The workgroup requires the Boards of Psychology and Medicine to jointly convene a workgroup to include two representatives of the Board of Psychology who are licensed clinical psychologists, two representatives of the Board of Medicine who are physicians, one representative of the Board of Pharmacy, two licensed clinical psychologists who are faculty at accredited institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth, two representatives from departments of psychiatry at schools of medicine located in the Commonwealth, a representative of the Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists, a representative of the Psychiatric Society of Virginia, and other stakeholders as deemed necessary to study the education, training, and qualifications of clinical psychologists licensed in the Commonwealth, including the level of education and training clinical psychologists receive in the area of pharmacology, and assess under what conditions it may be appropriate for clinical psychologists to be granted prescriptive authority. The work group will report its findings to the Chairs of the House Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by November 1, 2026.)

Item 288 #4s

Health and Human Resources

Department of Health Professions

Language

Language:

Page 333, after line 10, insert:

"E. The Department of Health Professions shall convene a stakeholder workgroup to review the structure and purpose of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine. The work group shall consider pathways to modernize the Joint Boards structure and governance of advanced practice registered nurses. The work group shall consist of representatives from the Virginia Council of Nurse Practitioners, Virginia Nurses Association, Virginia Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Medical Society of Virginia, and other stakeholders deemed appropriate by the Department. The workgroup shall report its findings to the Governor and General Assembly by November 1, 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment is a language only amendment directing the Department of Health Professions to convene a stakeholder workgroup to review the structure and purpose of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine. The workgroup will report its findings to the Governor and General Assembly by November 1, 2026.)

	Item 290 #1s		
Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Medical Assistance	\$13,209,963	\$16,276,704	GF
Services	\$21,432,904	\$26,161,845	NGF

Language:

Page 333, line 36, strike "\$469,647,232" and insert "\$504,290,099".

Page 333, line 36, strike "\$493,185,700" and insert "\$535,624,249".

Page 334, strikes lines 36 through 44, and insert:

"H. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall amend the Virginia Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) State Plan to allow for the payment of prenatal, labor and delivery, and postpartum care pursuant to provisions in Title XXI of the federal 2009 CHIP Reauthorization Act that includes care of all children who upon birth will be U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, or qualified aliens. The Department shall have the authority to implement this change effective July 1, 2021, or consistent with the effective date in the State Plan Amendment approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and prior to completion of any regulatory process."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$13.2 million GF and \$21.4 million NGF the first year and \$16.3

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million GF and \$26.2 million NGF the second year to restore the FAMIS Prenatal Coverage Program that was proposed to be eliminated in the introduced budget.)

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Department of Medical Assistance
Services

\$252,000
\$468,000

\$252,000 GF
\$468,000 NGF

Language:

Page 333, line 36, strike "\$469,647,232" and insert "\$470,367,232".

Page 333, line 36, strike "\$493,185,700" and insert "\$493,905,700".

Page 334, after line 47, insert:

"J. Out of this appropriation, \$252,000 from the general fund and \$468,000 from nongeneral funds the first year and \$252,000 from the general fund and \$468,000 from nongeneral funds the second year shall be provided to contract with Reach Out and Read to implement a pilot program of their evidence-based model that promotes early literacy and parental bonding as part of routine pediatric primary care visits in select underserved localities. Effective July 1, 2026, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall have the authority to amend the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)/Title XXI State Plan to establish a Health Services Initiative (HSI) to authorize and fund this project as allowed by Section 2105(a)(1)(D)(ii) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR 457.10. Funding of the project is contingent on approval of the CHIP State Plan Amendments and on the availability of CHIP federal funds."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$252,000 GF and \$468,000 NGF each year to contract with Reach Out and Read to implement a pilot program in select underserved localities of their evidence-based model that promotes early literacy and parental bonding as part of routine pediatric primary care visits.)

Item 291 #1s

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 368, strike lines 38 through 56, and insert:

"HHHHH.1. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall reimburse at the applicable Indian Health Services (IHS) outpatient all-inclusive rate (AIR) published annually in the Federal Register for all services authorized to be reimbursed at that rate under the State Plan for Medical Assistance and furnished by: (i) IHS, or (ii) a federally recognized Tribe or Tribal

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organization in locations authorized by the IHS under a contract or compact entered into by Title I or Title V of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act ("Tribal 638 facility") provided that such payment shall not result in additional net impact to the General Fund, beyond what is appropriated, for services ineligible for reimbursement at the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) of 100 percent. For any services provided by IHS or a Tribal 638 facility that are not eligible for reimbursement at 100 percent FMAP, DMAS shall reimburse at standard Medicaid rates (the rates otherwise paid to non-tribal facilities for the same services) and not at the AIR.

2. DMAS shall be authorized to make any necessary managed care contract changes and seek all necessary federal authority through state plan or waiver amendments submitted to CMS under Titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to implement the provisions of this item. The Department shall implement this reimbursement change consistent with the effective date of the appropriate federal authority, and prior to the completion of any regulatory process."

Explanation:

(This amendment modifies Medicaid reimbursement policies for tribal health care services.)

Item 291 #2s			
Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Medical Assistance	\$0	\$3,145,762	GF
Services	\$0	\$3,337,046	NGF

Language:

Page 334, line 48, strike "\$30,476,743,886" and insert "\$30,483,226,694".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.1 million GF and \$3.3 million NGF the second year to reflect the fiscal impact to Medicaid of Senate Bill 362, which requires health insurers to provide coverage for expenses incurred in the provision of pasteurized donor human milk for infants younger than six months and who satisfy certain criteria.)

Item 291 #3s			
Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Medical Assistance	\$0	\$44,269,979	GF
Services	\$0	\$49,589,719	NGF

Language:

Page 334, line 48, strike "\$30,476,743,886" and insert "\$30,570,603,584".

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Page 370, after line 8, insert:

"QQQQQ. Effective January 1, 2028, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall increase the rates for agency and consumer-directed personal care, respite and companion services in the home and community based services waivers and Early Periodic Screening, and Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program by 8.1 percent. 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 \$44.3 million GF and \$49.6 million NGF the second year to provide an 8.1 percent rate increase for consumer and agency-directed personal care services on January 1, 2028, to reflect the impact from the increase in the state minimum wage.)

	Item 291 #4s		
Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$10,621,679	\$11,835,816	GF
	\$10,621,679	\$11,835,816	NGF

Language:

Page 334, line 48, strike "\$28,934,352,589" and insert "\$28,955,595,947".

Page 334, line 48, strike "\$30,476,743,886" and insert "\$30,500,415,518".

Page 369, strike lines 4 through 16, and insert:

"JJJJ.1. Out of this appropriation, \$38,646,266 the first year and \$43,063,826 the second year from the general fund and \$43,137,525 the first year and \$46,860,081 the second year from nongeneral funds is provided to increase Medicaid state plan or waiver rates as set forth in the following paragraphs.

2. Effective July 1, 2026, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall have the authority to update the rates for Developmental Disability waiver services using the 2025 DD Waiver Rate Study conducted pursuant to the Permanent Injunction (Civil Action No. 3:12CV59-JAG). Rates shall be increased according to the methodology included in the rate study for the following services: Community Coaching (T2013), Community Engagement (T2021), Independent Living Supports (T2032), In-Home Support Services (H2014), Therapeutic Consultation (97139 and 97530), and Workplace Assistance (H2025). The department shall have the authority to implement these changes prior to the completion of any regulatory process to effect such change.

3. Effective July 1, 2026, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall have the authority to increase the rates by two percent for the following services: Group Day Support (97150), Group Day Support Customized Rate (T2025), Community Guide (H2015), Peer Monitoring (H0038), Supported Employment Individual (H2023), Supported Employment Enclave (H2024), Group Home Residential 4 or fewer (H2022-UA), Group Home Residential 5 or more (H2022), Group Home Customized Rate (T2016), Sponsored Residential (T2033),

Supported Living Residential (H0043), Shared Living (T1020), and Benefits Planning (T1023). The department shall have the authority to implement these changes prior to the completion of any regulatory process to effect such change.

4. Effective July 1, 2026, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall have the authority to increase the rates for the following services: 3.8 percent for Skilled Nursing RN (S9123), 4.5 percent for Skilled Nursing, LPN (S9124), 5.0 percent for Private Duty Nursing, RN (T1002), and 5.0 percent for Private Duty Nursing, LPN (T1003). The department shall have the authority to implement these changes prior to the completion of any regulatory process to effect such change."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$10.7 million GF and \$10.7 million NGF the first year and \$11.8 million GF and \$11.8 million NGF the second year for the Department of Medical Assistance Services to increase the rates for Developmental Disability waiver services. This amendment adds additional services that were not included in the introduced budget.)

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Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 365, strike lines 9 through 32, and insert:

"2. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall evaluate pharmaceutical manufacturer programs and other contracting arrangements available to state Medicaid programs that are intended to reduce the costs of glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) receptor agonists and related therapies. The evaluation shall include: (i) a review of manufacturer-sponsored programs, any arrangements negotiated with the federal government on behalf of state Medicaid programs, and any other contractual arrangements offered to state Medicaid programs; and (ii) an assessment of the fiscal impact and feasibility associated with participation in such programs or arrangements. DMAS shall project cost savings for such programs or contracting arrangements and shall be authorized to implement the program or arrangement with the greatest projected savings to the Medicaid program which results in a price per unit of \$245 or less to the Medicaid program and achieves the assumed savings included in the Item.

3. If DMAS determines that the BALANCE (Better Approaches to Lifestyle and Nutrition for Comprehensive hEalth) Model negotiated with the federal government has the greatest cost savings, then, effective upon such determination, pursuant to the authority granted in 42 USC 1396r-8 Payment for Covered Outpatient Drugs, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall amend the State Plan for Medical Assistance Services and 12VAC30-50-520 to cover weight loss medications when prescribed for weight loss where: (i) an individual has a body

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mass index (BMI) greater than or equal to equal to 35; (ii) an individual has a BMI greater than or equal to 30 and has uncontrolled hypertension, diabetes, kidney disease, or heart failure; (iii) an individual has a BMI greater than or equal to 27 and has pre-diabetes or established cardiovascular disease or obstructive sleep apnea; or (iv) if it is a traditional weight loss medication prescribed for weight loss as FDA approved. The department shall have the authority to promulgate emergency regulations to implement this amendment within 280 days or less from the enactment of this act. The department shall have authority to implement this amendment upon federal approval and prior to the completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change.

4. If DMAS determines that another contracting arrangement has the greatest cost savings, then, effective upon such determination, pursuant to the authority granted in 42 USC 1396r-8 Payment for Covered Outpatient Drugs, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall amend the State Plan for Medical Assistance Services and 12VAC30-50-520 to cover weight loss medications in accordance with the specific provisions of such contracting arrangement. The department shall have the authority to promulgate emergency regulations to implement this amendment within 280 days or less from the enactment of this act. The department shall have authority to implement this amendment upon federal approval and prior to the completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change.

5. If DMAS determines that no pharmaceutical manufacturer program or other contracting arrangement available to state Medicaid programs for GLP-1 receptor agonist medications would result in a net price per unit of \$245 or less to the Medicaid program and also achieve the assumed savings included in this Item, then pursuant to the authority granted in 42 USC 1396r-8 Payment for Covered Outpatient Drugs, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall amend the State Plan for Medical Assistance Services and 12VAC30-50-520 to cover weight loss medications when prescribed for weight loss where: (i) in those instances where an individual has a body mass index (BMI) greater than 40; (ii) in those instances where an individual has a BMI greater than 37 and has at least one of the following weight-related comorbid conditions: hypertension, Type II Diabetes Mellitus, or Dyslipidemia; or (iii) if it is a traditional weight loss medication prescribed for weight loss as FDA approved, excluding Glucagon-like peptide-1 drugs and any other newer weight loss medications. The department shall have the authority to promulgate emergency regulations to implement this amendment within 280 days or less from the enactment of this Act. The department shall have authority to implement this amendment upon federal approval and prior to the completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change.

6. DMAS is authorized to make a change pursuant to this paragraph related to reimbursement policies for GLP-1 receptor agonists with 30 days prior notice to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, unless either Chair raises an objection within five days of being notified.

7. The Department of Medical Assistance Services is authorized to seek federal authority through the necessary waiver(s) and/or State Plan Amendment(s) under Titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act and make pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) contract changes, as needed, to enable the use of any rebate negotiated directly between the Commonwealth and a manufacturer of GLP-1 receptor agonist medications, if the negotiated net price (the gross price minus all applicable rebates) is lower than the net price obtained under the existing rebate agreement through the program's PBM."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) to evaluate pharmaceutical manufacturer programs and other contracting arrangements available to state Medicaid programs that are intended to reduce the costs of glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) receptor agonists and related therapies. DMAS must project cost savings for such programs or contracting arrangements and is authorized to implement the program or arrangement with the greatest projected savings to the Medicaid program.)

Item 291 #6s

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 355, after line 19, insert:

"7. The Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority shall create and manage a Graduate Medical Education (GME) technical assistance program to provide residency and fellowship programs with technical support, guidance on program development and accreditation, and opportunities for networking and collaboration. The program shall facilitate data analysis and forecasting on residency supply and demand, assist programs in securing funding, and partner with academic and clinical institutions to expand training opportunities, particularly in rural and underserved regions. The Authority shall also monitor program outcomes and issue an annual report with findings and recommendations to inform statewide GME planning and policy."

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority to create a technical assistance program and offer support services to residency and fellowship programs as a function of the Graduate Medical Education (GME) program for primary care and high-need specialties targeting rural and underserved areas. The Authority will report annually on program outcomes.)

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\$554,229
\$665,341

\$554,673 GF
\$665,341 NGF

Language:

Page 334, line 48, strike "\$28,934,352,589" and insert "\$28,935,572,159".

Page 334, line 48, strike "\$30,476,743,886" and insert "\$30,477,963,900".

Page 370, after line 8, insert:

"QQQQQ. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall amend the Developmental Disability waivers for the Community Living, the Family and Individual Support, and the Building Independence DD waivers to allow for the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act as an allowable category for the waivers and to amend the Medicaid Works program to expand the initial enrollment from the current 138 percent of the poverty level to 200 percent of the poverty level."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$554,229 GF and \$665,341 NGF the first year and \$554,673 GF and \$665,341 NGF the second year to amend the Medicaid Developmental Disability Waiver programs to allow for the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act as an allowable category for the waivers and to amend the Medicaid Works program to expand the initial enrollment from the current 138 percent of the poverty level to 200 percent of the poverty level. This will enable individuals on the waiver to work without being at risk of losing Medicaid benefits.)

Item 291 #8s

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 367, line 56, after "for", insert "all".

Explanation:

(This amendment clarifies that all FDA approved long-acting injectables or extended-release medications administered for a serious mental illness or substance use disorder in any hospital emergency department or hospital inpatient setting shall be unbundled from the hospital daily rate.)

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Item 291 #9s

Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$500,000	\$3,424,490	NGF

Language:

Page 334, line 48, strike "\$28,934,352,589" and insert "\$28,934,852,589".

Page 334, line 48, strike "\$30,476,743,886" and insert "\$30,480,168,376".

Page 370, after line 8, insert:

"QQQQQ. Effective July 1, 2026, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall amend the state plan for medical assistance services to increase the age limit to 21 pursuant to the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act for youth to retain their health insurance. The department shall have the authority to implement this change prior to the completion of any regulatory process to effect such changes."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding to increase the age limit for youth to retain their health insurance through the Medicaid program pursuant to Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act. Currently, Virginia covers these children until their 19th birthday when many transition to adult coverage. Under H.R.1 (federal reconciliation bill in 2025) cuts to coverage for certain youth will no longer be eligible for Medicaid Expansion as adults. By increasing the age limit, Virginia would ensure continued health care up until age 21 at the Medicaid Expansion federal match rate.)

Item 291 #10s

Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$648,103	\$649,273	GF
	\$989,244	\$988,074	NGF

Language:

Page 334, line 48, strike "\$28,934,352,589" and insert "\$28,935,989,936".

Page 334, line 48, strike "\$30,476,743,886" and insert "\$30,478,381,233".

Page 370, after line 8, insert:

"QQQQQ. Effective July 1, 2026, the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall increase the vagus nerve stimulator device payment for all acute care hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers (ASC) which participate in Medicaid. DMAS shall modify the HCPCS code for providers to use when billing neurostimulator device components for epilepsy diagnoses only utilizing the procedure code, L8679 with the procedure description "IMP NEUROSTI PLS GN ANY TYPE", shall be increased by \$15,396 per procedure payment for

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epilepsy diagnosis only. DMAS shall have the authority to implement these changes prior to completion of any regulatory process undertaken to effect such change."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$648,103 GF and \$989,244 NGF the first year and \$649,273 GF and \$988,074 NGF the second year for the Commonwealth to meet the needs of Medicaid beneficiaries suffering from drug-resistant epilepsy.)

Item 291 #11s

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 370, after line 8, insert:

"QQQQQ. The Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, when recommending drugs to the Department of Medical Assistance Services, shall ensure that no nonopioid drug approved by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) for the treatment or management of pain shall be disadvantaged or discouraged for coverage relative to any opioid. This includes no prior authorization or step therapy more restrictive than an opioid drug for pain."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, when recommending drugs to the Department of Medical Assistance Services, to ensure that no nonopioid drug approved by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) for the treatment or management of pain shall be disadvantaged or discouraged for coverage relative to any opioid. This includes no prior authorization or step therapy more restrictive than an opioid drug for pain.)

Item 291 #12s

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Language

Language:

Page 370, after line 8, insert:

"QQQQQ. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall amend the State Plan for Medical Assistance Services to exempt any opioid use disorder and substance use disorder treatment provider, who provides weekly group-based therapy for members at a Preferred Office-Based Addiction Treatment facility, from documenting justification for telehealth for care coordination services."

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Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to amend the State Plan for Medical Assistance Services to exempt any opioid use disorder and substance use disorder treatment provider, who provides weekly group-based therapy for members at a Preferred Office-Based Addiction Treatment facility, from documenting justification for telehealth for care coordination services.)

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Department of Medical Assistance
Services

\$5,535,000
\$5,535,000

\$5,535,000 GF
\$5,535,000 NGF

Language:

Page 334, line 48, strike "\$28,934,352,589" and insert "\$28,945,422,589".

Page 334, line 48, strike "\$30,476,743,886" and insert "\$30,487,813,886".

Page 353, line 28, after "appropriation,", strike "\$5,850,000", and insert "\$11,385,000".

Page 353, line 28, after "first year and", strike "\$5,850,000", and insert "\$11,385,000".

Page 353, line 29, after "general fund and", strike "\$5,850,000", and insert "\$11,385,000".

Page 353, line 29, after "first year and", strike "\$5,850,000", and insert "\$11,385,000".

Page 353, line 48, strike "\$100,000", and insert "\$165,000".

Page 353, strike line 57.

Page 354, strikes lines 1 through 7.

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$5.5 million GF and \$5.5 million NGF each year to fund graduate medical education for 40 residents who began their residencies in July 2024, 55 residents who began their residencies in July 2025, and 35 residents who begin their residencies in July 2026, and 30 residents who begin their residencies in July 2027.)

Item 291 #14s

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 370, after line 8, insert:

"QQQQQ. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall amend existing contracts with Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) to require the MCOs to adopt performance metrics for Medicaid Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) brokers consistent with

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performance metrics implemented for the fee-for-service NEMT program and require such MCOs to report annually, by no later than November 1, to the department regarding the performance of the NEMT brokers on such metrics."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to amend its existing contracts with Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) to require the MCOs to adopt performance metrics for Medicaid Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) brokers consistent with performance metrics implemented for the fee-for-service NEMT program and require the MCOs to report annually to the Department regarding the performance of the NEMT brokers on such metrics.)

Item 291 #15s

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Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 352, line 20, strike "2024", insert "2025."

Page 352, line 22, after "or", strike "\$16,000,000", insert "the DSH formula effective in fiscal year 2026".

Page 352, line 22, after "annually", strike the remainder of the line.

Page 352, line 23, strike "prior to Medicaid expansion without regard to the uncompensated care cost limit".

Page 352, line 25, after "hospitals.", strike the remainder of the line.

Page 352, strike line 26.

Page 352, line 27, strike "in this paragraph accordingly."

Explanation:

(This amendment stabilizes Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters' (CHKD) supplemental payment funding to prevent funding fluctuations. This supplemental payment is in lieu of Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Payments for which CHKD is no longer eligible after 2017 Federal changes to the DSH limit. However, the payments remain tied to the State Plan formula for CHKD's DSH, calculated as eligible days multiplied by three times the Type Two DSH per diem. Funding has been volatile due to unintended consequences of Medicaid expansion, rebasing, and anticipated changes under the federal reconciliation passed in 2025. This amendment would establish a funding floor at the FY 2026 level of state support, ensuring stability with no general fund impact.)

Item 291 #16s

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Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page, 370, after line 8, insert:

"QQQQQ. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall update its reimbursement methodology for rehabilitation hospitals to provide more equitable reimbursement rates for each hospital relative to its total cost of services provided to Medicaid recipients. Any such change shall be budget neutral."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to update its reimbursement methodology for rehabilitation hospitals to provide more equitable reimbursement rates for each hospital relative to its total cost of services provided to Medicaid recipients.)

Item 291 #17s

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Department of Medical Assistance
Services

\$892,690
\$975,342

(\$10,132,354) GF
(\$38,407,756) NGF

Language:

Page 334, line 48, strike "\$28,934,352,589" and insert "\$28,936,220,621".

Page 334, line 48, strike "\$30,476,743,886" and insert "\$30,428,203,776".

Page 370, after line 8, insert:

"QQQQQ. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall amend the State Plan for Medical Assistance and any necessary waivers under Titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to carve out pharmacy claims covered pursuant to Section 340B of the Public Health Services Act received from institutional providers, excluding federally qualified health centers, who participate in the Medicaid and children's health insurance programs."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$892,690 GF and \$975,342 NGF the first year and reduces \$10.1 million GF and \$38.4 million NGF the second year by directing the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) to capture pharmacy rebates on 340B covered pharmacy claims. Currently, 340B providers file pharmacy claims under Medicaid for which they receive a favorable 340B discount price, which allows them to capture the difference in the discount and the higher Medicaid claims payment. For these claims, DMAS cannot claim manufacturer drug rebates. By excluding these claims, DMAS will be able to claim manufacturer drug rebates on prescription drugs administered by such entities or filled by their pharmacies while reducing Medicaid drug

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costs.)

Item 291 #18s

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Department of Medical Assistance
Services

\$361,841
\$8,641,557

\$1,000,000 GF
\$9,895,494 NGF

Language:

Page 334, line 48, strike "\$28,934,352,589" and insert "\$28,943,355,987".

Page 334, line 48, strike "\$30,476,743,886" and insert "\$30,487,639,380".

Page 370, after line 8, insert:

"QQQQQ. Effective July 1, 2026, the Department of Medical Assistance services shall amend the State Plan for Medical Assistance Services to allow for Preferred Office-Based Addiction Therapy (OBAT) services provided under the Addiction and Recovery Treatment Services (ARTS) program to be administered by telemedicine, applying the same program requirements and standards of care established for brick-and-mortar operations in a manner appropriate to a telehealth framework for delivering services. The department will take appropriate measures to maintain program quality and integrity while adapting to the capabilities and flexibility of a telehealth method of delivering care. However, this does not include any flexibility with regard to the licensing, training, and qualifications of any licensed practitioner or regulated mental health professional, which shall be applied in the same manner as if the licensed practitioner was practicing in person. The department shall have the authority to promulgate emergency regulations to implement changes within 280 days or less from the enactment of this act."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$361,841 GF and \$8.6 million NGF the first year and \$1.0 million GF and \$9.9 million NGF the second year by directing the Department of Medical Assistance Services to allow for Preferred Office-Based Addiction Treatment (OBAT) services provided under the Addiction and Recovery Treatment Services (ARTS) program to be administered by telemedicine, applying the same program requirements and standards of care established for brick-and-mortar operations in a manner appropriate to a telehealth framework for delivering services.)

Item 291 #19s

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 351, after line 32, insert:

"13. 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 the formula for indirect medical education (IME) reimbursement, using managed care discharge days, for an acute care hospital chain with a level two trauma center in the Peninsula EMS region in 2023, upon the execution of affiliation agreements with public entities that are capable of transferring funds to the department for purposes of covering the non-federal share of the authorized payments. The level of these additional IME supplemental payments may be up to the amounts supported by the formula applicable to Type One hospitals. Such public entities shall enter into an Interagency Agreement with the department for this purpose. Public entities are authorized to use general fund dollars to accomplish this transfer. The funds to be transferred must comply with 42 CFR 433.51 and 433.54. As part of the Interagency Agreements the department shall require the public entities to attest to compliance with applicable CMS criteria. The department shall also require any private hospital and related health systems receiving payments under this Item to 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."

Page 351, line 33, strike "13", insert "14".

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) to implement enhanced Medicaid indirect medical education (IME) payments for Riverside Regional Medical Center, reflecting the size and strategic importance of their medical intern and resident teaching program to the region as a level two trauma center in the Peninsula EMS Region. This amendment does not require any general fund as the non-federal share of enhanced IME payments must be covered by a public entity capable of transferring funds to DMAS for the purposes of covering the non-federal share of the authorized payments.)

Item 291 #20s

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 370, after line 8, insert:

"QQQQQ.1. Notwithstanding regulations established at 12VAC30-90-44, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall submit any required state plan or waiver amendments to delay the next scheduled nursing facility price rebasing, which would have changed rates as of July 1, 2027, with the next rebasing cycle for rates to be effective July 1, 2028. Beginning upon enactment of this Act through the period of the delay, the department shall work with stakeholders, to include the Virginia Health Care Association and any others as deemed relevant by the department, to identify and examine methodological concerns with the current nursing facility reimbursement system and to the extent necessary, propose modifications to address any

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concerns identified for which solutions can be found. Additionally, the group shall review and recommend quality improvement initiatives to be incentivized within the payment rate as appropriate. This process is not intended to increase nursing facility reimbursement in the aggregate, but rather to correct methodological concerns within aggregate reimbursement levels already established as adjusted annually for utilization and inflation while also promoting improved quality. Nothing herein shall preclude separate budget action affecting aggregate reimbursement levels.

2. The department shall report annually each December 1, beginning December 1, 2026, through the delay period, on the identified methodological issues and progress toward solutions. This report shall include an assessment from the department and stakeholders, including dissenting opinions of any stakeholder group, if necessary, on the practicality of any proposed solutions and feasibility and potential timeline for implementing such solutions. The annual report is intended to inform the Governor and the General Assembly of the need to continue the delay, or when implementation of the rebasing could take place as defined in regulations albeit with any approved modifications in place. This report shall be provided to the Governor, the Chairs of the Senate Finance and Appropriations and Education and Health Committees, and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Health and Human Services Committees.

3. This item does not authorize any changes to the reimbursement system as currently defined; subsequent authority must be granted to implement any specific recommended modifications."

Explanation:

(This amendment modifies the current nursing facility rebasing methodology to delay the next scheduled rebasing by one year and directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to work with stakeholders to identify and examine any methodological concerns and to propose modifications as appropriate.)

Item 291 #21s

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 356, line 29, strike "January" and insert "July".

Explanation:

(This amendment delays the implementation of new Medicaid redesigned behavioral health services by six additional months from January 1, 2027, to July 1, 2027.)

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Language

Language:

Page 358, line 32, after "BBB.", insert "1.".

Page 358, after line 45, insert:

"2. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Medical Assistance Services continue reimbursing the 15 percent reimbursement rate add on authorized in Item 306, Paragraph CCC.7. of the 2016 Appropriation Act (Chapter 780, 2016 Acts of Assembly) and the additional 10.4 percent reimbursement rate add on authorized in Item 313, Paragraph KKKK. of the 2020 Appropriation Act (Chapter 56, 2020 Special Session I Acts of Assembly). The department shall promulgate emergency regulations to properly reflect these reimbursement policies within 280 days or less from the enactment of this act."

Explanation:

(This amendment clarifies the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Medical Assistance Services recognize prior year increases authorized in the 2016 and 2020 Appropriation Acts that impact the Virginia Home, a unique nursing facility serving a resident population of individuals with quadriplegia, traumatic brain injury, multiple sclerosis, paraplegia, or cerebral palsy.)

Item 291 #23s

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 351, line 18, after "criteria.", insert:

"In addition to funds transferred from the public entity, the agency may utilize qualified charitable contributions as a source for the non-federal share."

Explanation:

(This amendment modifies the indirect medical education supplemental payment arrangement with teaching hospitals affiliated with Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine to allow qualified charitable contributions as a source for the non-federal share.)

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\$100,000
\$900,000

\$0 GF
\$0 NGF

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Language:

Page 371, line 1, strike "\$452,717,516" and insert "\$453,717,516".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 GF and \$900,000 NGF the first year for the one-time administrative cost for changes to the Medicaid Enterprise System to allow coverage of Donor Human Milk pursuant to Senate Bill 362. The system costs are eligible for an enhanced federal match rate of 90 percent federal and 10 percent state.)

Item 295 #2s

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 379, after line 22, insert:

"RR. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for entities interested in a (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE program in the Augusta/Rockingham/Harrisonburg area and may make an award to an appropriate entity interested in administering a program in the area."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to expand to the Augusta/Rockingham/Harrisonburg area with a PACE program and to issue a Request for Proposals from entities interested in administering the program in the area. This region was previously opened up for PACE, although the awarded provider did not move forward with development.)

Item 295 #3s

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Services

\$111,841
1.00

\$0 GF
0.00 FTE

Language:

Page 371, line 1, strike "\$452,717,516" and insert "\$452,829,357".

Page 379, after line 22, insert:

"RR. The Department of Medical Assistance Services and the Virginia Department of Health shall convene a workgroup to address the barriers that prevent certain licensed midwives (CPMs) and licensed certified midwives (CMs) and licensed certified nurse midwives (CNMs)

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from contracting with managed care organizations (MCOs) through Cardinal Care. The workgroup shall include MCOs in Cardinal Care, the Virginia Midwives Alliance, an Insurance Broker, Virginia Chapter of the American College of Nurse Midwives, Virginia Birth Center Alliance, Virginia Rural Health Association, Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, March of Dimes, the Diverse Birth Collective, a Medicaid-eligible mom impacted by lack of access, and other relevant stakeholder groups. The work group shall include two CPMs and two CNM/CMs. Of the four midwives, one should be a CPM who currently bills Medicaid and a CPM who does not and one CNM or CM who is employed at a health system and a CNM or CM who works in the community. The workgroup shall present solutions to address those barriers along with budget requests to the General Assembly by December 1, 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$111,841 GF and 1.0 position the first year for the Department of Medical Assistance Services and the Virginia Department of Health to convene a workgroup to identify the barriers that prevent certain midwives licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia from contracting with managed care organizations (MCOs) through Cardinal Care. The purpose of the amendment is to find solutions to remove those barriers so that members can access a midwife and stay in their MCO.)

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Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$1,000,000	\$0 GF
	\$1,000,000	\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 371, line 1, strike "\$452,717,516" and insert "\$454,717,516".

Page 379, after line 22, insert:

"RR. Out of this appropriation, \$1,000,000 from the general fund and \$1,000,000 from nongeneral funds shall be provided to the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) to contract with a vendor to review and assess program integrity efforts at DMAS and its contracted managed care organizations (MCOs). This review and assessment shall include: (i) detection of fraud, waste and abuse including use of data analytics, auditing, and how suspected fraud is reported; (ii) how referrals are made to the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and the follow-up on such investigations; (iii) enforcement capabilities; and (iv) how DMAS prevents fraud, waste and abuse through training, education, provider credentialing and enrollment, utilization management, and system edits. The vendor shall review the contractual requirements DMAS has with the MCOs and shall review the program integrity efforts of each MCO. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget shall unallot this appropriation until DMAS provides documentation of the contract's cost and shall only allot the amount contracted for with such vendor. DMAS shall report on the review and assessment along with any findings and recommendations to improve program integrity efforts to the Governor, and the Chairs of the

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House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees by December 1, 2026. If the vendor has not completed its review by this date, DMAS shall provide an interim report and within 30 days of the vendor completing its work, DMAS shall submit a final report."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million GF and \$1.0 million NGF the first year for the Department of Medical Assistance to contract with a vendor to review the department's program integrity efforts, including such efforts within contracted managed care organizations.)

Item 295 #5s

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 379, after line 22, insert:

"RR. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall: (i) identify the steps necessary for Virginia to effectively and efficiently transition to a prospective payment system (PPS) as required to fully adopt the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model; (ii) estimate any fiscal impact to the state and to Community Services Boards (CSBs); and (iii) report findings to the Chairs of House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, and the Behavioral Health Commission by December 1, 2026. As part of this report, DMAS shall estimate a timeframe for transitioning to PPS and examine the actions needed with respect to rate setting, the approval process from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Managed Care Organization (MCO) contract modifications, electronic health records and billing system updates, and any other necessary changes. DMAS shall also identify ways to reduce the billing and reimbursement challenges that have been experienced by CSBs under the current Medicaid model."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to identify the steps necessary for Virginia to transition to a prospective payment system (PPS), as designed to support the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic model, and to estimate the one-time and ongoing fiscal impact to the state and Community Services Boards of shifting to the PPS model. This is a recommendation of the Behavioral Health Commission.)

Item 295 #6s

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 379, line 21, strike "January" and insert "July".

Explanation:

(This amendment delays the implementation of a single pharmacy benefits manager contract for Medicaid by an additional six months until July 1, 2027. This allows the appropriate amount of time for the Department of Medical Assistance Services to complete the procurement process and take the appropriate steps for a successful implementation.)

Item 295 #7s

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 379, after line 22, insert:

"RR. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall seek federal authority through the necessary state plan or 1915(c) waiver amendments submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under Titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to modify the program rules for consumer-directed services available through certain 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services Medicaid Waivers to allow an individual receiving services to serve as the employer of record (EOR) for his own service delivery and designate another individual to perform all or a portion of the duties of the EOR on the individual's behalf when the individual receiving services is unable to perform such duties or direct his own care. In seeking federal authority to modify such rules, DMAS shall ensure that the employer identification number (EIN) shall be assigned to the individual receiving services and shall not be transferred to another individual except when an individual: (i) has not yet reached the age of majority; (ii) is ineligible to use his existing EIN to facilitate the taxation of benefits; or (iii) is otherwise determined to be ineligible by DMAS by administrative rule. DMAS shall have the authority to limit such state plan or 1915(c) waiver amendments to specify that an individual receiving services may make such designation no more than twice per calendar year."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) to update Medicaid waiver rules to allow individuals receiving consumer-directed services to serve as their own employer of record (EOR) and to designate another person to perform EOR duties when they are unable. It also requires assignment of an employer identification number to the individual receiving services in specified circumstances and limits its transfer to other individuals to no more than twice per calendar year.)

Item 295 #8s

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 371, after line 46, insert:

"g. The forecast shall include the estimated costs for the required increase in personal, respite, and companion care services as a result of increases in the minimum wage pursuant to the Virginia Minimum Wage Act. The costs to be included in the forecast should reflect the percentage increase in the minimum wage, beginning after January 1, 2028, applied to these services for both consumer-directed and agency-directed services including the rates with a Northern Virginia differential."

Explanation:

(This amendment establishes the policy in the Medicaid forecast process regarding how to reflect the impact of minimum wage increases on the rates and associated costs for the resulting increases in personal, respite, and companion care services.)

Item 295 #9s

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 379, after line 22, insert:

"RR.1. The Director, Department of Medical Assistance Services shall convene a Medicaid Financial Sustainability Workgroup for the purpose of analyzing Medicaid expenditure trends and identifying strategies to moderate the rate of spending growth while preserving access to care, quality, and compliance with state and federal law and policy. The Workgroup shall examine historical and projected Medicaid spending growth, including key cost drivers such as enrollment, utilization, provider reimbursement, managed care expenditures, behavioral health spending, pharmacy spending, long-term services and supports, and administrative costs. The Workgroup shall evaluate opportunities for improved utilization management, program integrity, payment reform, service delivery redesign, and administrative efficiencies. The Workgroup shall include representatives from the Department of Medical Assistance Services, the Department of Planning and Budget, staff of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association, the Virginia Health Care Association, the Medicaid Society of Virginia, the Virginia Association of Health Plans, at least one of the contracted Medicaid managed care organizations, and other provider representatives as deemed appropriate by the Director, Department of Medical Assistance

Services.

2. The Department shall submit an interim report by November 1, 2026, and a final report by November 1, 2027, to the Governor and the Chairs of the Senate Finance and Appropriations and House Appropriations Committees. The reports shall include findings, options for cost containment, and budget and policy recommendations."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to convene a Medicaid Financial Sustainability Workgroup for the purpose of analyzing Medicaid expenditure trends and identifying strategies to moderate the rate of spending growth while preserving access to care, quality, and compliance with state and federal law and policy.)

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Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 379, line 27, before "Out", insert "A."

Page 379, after line 34, insert:

"A.1. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall submit an annual report on the status of the Commonwealth's Rural Health Transformation Program. Such report shall include, at a minimum: (i) the total amount of federal funds received from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the Rural Health Transformation Program for each program year since program inception, including any carryforward balances if applicable; (ii) the total amount of funds appropriated or otherwise expended in support of the program for each program year; (iii) a detailed accounting of how all federal funds have been obligated and expended, including amounts distributed to participating hospitals, health systems, community partners, or other entities, and amounts retained for administrative or programmatic purposes; (iv) a description of each Rural Health Transformation initiative implemented; (v) performance metrics; (vi) and policy recommendations to improve rural health access and quality. The Department shall submit the report by November 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees no later than October 1 of each year.

2. Upon any revision by CMS to the approved annual award amount of \$189,544,888 for the Rural Health Transformation Program, whether upward or downward, DMAS shall, within 30 days, notify the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds a reporting requirement for the Rural Health Transformation Program.)

Item 298 #1s

Health and Human Resources

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Language

Language:

Page 381, after line 8, insert:

"D.1. Any funds appropriated in this act for the purpose of complying with the Permanent Injunction entered in United States v. Virginia, civil action no. 3:12-cv-00059-JAG (E.D. Va.), that remain unspent at the end of each fiscal year shall be reported by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to the Department of Planning and Budget and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by September 1 after the close of each fiscal year. The department shall include in its report each item and the amount of funding for such item that remains unspent, with an explanation for the remaining balance at year end.

2. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall report on the status of compliance with the provisions of the Permanent Injunction entered in United States v. Virginia, civil action no. 3:12-cv-00059-JAG (E.D. Va.), and shall: (i) list each noncompliant provision; (ii) the status of meeting the provision; (iii) the department's planned actions to achieve compliance; and (iv) the date the department expects to achieve compliance with the provision. The department shall report such information to the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by September 1, each year."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides legislative oversight of Virginia's compliance with the Permanent Injunction entered in United States v. Virginia, civil action no. 3:12-cv-00059-JAG (E.D. Va.).)

Item 299 #1s

Health and Human Resources

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Language

Language:

Page 386, after line 40, insert:

"QQ. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) shall examine alternatives to the current 10 percent local match requirement created by § 37.2-509 and § 37.2-611 and report to the Behavioral Health Commission by November 1, 2026, with recommendations for: (i) a formula for calculating the required annual local match amount, which accounts for regional funds; the timing mismatch between state and local budgeting; the

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variation in localities' fiscal situations, and any other characteristics that may result in inequitable matching requirements among localities; (ii) a standardized formula for dividing contributions between localities within a multi-jurisdictional Community Services Board; (iii) enforcement mechanisms to be used by DBHDS or other state entities when the required match is not met by a locality; and (iv) an estimate of the budget impact of adopting the department's recommendations on the state and local governments. DBHDS shall report its recommendation to the Behavioral Health Commission by November 1, 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to examine alternatives to the current 10.0 percent local match requirement on state Community Services Board funding and to report to the Behavioral Health Commission by November 1, 2026, with recommendations.)

	Item 299 #2s		
Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	GF

Language:

Page 381, line 9, strike "\$175,337,986" and insert "\$177,837,986".

Page 381, line 9, strike "\$175,087,986" and insert "\$177,587,986".

Page 386, after line 40, insert:

"QQ. Out of this appropriation, \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,5000,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to support comprehensive psychiatric emergency programs or similar models of psychiatric care. Projects may include public-private partnerships, to include contracts with private entities. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, contracts entered into pursuant to this paragraph shall be exempt from competition as otherwise required by the Virginia Public Procurement Act §§ 2.2-4300."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.5 million GF each year to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) for comprehensive psychiatric emergency programs or similar models of psychiatric care. Projects may include public-private partnerships, to include contracts with private entities.)

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Language

Language:

Page 386, after line 40, insert:

"QQ. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) shall identify strategies to incentivize Community Services Boards (CSBs) to serve more individuals subject to an Emergency Custody Order (ECO) or Temporary Detention Order (TDO) in Crisis Receiving Centers (CRCs) and Crisis Stabilization Units (CSUs) that currently exist or that are under development/consideration. In conducting its work, DBHDS shall consider what changes to training, staffing, infrastructure, operational protocols, and other capabilities may be necessary for crisis facilities to serve individuals under an ECO or TDO by modeling a “no-barrier” approach to crisis services. For purposes of this evaluation, “no-barrier” facilities should be able to support rapid law-enforcement drop-off; admit individuals regardless of voluntary or involuntary status; safely serve individuals with high-acuity symptoms, including those exhibiting aggressive behaviors; and provide medical clearance for most individuals. No-barrier facilities may include a Crisis Intervention Team Assessment Center as part of their operation but must be capable of admitting individuals under an ECO or TDO directly to their CRC or CSU. DBHDS shall also: (i) assess the extent to which existing CRCs and CSUs can be retrofitted or modified to safely adopt a no-barrier approach to crisis services; (ii) estimate the cost of retrofitting or upgrading existing facilities and compare to the estimated cost of building new facilities capable of supporting a no-barrier model; (iii) evaluate the need for additional personnel and/or enhanced staff training required to safely operate a no-barrier facility; (iv) estimate the cost of any required staffing increases or training enhancements; (v) estimate the number of ECOs and TDOs that could be appropriately served in CRCs and CSUs operating under a no-barrier model; and (vi) determine any additional capacity that may be required to safely and appropriately serve individuals under an ECO or TDO while maintaining adequate access for voluntary patients. DBHDS shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Behavioral Health Commission no later than December 1, 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to identify strategies to serve more individuals subject to an ECO or TDO in crisis facilities by incentivizing existing CRCs and CSUs to follow a no-barrier approach, which entails accepting all individuals regardless of acuity or voluntary/involuntary status, and to offer a rapid drop-off option for law enforcement (“no barrier” approach). Although CSBs could be simply required to admit higher-acuity, involuntary patients in Crisis Receiving Centers and Crisis Stabilization Units, emphasis is being placed on identifying incentives that could be provided to help secure the buy-in of CSBs and ensure that desired outcomes are achieved.)

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Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$150,000 1.00	\$150,000 1.00	GF FTE
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Language:

Page 381, line 9, strike "\$175,337,986" and insert "\$175,487,986".

Page 381, line 9, strike "\$175,087,986" and insert "\$175,237,986".

Page 386, after line 40, insert:

"QQ. Out of this appropriation, \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to support a Marcus Alert evaluation analyst on a full-time basis."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$150,000 GF and 1.0 position each year for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) to hire an analyst for purposes of evaluating the Marcus Alert system and staffing the proposed Marcus Alert Evaluation Task Force. DBHDS does not currently have the capacity to staff a Marcus Alert Evaluation Task Force or the available staff expertise to collect and analyze the data that will be needed by the task force to evaluate and make recommendations on the Marcus Alert system.)

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\$0
0.00

\$455,000
2.00

GF
FTE

Language:

Page 381, line 9, strike "\$175,087,986" and insert "\$175,542,986".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$455,000 GF and 2.0 positions the second year for the new responsibilities for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services regarding oversight of recovery residences, pursuant to Senate Bill 270. This includes creating and promulgating statewide certification standards, establishing complaint and sanction protocols, and establishing guidelines for data reporting and collection.)

Item 299 #6s

Health and Human Resources

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Language

Language:

Page 386, line 39, after "in order to", strike the remainder of the line.

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Page 386, strike line 40, and insert:

"support the development of a dedicated training center to increase the capacity to provide service dogs for individuals with disabilities."

Explanation:

(This amendment clarifies that the \$250,000 GF the first year provided in the introduced budget for Service Dogs of Virginia will be used for the purposes of developing a new training facility in order to expand services.)

			Item 299 #7s
Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$750,000	\$750,000	GF

Language:

Page 381, line 9, strike "\$175,337,986" and insert "\$176,087,986".

Page 381, line 9, strike "\$175,087,986" and insert "\$175,837,986".

Page 386, after line 40, insert:

"QQ. Out of this appropriation, \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to Bennett's Village for support to develop a regional all abilities playground in Charlottesville."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$750,000 GF each year to support Phase Two of Bennett's Village, a regional all-abilities playground in Charlottesville.)

			Item 299 #8s
Health and Human Resources			
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services			Language

Language:

Page 386, after line 40, insert:

"QQ. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall include in the annual performance contracts with Community Services Boards (CSBs) and Behavioral Health Authorities (BHAs) a requirement that each CSB and BHA shall maximize billing of Medicaid services provided to Medicaid-eligible clients and report to the department on total Medicaid revenue each year. The department shall monitor the Medicaid revenue of each CSB and BHA on at least an annual basis to assess whether or not the CSB or BHA is meeting the contractual terms."

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Explanation:

(This amendment requires the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to include in the annual performance contracts with Community Services Boards (CSBs) and Behavioral Health Authorities (BHAs) a requirement that each CSB and BHA shall maximize billing of Medicaid services provided to Medicaid-eligible clients and report to the department on total Medicaid revenue each year.)

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Department of Behavioral Health and
Developmental Services

\$686,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 386, line 41, strike "\$155,879,465" and insert "\$156,565,465".

Page 390, after line 37, insert:

"X. Out of this appropriation, \$686,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided for a Provider Development Incubator intended to stimulate workforce development and business expansion to grow provider capacity for individuals with disabilities receiving waiver services. Of this amount, \$125,000 shall be provided for grants to providers for startup costs, \$200,000 for a targeted direct support professional workforce development and recruitment campaign, \$50,000 for education development for individuals and families receiving services, \$75,000 for an interactive information packet for new waiver recipients to assist in navigating the service system, and \$236,000 for a project team and administrative costs to implement the program."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$686,000 GF the first year for a Provider Development Incubator intended to stimulate workforce development and business expansion to grow provider capacity for individuals with disabilities receiving waiver services. The amount is allocated such that \$125,000 is for grants to providers for startup costs, \$200,000 is for a targeted direct support professional workforce development and recruitment campaign, \$50,000 is for education development for individuals and families receiving services, \$75,000 is for an interactive information packet for new waiver recipients to assist in navigating the service system, and \$236,000 is for a project team and administrative costs to implement the program.)

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Department of Behavioral Health and
Developmental Services

\$3,000,000

\$3,000,000 GF

Amendments to SB 30 (as Introduced)

Language:

Page 386, line 41, strike "\$155,879,465" and insert "\$158,879,465".

Page 386, line 41, strike "\$155,879,465" and insert "\$158,879,465".

Page 390, after line 37, insert:

"X. Out of this appropriation, \$3,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to provide funding for private hospitals to support the needs of patients with significant discharge planning needs. These funds are designed to reduce the barriers and promote timely discharge to increase state hospital capacity."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.0 million GF each year for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to provide funding for private hospitals to support the needs of patients with significant discharge planning needs. These funds are designed to reduce the barriers and promote timely discharge to increase state hospital capacity.)

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Department of Behavioral Health and
Developmental Services

\$500,000

\$500,000 GF

Language:

Page 386, line 42, strike "\$155,879,465" and insert "\$156,379,465".

Page 386, line 42, strike "\$155,879,465" and insert "\$156,379,465".

Page 390, line 19, after "appropriation,", strike "\$250,000", and insert "\$750,000".

Page 390, line 19, after "first year and", strike "\$250,000", and insert "\$750,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 GF each year to increase funding for Specially Adapted Resources Clubs (SPARC) to support current operations serving adults with developmental disabilities in integrated community settings. SPARC operates as a participant-directed day program.)

Item 300 #4s

Health and Human Resources

FY26-27

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Department of Behavioral Health and
Developmental Services

\$250,000

\$250,000 GF

Language:

Amendments to SB 30 (as Introduced)

Page 386, line 42, strike "\$155,879,465" and insert "\$156,129,465".

Page 386, line 42, strike "\$155,879,465" and insert "\$156,129,465".

Page 390, after line 37, insert:

"X. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to contract with Mile High Kids and Community Development, Inc. to support mental health services for children."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$250,000 GF each year to support Mile High Kids and Community Development, Inc. in providing mental health services for children.)

Item 301 #1s

Health and Human Resources

Grants to Localities

Language

Language:

Page 395, strikes lines 9 through 39, and insert:

"2. The Department of Behavioral Health Services shall require each community services board or behavioral health authority to report annually, by September 1 of each year, on their expenditures on STEP-VA services for the prior fiscal year. The report shall include: (i) the amount expended broken out by service and the amount such funding increased or decreased as compared to the year prior; (ii) the number of individuals served by each service in the fiscal year; and (iii) their expected allocation for the fiscal year in which the report is due. The department shall submit the report by September 1, of each year to the Governor, and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees."

Explanation:

(This amendment appropriates STEP-VA funding as one total funding amount rather than setting out an amount to be appropriated for each service. This will provide the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) and Community Services Boards (CSBs) flexibility to reallocate funds among STEPs to match community needs. The STEP-specific funding structure was useful to accommodate the program's phased implementation, but it now limits the ability of the state and CSBs to respond to changing community needs and to address capacity gaps. CSB performance contracts will continue to require CSBs to offer all nine STEP-VA services in order to maintain a full continuum of care, even if funding becomes more flexible.)

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Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Grants to Localities	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 390, line 48, strike "\$816,747,052" and insert "\$817,747,052".

Page 390, line 48, strike "\$816,747,052" and insert "\$817,747,052".

Page 394, line 13, after "appropriation,", strike "\$17,185,533", insert "\$18,185,533".

Page 394, line 13, after "first year and", strike "\$17,185,533", insert "\$18,185,533".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million GF each year to support the State Rental Assistance Program (SRAP), which provides rental subsidies for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities. This amendment restores funding for vouchers lost in 2025 and 2026 due to cost-of-living increases and expands the program to make progress towards the goal of serving 10.0 percent of individuals on the Medicaid Developmental Disability Waivers.)

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Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Grants to Localities	\$3,600,000	\$7,800,000	GF

Language:

Page 390, line 48, strike "\$816,747,052" and insert "\$820,347,052".

Page 390, line 48, strike "\$816,747,052" and insert "\$824,547,052".

Page 395, line 40, after "appropriation,", strike "\$16,200,000", and insert "\$19,800,000".

Page 395, line 40, after "first year and", strike "\$16,200,000", and insert "\$24,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$3.6 million GF the first year \$7.8 million GF the second year to fund the Marcus Alert program for the remaining thirteen Community Services Boards (CSBs) in time to meet the statutory implementation date of July 1, 2028. Marcus Alert is the statewide framework for providing a behavioral health, rather than public safety, response to a behavioral health crisis.)

Item 301 #4s

Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Grants to Localities	\$6,500,000	\$16,600,000	GF

Language:

Amendments to SB 30 (as Introduced)

Page 390, line 48, strike "\$816,747,052" and insert "\$823,247,052".

Page 390, line 48, strike "\$816,747,052" and insert "\$833,347,052".

Page 397, after line 2, insert:

"TT. Out of this appropriation, \$6,500,000 the first year and \$16,600,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to allocate and distribute to community services boards (CSB) and behavioral health authorities (BHA) for the purpose of administering substance use disorder prevention and treatment programs. The department shall determine the appropriate methodology to distribute the funding according the needs on each CSB and BHA."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$6.5 million GF the first year and \$16.6 million GF the second year for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to allocate and distribute to community services boards for the purpose of administering substance use disorder prevention and treatment programs. This funding is available due to the net profits of the Cannabis Control Authority.)

Item 318 #1s			
Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	GF

Language:

Page 401, line 25, strike "\$123,960,176" and insert "\$125,460,176".

Page 401, line 25, strike "\$123,960,176" and insert "\$125,460,176".

Page 403, line 35, after "amount," strike "\$775,000" and insert "\$2,275,000".

Page 403, line 35, after "first year and," strike "\$775,000" and insert "\$2,275,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$1.5 million GF each year for workforce retention for brain injury services providers. The increase is to address workforce retention, increasing costs, and to ensure quality accessible services for people living with brain injuries.)

Item 319 #1s			
Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$1,900,000	\$1,900,000	GF

Language:

Amendments to SB 30 (as Introduced)

Page 404, line 12, strike "\$41,964,449" and insert "\$43,864,449".

Page 404, line 12, strike "\$41,964,449" and insert "\$43,864,449".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.9 million GF each year to cover increased costs for providing current services for the Area Agencies on Aging and the increased demand for home care services and transportation.)

Item 319 #2s		
Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$100,000	\$100,000 GF

Language:

Page 404, line 12, strike "\$41,964,449" and insert "\$42,064,449".

Page 404, line 12, strike "\$41,964,449" and insert "\$42,064,449".

Page 406, after line 10, insert:

"P. Out of this appropriation, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to support the Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 GF each year to support Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia.)

Item 319 #3s		
Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$200,000	\$200,000 GF

Language:

Page 404, line 12, strike "\$41,964,449" and insert "\$42,164,449".

Page 404, line 12, strike "\$41,964,449" and insert "\$42,164,449".

Page 406, after line 10, insert:

"P. Out of this appropriation, \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the County of Fairfax to support the Washington Area Villages Exchange for the continuation 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 \$200,000 GF each year to the County of Fairfax to support the Washington Area Villages Exchange for the continuation 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. This program was first funded in FY 2026 and was intended to run for three years to allow sufficient time to reach underserved high-risk areas, collect program evaluation data and cultivate funding sources for long-term sustainability.)

Item 328 #1s

Health and Human Resources

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Department of Social Services

\$1,000,000

\$1,000,000

GF

\$1,000,000

\$1,000,000

NGF

Language:

Page 409, line 38, strike "\$69,848,812" and insert "\$71,848,812".

Page 409, line 38, strike "\$72,568,002" and insert "\$74,568,002".

Page 411, after line 9, insert:

"K. Out of this appropriation, \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year from the general fund and \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year from the nongeneral fund shall be provided for the Department of Social Services to contract with a vendor to assist with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program error rate reduction efforts. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall unallot this appropriation until the Department of Social Services provides documentation of the contract's cost and shall only allot the contracted amount."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million GF and \$1.0 million NGF each year for the Department of Social Services to contract with a vendor to assist in efforts to decrease the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program error rate.)

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Health and Human Resources

Department of Social Services

Language

Language:

Page 411, line 29, after "A.", insert "1".

Page 411, after line 36, insert:

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"2. The Department of Social Services shall not initiate, expand, or modify the use of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds beyond the programs and services expressly authorized and funded in this act, except as specifically authorized by an act of the General Assembly or as required by federal law."

Explanation:

(This amendment clarifies the authority for use of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds to only those programs and services authorized in the Appropriation Act, authorized by the General Assembly or required by federal law.)

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Health and Human Resources

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Department of Social Services

\$0

\$135,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 411, line 10, strike "\$250,214,827" and insert "\$385,214,827".

Page 412, after line 55, insert:

"L. Out of this appropriation, \$135,000,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the Department of Social Services for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits cost sharing pursuant to Public Law No: 119-21. The general fund in this paragraph shall remain unallotted until the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Services releases the federal fiscal year 2026 SNAP error rates. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall allot this appropriation if the Commonwealth's federal fiscal year 2026 error rate results in a benefits cost share for the Commonwealth. The Department of Planning and Budget shall revert any unallotted amounts to the general fund on or before June 30, 2028."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$135.0 million GF the second year for the potential Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits cost share pursuant to Public Law No: 119-21.)

Item 330 #1s

Health and Human Resources

Department of Social Services

Language

Language:

Page 413, line 9, after "A.", insert "1."

Page 413, after line 14, insert:

"2. The Department of Social Services shall not alter local match rates, methodologies, or

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policies in any manner that would increase the state share of program costs, except as authorized by an act of the General Assembly or as required by federal law."

Explanation:

(This amendment clarifies that local match rates cannot be altered unless authorized by the General Assembly or required by federal law.)

Item 330 #2s

Health and Human Resources

Department of Social Services

Language

Language:

Page 414, after line 2, insert:

"J.1. The Department of Social Services shall establish and maintain a quality control methodology for determining each local department of social service's (LDSS) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) payment error rate. This metric shall utilize data, standards, and methodologies employed by the federal USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), in calculating the federal SNAP payment error rate.

2. DSS shall publish local error rates for the previous federal fiscal year on its website by June 30 of each year. This publication shall include the statewide SNAP payment error rate as reported to the USDA FNS for the preceding federal fiscal year, as well as each locally determined SNAP payment error rate by LDSS."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires the Department of Social Services to establish and maintain a quality control methodology for determining each local department of social service's (LDSS) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) payment error rate.)

Item 332 #1s

Health and Human Resources

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Social Services

\$83,585
1.00

\$104,562 GF
1.00 FTE

Language:

Page 414, line 49, strike "\$62,727,762" and insert "\$62,811,347".

Page 414, line 49, strike "\$62,727,762" and insert "\$62,832,324".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$83,585 GF the first year and \$104,562 GF the second year and 1.0

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position both years to fund the fiscal impact of Senate Bill 564, which requires unlicensed care homes, defined in the bill, to register with the Department of Social Services (DSS). The bill sets out certain standards to be followed by DSS for handling complaints related to unlicensed care homes. The bill also directs DSS to establish regulations for the operation of unlicensed care homes, including health, safety, medication handling, and documentation standards.

Item 333 #1s

Health and Human Resources

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FY27-28

Department of Social Services

\$375,000
\$125,000

\$363,450 GF
\$121,150 NGF

Language:

Page 416, line 5, strike "\$295,640,555" and insert "\$296,140,555".

Page 416, line 5, strike "\$301,084,270" and insert "\$301,568,870".

Page 419, after line 5, insert:

"Y. Out of this appropriation, \$375,000 the first year and \$363,450 the second year from the general fund and \$125,000 the first year and \$121,150 the second year from the nongeneral fund shall be used to establish a pilot multidisciplinary law office for parents in child dependency matters in Roanoke City, pursuant to the second enactment of Chapter 428, 2024 Acts of Assembly. The local Roanoke entity establishing such multidisciplinary law office will be the Qualified Legal Services Provider previously approved by the Virginia State Bar, and will enter into an agreement with a local department of social services or the Department of Social Services to receive the Title IV-E funding for eligible administrative costs of providing legal representation for a parent or guardian of a child who is a candidate for or in Title IV-E foster care to prepare for and participate in all stages of foster care legal proceedings."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$375,000 GF and \$125,000 NGF the first year and \$363,450 GF and \$121,250 NGF the second year to establish a pilot multidisciplinary law office for parents in child dependency (foster care) matters in Roanoke City, pursuant to the second enactment of Chapter 428, 2024 Acts of Assembly, which states that up to two multidisciplinary law offices or programs may be established for the purpose of representing parents in child dependency court proceedings pursuant to a child protective services assessment or investigation in localities, jurisdictions, or judicial districts that affirm they have met criteria developed by the work group established by Chapter 305 of the Acts of Assembly of 2022.)

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Department of Social Services	(\$13,596,414)	(\$18,080,700)	GF
	\$1,000,000	\$0	NGF
	-132.00	-132.00	FTE

Language:

Page 416, line 5, strike "\$295,640,555" and insert "\$283,044,141".

Page 416, line 5, strike "\$301,084,270" and insert "\$283,003,570".

Page 419, strike lines 1 through 5.

Page 419, after line 5, insert:

"X. Out of this appropriation, \$1,000,000 the first year from the general fund and \$1,000,000 the first year from the nongeneral fund is provided pursuant to Senate Bill 640 requiring the Department of Social Services to contract with a third party by August 1, 2026, to conduct a comprehensive study and review of the screening process used for child protective services complaints across Virginia. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall unallot this appropriation until the Department of Social Services provides documentation of the contract's cost and shall only allot the contracted amount with such vendor."

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$14.6 million GF the first year, \$18.1 million GF the second year, and 132.0 positions each year from the Department of Social Services (DSS) to reflect the fiscal impact for Senate Bill 640, which removed language that created a centralized intake system. This amendment also provides \$1.0 million GF and \$1.0 million NGF the first year for DSS to contract with a third party to conduct a comprehensive study and review of the screening process used for child protective services complaints across Virginia, as required by Senate Bill 640.)

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Health and Human Resources

Department of Social Services

Language

Language:

Page 419, after line 5, insert:

"Y. The Board of Social Services shall amend its regulations by July 1, 2027, to require local DSS agencies to apply for federal disability and death benefits on behalf of eligible foster youth; prohibit use of those benefits to cover state foster care costs; require benefits to be conserved in a trust and available to the youth upon exiting the system; and provide guidance to the youth on continued access to entitled federal benefits."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires the Board of Social Services to amend its regulations by July 1, 2027 to require local DSS agencies to apply for federal disability and death benefits on behalf of

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eligible foster youth; prohibit use of those benefits to cover state foster care costs; require benefits to be conserved in a trust and available to the youth upon exiting the system; and provide guidance to the youth on continued access to entitled federal benefits.)

Item 335 #1s

Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Social Services	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	GF
	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	NGF

Language:

Page 419, line 41, strike "\$73,413,045" and insert "\$76,413,045".

Page 419, line 41, strike "\$73,413,045" and insert "\$76,413,045".

Page 420, line 55, strike "2,717,756" and insert "4,217,756".

Page 420, line 55, strike "2,717,756" and insert "4,217,756".

Page 421, line 1, strike "4,736,500" and insert "6,236,500".

Page 421, line 1, strike "4,736,500" and insert "6,236,500".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$1.5 million GF and \$1.5 million NGF each year to contract with child advocacy centers (CAC).)

Item 335 #2s

Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Social Services	\$1,500,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 419, line 41, strike "\$73,413,045" and insert "\$74,913,045".

Page 423, after line 53, insert:

"CC. Out of this appropriation, \$1,500,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided to Fairfax County and Prince William County to enhance workforce development programs, support ongoing renovations and operations, add accessibility features, and create new training spaces for members of the immigrant community. Each county shall receive \$750,000 for these purposes."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.5 million GF the first year to Fairfax County and Prince William County to enhance workforce development programs, support ongoing renovations and

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operations, add accessibility features, and create new training spaces for members of the immigrant community.)

Item 335 #3s

Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Social Services	\$500,000	\$500,000	GF

Language:

Page 419, line 42, strike "\$73,413,045" and insert "\$73,913,045".

Page 419, line 42, strike "\$73,413,045" and insert "\$73,913,045".

Page 423, line 28, after "grant" insert "and \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year from the general fund"

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 GF each year for Cornerstones to provide food assistance for individuals in need.)

Item 335 #4s

Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Social Services	\$750,000	\$750,000	GF

Language:

Page 419, line 41, strike "\$73,413,045" and insert "\$74,163,045".

Page 419, line 41, strike "\$73,413,045" and insert "\$74,163,045".

Page 423, after line 53, insert:

"CC.1. Out of this appropriation, \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the Virginia Children's Partnership (VCP). The contract with the VCP shall require that the general fund moneys shall be leveraged with gifts, grants, and other resources, whether public or private, and shall be used to improve and transform Virginia's child welfare system through innovative service delivery models with particular focus on achieving positive outcomes for children and families who engage with various aspects of the child welfare system.

2. VCP shall report on the expenditure of these funds to the Governor, the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, and the Commissioner of Social Services with an audit and report on the Partnership's initiatives and results no later than November 1 of each year for the preceding fiscal year."

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$750,000 GF each year to contract with the Virginia Children's Partnership (VCP) for the purpose of improving and transforming Virginia's child welfare system through VCP's innovative service delivery model focused on achieving positive outcomes for Virginia's children and families.)

Item 335 #5s

Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Social Services	\$100,000	\$100,000	NGF

Language:

Page 419, line 42, strike "\$73,413,045" and insert "\$73,513,045".

Page 419, line 42, strike "\$73,413,045" and insert "\$73,513,045".

Page 422, line 24, after "appropriation," strike "\$350,000" and insert "\$450,000".

Page 422, line 24, after "and" strike "\$350,000" and insert "\$450,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 NGF the first year from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant to the Visions of Truth Community Development Corporation.)

Item 335 #6s

Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Social Services	\$2,275,000	\$2,275,000	NGF

Language:

Page 419, line 42, strike "\$73,413,045" and insert "\$75,688,045".

Page 419, line 42, strike "\$73,413,045" and insert "\$75,688,045".

Page 420, line 17, after "appropriation," strike "\$11,250,000" and insert "\$13,525,000"

Page 420, line 17, after "and" strike "\$11,250,000" and insert "\$13,525,000"

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$2.3 million NGF each year from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant to support local Community Action Agencies (CAAs). This brings the annual fiscal year total to \$13.5 million NGF.)

Item 335 #7s

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Health and Human Resources

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Department of Social Services

\$100,000

\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 419, line 41, strike "\$73,413,045" and insert "\$73,513,045".

Page 423, after line 53, insert:

"CC. Out of this appropriation, \$100,000 the first year from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant is provided to the Northern Virginia Food Rescue to increase the amount of food rescued and distributed by the organization, enhance the quality and diversity of the food rescue by adding more fresh produce, and improve efficiency by investing in technology, equipment, and training."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 NGF the first year to the Northern Virginia Food Rescue, located in Prince William County, to increase the amount of food rescued and distributed by the organization by 25.0 percent by the end of FY 2026, enhance the quality and diversity of the food rescued by adding more fresh produce, and to improve efficiency by investing in technology, equipment and training.)

Item 335 #8s

Health and Human Resources

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Social Services

\$500,000

\$500,000 NGF

Language:

Page 419, line 41, strike "\$73,413,045" and insert "\$73,913,045".

Page 419, line 41, strike "\$73,413,045" and insert "\$73,913,045".

Page 423, line 22, after "appropriation," strike "\$500,000" and insert "\$1,000,000".

Page 423, line 22, after "and" strike "\$500,000" and insert "\$1,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$500,000 NGF each year from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant to the Lighthouse Community Center which provides housing assistance and other eligible services for individuals served by the organization.)

Item 335 #9s

Health and Human Resources

Department of Social Services

Language

Language:

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Page 422, line 11, strike "and \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the second year from the Temporary"

Page 422, line 12, strike "Assistance for Needy Families block grant"

Explanation:

(This amendment removes the authority for Youth for Tomorrow to spend Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant funds.)

Item 352 #1s			
Labor	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Labor and Industry	\$4,835,300	\$2,835,300	GF
	10.00	10.00	FTE

Language:

Page 432, line 12, strike "\$2,392,677" and insert "\$7,227,977".

Page 432, line 12, strike "\$2,392,677" and insert "\$5,227,977".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$4.8 million GF the first year, \$2.8 million GF the second year, and 10.0 positions to support the fiscal impact of legislation related to labor law as passed by the 2026 General Assembly, such as paid sick leave, misclassification of workers, prevailing wage rates, and heat illness protection standards. The first year funding includes one-time system development costs.)

Item 357 #1s			
Labor	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Workforce Development and Advancement	\$1,000,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 434, line 41, strike "\$47,153,983" and insert "\$48,153,983".

Page 435, after line 19, insert:

"E. Out of this appropriation, \$1,000,000 the first year from the general fund shall be deposited to the Virginia Health Care Career and Technical Training and Education Fund established in § 2.2-2040.1, Code of Virginia. The funding shall be used as matching funds for the Dental Hygienist Funding Pool. These funds shall be matched by private sector funds and administered by the Department in coordination with the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority. The Department shall collaborate with the Virginia Community College System and private sector contributors to the Fund in the distribution of funds to dental hygiene programs in order

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to increase the number of graduates from such programs."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million GF the first year for the Virginia Health Care Career and Technical Training and Education Fund established in § 2.2-2040.1, Code of Virginia, as matching funds for the Dental Hygienist Funding Pool.)

Item 359 #1s

Labor

Virginia Employment Commission

Language

Language:

Page 437, after line 44, insert:

"M. 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 contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill 2 of the 2026 Session. The treasury loan shall be repaid for these costs from revenues received from premiums assessed to employers and employees beginning in 2028."

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes a treasury loan for the implementation of Senate Bill 2 of the 2026 General Assembly, which requires the Virginia Employment Commission to establish and administer a paid family and medical leave program with benefits beginning January 1, 2029. Funding for the program is provided through premiums assessed to employers and employees beginning in July 1, 2028.)

Item 362 #1s

Natural and Historic Resources

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Conservation and
Recreation

\$8,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 440, line 32, strike "\$434,875,166" and insert "\$442,875,166".

Page 444, after line 42, insert:

"W. Out of the appropriation in this Item, \$8,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program administered by the Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts."

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$8.0 million GF the first year for the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program. The program is a community cost share initiative that provides financial incentives, technical assistance, and educational resources to property owners installing eligible best management practices, such as living shorelines, rainwater harvesting, and conservation landscaping.)

Item 362 #2s

Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$0	\$500,000	GF

Language:

Page 440, line 32, strike "\$146,870,581" and insert "\$147,370,581".

Page 443, line 50 after "year" insert "and \$500,000 the second year".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 GF the second year to support cyanobacteria mitigation and remediation efforts at Lake Anna in Louisa County.)

Item 362 #3s

Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$2,995,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 440, line 32, strike "\$434,875,166" and insert "\$437,870,166".

Page 444, after line 42, insert:

"W. Out of the appropriation in this Item, \$2,995,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District for the dam safety improvement project to bring the Lake Barcroft Dam into compliance with spillway requirements through replacement of existing earthen embankments with concrete structures extending to the bedrock on both sides of the facility."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.0 million GF the first year to the Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District for a dam safety improvement project. The dam is classified as a "High Hazard Potential Dam" due to the population and infrastructure downstream.)

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Item 362 #4s

Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$25,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 440, line 32, strike "\$434,875,166" and insert "\$459,875,166".

Page 444, after line 42, insert:

"W. Out of the appropriation in this Item, \$25,000,000 the first year from the general fund shall be deposited to the Soil and Water Conservation District Dam Maintenance, Repair, and Rehabilitation Fund (Fund 09254) for major modification, upgrade, or rehabilitation of dams owned or maintained by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Districts."

Explanation:

(This amendment restores \$25.0 million GF for repair and maintenance of Soil and Water Conservation District dams.)

Item 363 #1s

Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$300,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 444, line 43, strike "\$107,506,363" and insert "\$107,806,363".

Page 446, after line 23, insert:

"K. Out of the amounts appropriated in this Item, \$300,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for remediation of the breach at Jones Pond in Caledon State Park."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$300,000 GF the first year for the Department of Conservation and Recreation to repair the breach at Jones Pond in Caledon State Park.)

Item 363 #2s

Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$215,240 1.00	\$89,640 1.00 GF FTE

Language:

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Page 444, line 43, strike "\$107,506,363" and insert "\$107,721,603".

Page 444, line 43, strike "\$107,584,095" and insert "\$107,673,735".

Page 445, at the beginning of line 18, strike "\$560,000" and insert "\$775,240".

Page 445, line 18, after "and" strike "\$560,000" and insert "\$649,640".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$215,240 GF the first year and \$89,640 GF the second year and 1.0 position for operational support of Breaks Interstate Park in response to increasing visitation at the park.)

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Natural and Historic Resources

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Department of Environmental Quality

\$1,625,000

\$1,125,000

GF

Language:

Page 447, line 12, strike "\$60,396,062" and insert "\$62,021,062".

Page 447, line 12, strike "\$60,397,686" and insert "\$61,522,686".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.6 million GF the first year and \$1.1 million GF the second year for the fiscal impact of Senate Bill 138, which requires monitoring and reporting of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) discharged by industrial users of publicly owned treatment works.)

Item 366 #2s

Natural and Historic Resources

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Environmental Quality

\$750,000

\$750,000

GF

Language:

Page 447, line 12, strike "\$60,396,062" and insert "\$61,146,062".

Page 447, line 12, strike "\$60,397,686" and insert "\$61,147,686".

Page 448, line 15, strike both instances of "\$231,000" and insert "\$981,000" and "\$981,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$750,000 GF each year of additional state support for the water supply planning activities of the 25 regional planning units, including resource mapping, risk

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assessment and mitigation, community engagement, and local plan approval. The Code of Virginia requires that regional water supply plans be submitted by October 2029.)

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Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Environmental Quality	\$100,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 447, line 12, strike "\$60,396,062" and insert "\$60,496,062".

Page 448, after line 45, insert:

"M. Out of the amounts in this Item, \$100,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to conduct a comprehensive study of the groundwater resource challenges in western Loudoun and Fauquier Counties, including potential solutions to ensure preservation and access to groundwater. The report shall be submitted to the Chairs of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources and Senate Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources Committees by November 30, 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 GF the first year to conduct a comprehensive study of the groundwater challenges in western Loudoun County and Fauquier County, including potential solutions to ensure the preservation and access to groundwater moving forward.)

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Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Environmental Quality	\$2,300,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 447, line 12, strike "\$60,396,062" and insert "\$62,696,062".

Page 448, after line 45, insert:

"M. Out of the amounts in this Item, \$2,300,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the department to install up to five additional multi-well research stations to gather additional data to study the upper portions of the Eastern Groundwater Management Area. Any funding remaining on June 30 shall be carried forward and reappropriated into the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.3 million GF the first year for the Department of Environmental Quality to expand ground water research in the Eastern Groundwater Management Areas.)

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Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Environmental Quality	\$300,000	\$200,000	GF

Language:

Page 447, line 12, strike "\$60,396,062" and insert "\$60,696,062".

Page 447, line 12, strike "\$60,397,686" and insert "\$60,597,686".

Page 448, after line 45, insert:

"M. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$300,000 in the first year and \$200,000 in the second year from the general fund for the Department of Environmental Quality, in consultation with Virginia Tech, to evaluate the feasibility and cost of aquifer recharge at wastewater treatment facilities in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area in addition to those facilities already included in the Hampton Roads Sanitation District's Sustainable Water Initiative for Tomorrow (SWIFT) project, as well as an assessment of other beneficial uses of treated wastewater such as for cooling, irrigation, industry, or other gray water uses. The analysis shall be provided to the Chairs of the State Water Commission, House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources, and Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources by July 1, 2027."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$300,000 GF the first year and \$200,000 GF the second year to study the feasibility and cost of aquifer recharge at wastewater treatment facilities in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area.)

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Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Environmental Quality	\$200,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 448, line 46, strike "\$31,589,292" and insert "\$31,789,292".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$200,000 GF the first year to conduct the waste-to-energy assessment directed by Senate Bill 645.)

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Department of Environmental Quality	\$5,000,000	\$0	GF
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Language:

Page 449, line 47, strike "\$258,956,273" and insert "\$263,956,273".

Page 451, after line 39, insert:

"M. Of the amounts in this Item, \$5,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to King George County Service Authority to implement the needed repairs to the Dahlgren Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility as identified in the Condition Assessment Report completed in June 2025."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$5.0 million GF the first year to support the King George Service Authority's needed repairs to the Dahlgren Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility. The facility, within the Chesapeake Bay watershed, is unable to receive septage, and improvements will allow for sustainable water reuse solutions.)

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Department of Environmental Quality	\$50,000,000	\$0	GF
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Language:

Page 449, line 47, strike "\$258,956,273" and insert "\$308,956,273".

Page 451, after line 39, insert:

"M. Out of the amounts in this Item, \$50,000,000 the first year from the general fund shall be deposited to the Combined Sewer Overflow Matching Fund, established pursuant to § 62.1-241.12, Code of Virginia, to pay a portion of the costs of the combined sewer overflow project in the City of Richmond."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50.0 million GF the first year for the Combined Sewer Overflow project in the City of Richmond and deposits the general fund support to the existing Combined Sewer Overflow Matching Fund, established pursuant to § 62.1-241.12, Code of Virginia. The support will pay for a portion of capital improvement projects that fulfill required interim and final plans addressing the combined sewer overflow into the James River.)

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Department of Environmental Quality	\$200,000,000	\$0	GF
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Language:

Page 449, line 47, strike "\$258,956,273" and insert "\$458,956,273".

Page 450, line 52, strike "\$140,550,000" and insert "\$340,550,000".

Page 451, strike line 1 and insert "enhanced Nutrient Removal Certainty Program nutrient projects."

Page 451, line 13, strike "taxable" and insert "tax-exempt".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$200.0 million GF the first year for a supplemental deposit to the Water Quality Improvement Fund to support the state share of the Hampton Roads Sanitation District project.)

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Natural and Historic Resources

Department of Environmental Quality

Language

Language:

Page 451, after line 39, insert:

"M. 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 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 language-only amendment provides flexibility to prioritize use of funds from existing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grants (to meet the 2026 federal APRA expenditure deadline) and maintain and defer Water Quality Improvement Funds use until after all ARPA funds are used.)

Item 368 #5s

Natural and Historic Resources

Amendments to SB 30 (as Introduced)

Department of Environmental Quality

Language

Language:

Page 451, after line 39, insert:

"M. The Department shall provide technical assistance and guidance on funding options to Prince William County for Phase 2 of the Bristow Manor Sewer Line Connection Project."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides assistance to Prince William County to advance Phase 2 of the Bristow Manor Sewer Line Connection Project.)

Item 374 #1s

Natural and Historic Resources

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Historic Resources

\$2,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 454, line 2, strike "\$15,468,942" and insert "\$17,468,942".

Page 456, after line 37, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this Item, \$2,000,000 the first year from the general fund shall be deposited to the Virginia Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Historic Preservation Fund, as established in § 10.1-2202.5, Code of Virginia. Such funds and funding authorized in paragraph M, Item 386, Chapter 1, 2023 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, may be used for the preservation of historic sites. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 10.1-2202.5 F, Code of Virginia, grants from the Fund may be awarded to eligible recipients provided that the grantee provides a perpetual public benefit as determined by the Director."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million GF the first year to continue support for the Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Historic Preservation Grant Program and clarifies that previously provided funding may be used for the preservation of historic sites.)

Item 374 #2s

Natural and Historic Resources

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Historic Resources

\$1,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 454, line 2, strike "\$15,468,942" and insert "\$16,468,942".

Page 456, after line 37, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$1,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided

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to the Town of Vienna to support the Washington and Old Dominion Trail Visitors Center."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million GF the first year to the Town of Vienna to support the Washington and Old Dominion Trail Visitors Center.)

Item 374 #3s

Natural and Historic Resources

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Historic Resources

\$1,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 454, line 3, strike "\$15,468,942" and insert "\$16,468,942".

Page 456, after line 37, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$1,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Alexandria for the Freedom House Museum for preservation and accessibility improvements. The funding will be matched dollar-to-dollar."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million GF the first year to Alexandria for improvements to the Freedom House Museum.)

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Natural and Historic Resources

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FY27-28

Department of Historic Resources

\$1,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 454, line 2, strike "\$15,468,942" and insert "\$16,468,942".

Page 456, after line 37, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$1,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the County of Arlington to support the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial Visitor Education Center."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million GF the first year to support the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial Visitor Education Center.)

Item 376 #1s

Natural and Historic Resources

Marine Resources Commission

Language

Language:

Page 458, after line 25, insert:

" I. 1. For purposes of this Item 376, Section I, "Phase I" means the following drawings: (i) "Norfolk CSRM State-Owned Bottom and Right-of-Way Map," Map Number – 68 Phase IA, dated October 8, 2025, prepared by TKY; (ii) Drawing entitled "Grandy Village Living Shoreline Preliminary Bottom Impacts WSSI #36556.01," Exhibit 1, prepared by Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc., a Davey Company; (iii) Drawing entitled "Richmond and Surrey Crescent Shoreline State Bottom Impacts"; (iv) "Wetlands Impact Analysis Phase 1A-WS-1," Map: Wetlands Impact Analysis (JPA), dated August 28, 2025, revised January 15, 2026, developed by

JAO; (v) "Wetlands Impact Analysis Phase 1A-WS-2," Map: Wetlands Impact Analysis (JPA), dated August 28, 2025, revised January 15, 2026, developed by JAO; (vi) "Wetlands Impact Analysis Phase 1A-PS-HP1," Map: Wetlands Impact Analysis (JPA), dated August 28, 2025, revised January 15, 2026, developed by JAO; (vii) "Wetlands Impact Analysis Phase 1A-FD-1," Map: Wetlands Impact Analysis (JPA)DDwithExcludedPermitAreaTable, dated August 28, 2025, revised January 22, 2026, developed by JAO; (viii) "Wetlands Impact Analysis Phase 1A-HP," Map: Wetlands Impact Analysis (JPA)DDwithExcludedPermitAreaTable, dated August 28, 2025, revised January 27, 2026, developed by JAO; (ix) "Wetlands Impact Analysis Phase 1A-RR-1," Map: Wetlands Impact Analysis (JPA), dated August 28, 2025, revised January 15, 2026, developed by JAO; (x) "Wetlands Impact Analysis Phase 1A-PS-NC-1," Map: Wetlands Impact Analysis (JPA), dated August 28, 2025, revised January 15, 2026, developed by JAO; (xi) "Wetlands Impact Analysis Phase 1A-Sub-1," Map: Wetlands Impact Analysis (JPA), dated August 28, 2025, revised January 15, 2026, developed by JAO; (xii) "Wetlands Impact Analysis Phase 1A-Sub-2," Map: Wetlands Impact Analysis (JPA), dated August 28, 2025, revised January 15, 2026, developed by JAO; and (xiii) "Wetlands Impact Analysis Phase No Impact," Map: Wetlands Impact Analysis (JPA), dated August 28, 2025, revised January 15, 2026, developed by JAO.

2. That, in consideration of the mutual promises of the parties and the payment of \$1, and on terms otherwise acceptable to the Marine Resources Commission (the Commission), the Commission is hereby authorized to convey to the City of Norfolk, in locations acceptable to the Commission, the following real property interests in subaqueous land that are necessary for Phase I, as generally shown on the Phase I drawings: permanent easement interests; temporary construction easements; and fee simple interests, pursuant to quitclaims.

3. That, in consideration of the mutual promises of the parties and the payment of \$1, and on terms otherwise acceptable to the Commission, the Commission is hereby authorized to quitclaim to the City any interest that the Commonwealth may have in and to the property known as Newton Canal, a/k/a Mahone's Canal, a/k/a Brambleton Canal, which property is located within the boundaries of City of Norfolk GPIN 1437339770.

4. That the conveyances authorized herein shall be made in consultation with the Chief

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Resilience Officer of the Commonwealth and the Office of the Attorney General. The conveyances authorized herein shall be approved by the Governor and made in a form approved by the Office of the Attorney General. The appropriate officials of the Commonwealth are hereby authorized to prepare, execute, and deliver such deeds and other documents as may be necessary to accomplish the conveyances.

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes conveyance of real property interests in state-owned bottomlands to the City of Norfolk.)

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Natural and Historic Resources

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Marine Resources Commission

\$2,600,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 457, line 6, strike "\$28,018,943" and insert "\$30,618,943".

Page 458, after line 25, insert:

"I. Out of the amounts in this Item, \$2,600,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the Northern Neck Planning District Commission for emergency dredging of the Little Wicomico River."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.6 million GF the first year for emergency dredging of the Little Wicomico River.)

Item 382 #1s

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council

Language

Language:

Page 460, after line 42, insert:

"A. The Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council shall provide to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, no later than November 15, 2026, a report with options, including associated costs and any necessary statutory changes, for establishing shared infrastructure for electronic storage and dissemination of discovery materials, including approaches and funding strategies used in the other states, with the goal of leveraging economies of scale and improving the uniformity of IT infrastructure and discovery practices in Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices across the state."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council to provide options and associated costs for establishing shared infrastructure for electronic storage and dissemination of discovery materials, including approaches and funding strategies used in the other states, with the goal of leveraging economies of scale and improving the uniformity of IT infrastructure in Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices across the state.)

Item 389 #1s

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Corrections

Language

Language:

Page 466, line 48, after "Item.," insert:

"The workgroup shall also examine the feasibility and costs of establishing partnerships with academic medical centers to: (i) perform utilization management review for evaluating the need for specialty medical care; and (ii) provide onsite care using medical center students and residents."

Page 466, after line 50, insert:

"E. The Department shall report on potential options for medical release or secure external nursing home options for elderly or high-cost claimants, including any associated fiscal impacts and public safety considerations, including eligible offenses, as well as practices used in other states. The Department shall provide its options and recommendations to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by October 15, 2026.

F. The Department of Planning and Budget shall unallot \$5,000,000 of the amounts provided in this Item from the general fund in the first year until the Department of Corrections has issued a request for proposals that includes the post audit required by Chapter 1, 2024 Special Session I."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides language that directs the Department of Corrections to further examine initiatives in other states to further leverage services from academic medical centers and to provide options for medical release or external nursing home options. Language also unallots \$5.0 million of the \$59.7 million provided for increased inmate medical costs until the Department has issued a request for proposals that includes the post audit required by Chapter 1, 2024 Special Session I.)

Item 390 #1s

Public Safety and Homeland Security

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Department of Corrections

\$700,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 466, line 51, strike "\$208,907,340" and insert "\$209,607,340".

Page 468, after line 48, insert:

"O. Included in the appropriation for this Item is \$700,000 the first year from the general fund for the estimated net increase in the operating cost of adult correctional facilities resulting from the enactment of sentencing legislation as listed below. This amount shall be paid into the Corrections Special Reserve Fund, established pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, Code of Virginia.

1. Senate Bill 50 -- \$50,000
2. Senate Bill 160 -- \$50,000
3. Senate Bill 173 -- \$50,000
4. Senate Bill 272 -- \$50,000
5. Senate Bill 323 -- \$50,000
6. Senate Bill 376 -- \$50,000
7. Senate Bill 542 -- \$50,000
8. Senate Bill 643 -- \$50,000
9. Senate Bill 644 -- \$50,000
10. Senate Bill 661 -- \$50,000
11. Senate Bill 670 -- \$50,000
12. Senate Bill 727 -- \$50,000
13. Senate Bill 749 -- \$50,000
14. Senate Bill 794 -- \$50,000"

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$700,000 GF the first year for the required deposit to the Corrections Special Reserve Fund, pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, Code of Virginia, for 14 sentencing bills that passed the Senate and are projected to increase the number of state-responsible prison beds that will be required over the next six years.)

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FY27-28

Department of Corrections

\$2,140,000

\$450,000 GF

Language:

Page 466, line 51, strike "\$208,907,340" and insert "\$211,047,340".

Page 466, line 51, strike "\$208,907,340" and insert "\$209,357,340".

Page 468, after line 48, insert:

"O. The Department may not transfer appropriated amounts from program 197 (Instruction) to other programs. The Department of Planning and Budget is directed to reappropriate any unexpended balances at the end of the fiscal year so that the Department may use such balances

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for one-time expenditures to support correctional education, such as equipment."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.1 million GF the first year and \$450,000 GF the second year for a software application for the Department of Corrections (DOC)'s case management system to improve the data available to the Department as it places inmates in programs and facilities. The software would support two recommendations made by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission related to correctional education, including: 1) DOC should require that principals consider inmates' assessed need for educational and vocational programming to reduce their risk of recidivism when making program enrollment decisions; and 2) DOC should develop clear criteria for using temporary transfer holds for inmates in career and technical education (CTE) programs and require staff to use these criteria to guide their CTE participant transfer decisions. The software would also help to better coordinate inmate transportation between facilities and outside the facility, such as for court dates and medical appointments. Language also prohibits amounts appropriated for inmate education to be used for a different purpose.)

Item 390 #3s

Public Safety and Homeland Security

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Corrections

\$7,837,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 466, line 51, strike "\$208,907,340" and insert "\$216,744,340".

Page 468, after line 48, insert:

"O. Included in the appropriation for this Item is \$7,837,000 the first year from the general fund to provide a bonus of \$1,000 for each employee assigned to a facility, with \$500 per employee provided in July 2026 and \$500 provided in December 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$7.8 million GF the first year for a bonus of \$1,000 for each employee assigned to a facility, with the first \$500 provided in July 2026 and the the remaining \$500 provided in December 2026.)

Item 390 #4s

Public Safety and Homeland Security

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Corrections

\$151,627

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 466, line 51, strike "\$208,907,340" and insert "\$209,058,967".

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$151,627 GF the first year to support implementation of Senate Bill 62, which establishes a resentencing process for individuals that were convicted of certain marijuana-related convictions before July 1, 2021, who are still incarcerated or on community supervision. The funding supports the requirement that the Department of Corrections must identify and notify individuals who are eligible for the resentencing process.)

Item 390 #5s

Public Safety and Homeland Security

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Corrections

\$1,605,215

\$1,186,075 GF

Language:

Page 466, line 51, strike "\$208,907,340" and insert "\$210,512,555".

Page 466, line 51, strike "\$208,907,340" and insert "\$210,093,415".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.6 million GF the first year and \$1.2 million GF the second year to purchase additional body-worn cameras for Department of Corrections officers using a phased approach. This amount is sufficient to cover all security officers at Level 4 and Level 5 facilities, supplementing approximately 1,300 body-worn cameras that the Department currently uses.)

Item 390 #6s

Public Safety and Homeland Security

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Department of Corrections

\$300,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 466, line 51, strike "\$208,907,340" and insert "\$209,207,340".

Page 468, after line 48, insert:

"O. Included in the appropriation for this Item is \$300,000 the first year from the general fund for a contract to provide law-enforcement specific recruitment and retention training to employees to improve hiring practices and strategies to increase the number of successful recruitments."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$300,000 GF the first year for the Department of Corrections to engage a vendor to provide law-enforcement specific recruitment and retention training to improve hiring practices and strategies to increase the number of successful recruitments.)

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Item 390 #7s

Public Safety and Homeland Security

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Department of Corrections

\$400,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 466, line 51, strike "\$208,907,340" and insert "\$209,307,340".

Page 468, after line 48, insert:

"O. Included in the appropriation for this Item is \$400,000 the first year from the general fund for the estimated net increase in the operating cost of adult correctional facilities resulting from the enactment of sentencing legislation as listed below. This amount shall be paid into the Corrections Special Reserve Fund, established pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, Code of Virginia.

1. Senate Bill 47 -- \$50,000
2. Senate Bill 55 -- \$50,000
3. Senate Bill 144 -- \$50,000
4. Senate Bill 362 -- \$50,000
5. Senate Bill 444 -- \$50,000
6. Senate Bill 673 -- \$50,000
7. Senate Bill 743 -- \$50,000
8. Senate Bill 778 -- \$50,000"

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$400,000 GF the first year for the required deposit to the Corrections Special Reserve Fund, pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, Code of Virginia, for eight sentencing bills that passed the Senate and are projected to increase the number of state-responsible prison beds that will be required over the next six years.)

Item 391 #1s

Public Safety and Homeland Security

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Department of Criminal Justice
Services

\$125,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 469, line 4, strike "\$6,193,054" and insert "\$6,318,054".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$125,000 GF the first year to support implementation of Senate Bill 647, which requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to establish a model policy for law enforcement operation of unmanned aircraft systems in accordance with state law.)

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Item 391 #2s

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$453,594 3.00	\$453,594 3.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 469, line 4, strike "\$6,193,054" and insert "\$6,646,648".

Page 469, line 4, strike "\$6,193,054" and insert "\$6,646,648".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$453,594 GF and 3.0 positions each year to support implementation of Senate Bill 543, which relates to enforcement of marijuana laws in the Commonwealth. The funding would support the bill's requirement that the Department of Criminal Justice Services establish compulsory minimum and in-service training standards for law enforcement officers on enforcement of Virginia's Cannabis Control Act and hemp-related laws.)

Item 392 #1s

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$127,510 1.00	\$255,020 2.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 470, line 16, strike "\$3,805,987" and insert "\$3,933,497".

Page 470, line 16, strike "\$3,405,987" and insert "\$3,661,007".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$127,510 GF and 1.0 position the first year and \$255,020 GF and 2.0 positions the second year for the fiscal impact of Senate Bill 182, which directs the Department of Criminal Justice Services to provide or approve human trafficking awareness training for short-term rental operators.)

Item 394 #1s

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	(\$4,726,025)	(\$4,329,560)	GF

Language:

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Page 471, line 8, strike "\$233,685,032" and insert "\$228,959,007".

Page 471, line 8, strike "\$231,685,032" and insert "\$227,355,472".

Page 473, line 20, strike the first instance of "\$20,362,525" and insert "\$15,636,500".

Page 473, line 20, strike the second instance of "\$20,362,525" and insert "\$16,032,965".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces the annual appropriation for the School Resource Officer Incentive Grant Fund from \$20.4 million GF each year to \$15.6 million GF the first year and \$16.0 million GF the second year to better reflect utilization trends. The adjusted amount remains sufficient to cover all existing grant award obligations and provide up to \$5.0 million in new awards.)

			Item 394 #2s
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$2,385,000	\$2,385,000	GF

Language:

Page 471, line 8, strike "\$233,685,032" and insert "\$236,070,032".

Page 471, line 8, strike "\$231,685,032" and insert "\$234,070,032".

Page 472, line 5, strike "\$1,615,000" and insert "\$4,000,000".

Page 472, line 6, strike "\$1,615,000" and insert "\$4,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.4 million GF each year to increase the total appropriation for Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs to \$4.0 million GF each year. CASA provides judges with trained volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children.)

			Item 394 #3s
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$6,500,000	\$6,500,000	GF

Language:

Page 471, line 8, strike "\$233,685,032" and insert "\$240,185,032".

Page 471, line 8, strike "\$231,685,032" and insert "\$238,185,032".

Page 476, line 13, strike each instance of "\$14,000,000" and insert "\$20,500,000".

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Page 476, line 20, strike "\$13,000,000" and insert "\$19,500,000".

Page 476, line 21, strike "\$13,000,000" and insert "\$19,500,000".

Page 476, line 21, after "provided to" insert "the City of Hampton, the City of Newport News,".

Page 476, line 23, after "each of the" strike "four" and insert "six".

Page 476, line 28, after "paragraph." insert:

"Recipient localities: (i) shall not use funding for school resource or school safety officers; and (ii) shall prioritize support for community-led solutions."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$6.5 million GF each year to expand the Safer Communities Program to the City of Hampton and the City of Newport News. Language requires that recipient localities prioritize support for community-led solutions and prohibits funding from being used for school safety or school resource officers.)

Item 394 #4s			
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$5,000,000	\$3,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 471, line 8, strike "\$233,685,032" and insert "\$238,685,032".

Page 471, line 8, strike "\$231,685,032" and insert "\$234,685,032".

Page 475, line 36, strike the first instance of "\$9,000,000" and insert "\$14,000,000".

Page 475, line 36, strike the second instance of "\$9,000,000" and insert "\$12,000,000".

Page 475, line 40, after "youth programs." insert:

"Out of the amounts in this paragraph, at least \$500,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided to the City of Chesapeake, at least \$500,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided to the City of Virginia Beach, and at least \$250,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided to the City of Hopewell."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides and additional \$5.0 million GF the first year and \$3.0 million GF the second year for the Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund, including \$500,000 GF the first year for the City of Chesapeake, \$500,000 GF the first year for the City of Virginia Beach, and \$250,000 GF the first year for the City of Hopewell.)

Item 394 #5s

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Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$2,050,000	\$2,050,000 GF

Language:

Page 471, line 8, strike "\$233,685,032" and insert "\$235,735,032".

Page 471, line 8, strike "\$231,685,032" and insert "\$233,735,032".

Page 478, line 1, strike each instance of "\$3,000,000" and insert "\$5,000,000".

Page 478, line 2, strike "\$2,000,000" and insert "\$3,000,000".

Page 478, line 3, strike "\$2,000,000" and insert "\$3,000,000".

Page 478, line 4, strike each instance of "\$1,000,000" and insert "\$2,000,000".

Page 478, line 6, strike each instance of "\$125,000" and insert "\$175,000".

Page 478, line 7, strike "to the City of Richmond".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.1 million GF each year to increase targeted grants to reduce community-based violence, including an additional \$1.0 million GF each year for the Big Heroes of Minority in Every Society (Big H.O.M.I.E.S. program), \$1.0 million GF each year for Cleaning Up the Streets Youth Employment Program (C.U.T.S), and \$50,000 GF each year for the Help Me Help You program.)

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Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$6,200,000	\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 471, line 8, strike "\$233,685,032" and insert "\$239,885,032".

Page 473, line 37, after "emergency." insert:

"Out of nongeneral fund cash balances in the School Resource Officer Incentive Grants Fund, up to \$6,200,000 the first year, dependent on grant applications, is designated for this purpose."

Page 473, line 51, after "ability-to-pay." insert:

"Out of nongeneral fund cash balances in the School Resource Officer Incentive Grants Fund, the Department may provide one-time fifth- and sixth-year continuation grants, prioritized to localities with a local composite index."

Explanation:

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(This amendment designates \$6.2 million the first year from unutilized nongeneral fund cash balances in the School Resource Officer Incentive Grants Fund to expand the state's digital mapping program to include public universities and community colleges, in addition to local school divisions. The program may award grants for technology that improves emergency response coordination, such as mobile-accessible floor plans and enhanced emergency communications. If additional nongeneral fund cash balances are available, language also authorizes the Department to provide one-time fifth- and sixth-year continuation grants to localities with a low local composite index.)

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Department of Criminal Justice
Services

\$1,000,000

\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 471, line 8, strike "\$233,685,032" and insert "\$234,685,032".

Page 478, after line 27, insert:

"Y. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$1,000,000 from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund for deposit in the Jail-Based Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Transition Fund."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million NGF the first year from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund for the Jail-Based Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Transition Fund. The Fund was previously provided a one-time appropriation of \$2.0 million NGF in FY 2024. This is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care.)

Item 394 #8s

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Criminal Justice Services

Language

Language:

Page 477, line 6, strike "Justices" and insert "Justice".

Page 477, line 9, strike "activates" and insert "activities".

Page 477, line 12, strike "as well as localities".

Page 477, line 13, strike "engaged in partnership programs with such institutions or nonprofit organizations" and insert:

"and regional, multi-jurisdictional, or nonprofit entities, including planning district

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commissions, councils of governments, or nonprofit intermediaries, that provide security, training, technical assistance, or coordinated services to institutions or nonprofit organizations at risk of hate crimes".

Page 477, line 15, strike "a biennial or annual" and insert "at least one annual".

Page 477, line 15, after "guidelines." insert:

"The Department may issue additional funding rounds as resources and conditions warrant."

Page 477, line 16, strike "need for the grant" and insert "demonstrated or anticipated risk".

Page 477, line 20, after "hate crimes." insert:

"In awarding grants, the Department shall seek to ensure that funding is distributed equitably across the Commonwealth, including consideration of geographic diversity, population density and planning district regions. In periods of heightened threat, credible risk, or following a significant hate-motivated incident, the Department is authorized to implement an expedited application and award process, including shortened timelines and accelerated fund disbursement, consistent with grant guidelines."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides language that makes changes to the grant eligibility and distribution for the existing grant program to combat hate crimes, administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Services. Proposed changes include: expanding grant eligibility to entities that provide security, training, and technical assistance services to organizations at risk of hate crimes; requiring at least one annual request for funding and authorizing additional, expedited requests in certain circumstances; and directing equitable distribution of grant funding across the Commonwealth.)

Item 394 #9s

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Criminal Justice Services

Language

Language:

Page 472, strike lines 36 to 40.

Page 474, line 33, strike each instance of "\$2,000,000" and insert "\$2,153,600".

Page 474, line 34, strike "continue" and insert "support".

Page 474, lines 35 through 36, strike "The number of pilot sites shall not be expanded beyond those participating in the pilot program the first year." and insert:

"The Department shall establish, in consultation with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, criteria to select additional grantees. Current grantees of the model addiction recovery program shall receive priority consideration for funding under the jail mental health pilot program. Grantees may not be funded through this pilot for more than two years, and the Department shall ensure grantees develop a plan to sustain program operations beyond the period of state funding."

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Explanation:

(This amendment discontinues the model addiction recovery program and transfers the \$153,600 GF each year for the model addiction recovery program to the Jail Mental Health Pilot Program. Language also directs the Department of Criminal Justice Services to identify additional grantees in consultation with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. Combining these two program is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care.)

Item 398 #1s

Public Safety and Homeland Security

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Emergency
Management

(\$386,900)

(\$262,800) GF

Language:

Page 480, line 2, strike "\$33,133,556" and insert "\$32,746,656".

Page 480, line 2, strike "\$33,162,078" and insert "\$32,899,278".

Page 480, strike lines 52 and 53.

Page 481, strike lines 1 and 2.

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces by \$386,000 GF the first year and \$262,800 GF the second year funding proposed in the introduced budget for devices that provide communications capabilities in emergency situations, bringing total new funding to \$37,100 GF the first year and \$25,200 GF the second year, which is estimated to be sufficient to cover one device for each of the Department of Emergency Management's seven regional offices.)

Item 398 #2s

Public Safety and Homeland Security

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Emergency
Management

\$130,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 480, line 2, strike "\$33,133,556" and insert "\$33,263,556".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$130,000 GF the first year for a contractor to support the studies required by Senate Bill 98, which relates to funding sustainability for emergency preparedness and response, and Senate Bill 635, which relates to preparation for imminent emergencies.)

Item 399 #1s

Public Safety and Homeland Security

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Emergency
Management

(\$5,000,000)
(\$35,000,000)

(\$7,000,000) GF
\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 481, line 3, strike "\$66,722,676" and insert "\$26,722,676".

Page 481, line 3, strike "\$33,722,676" and insert "\$26,722,676".

Page 481, strike lines 51 through 54.

Page 482, strike lines 1 through 5.

Explanation:

(This amendment defers \$5.0 million GF the first year, \$7.0 million GF the second year, and \$35.0 million NGF the first year proposed in the introduced budget to address any potential federal restructuring of emergency management funding, given the delay of the FEMA Review Council in releasing any final recommendations related to the potential federal restructuring.)

Item 399 #2s

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Emergency Management

Language

Language:

Page 482, after line 5, insert:

"F. The Department of Emergency Management, in consultation with the Department of General Services, shall submit a plan to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by December 15, 2026, on the operational steps necessary to transition to a regional model at the conclusion of the lease for Deepwater Terminal. The plan shall include options for regional storage, prioritizing options in state buildings including colocation with other agencies where possible, and a description of the Department's plan for managing inventory."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Emergency Management, in consultation with the Department of General Services, to submit a plan on the operational steps necessary to transition to a regional model at the conclusion of the lease for Deepwater Terminal. The plan shall include options for regional storage, prioritizing options in state buildings including colocation with other agencies where possible, and a description of the Department's plan for managing inventory.)

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Item 405 #1s

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Fire Programs	\$188,100	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 485, line 20, strike "\$11,905,518" and insert "\$12,093,618".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$188,100 GF the first year to support the development of a training program on mental health awareness for fire department personnel that satisfies the criteria in current law and the provisions of Senate Bill 140.)

Item 405 #2s

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Fire Programs	(\$207,621) -2.00	(\$232,692) NGF -2.00 FTE

Language:

Page 485, line 19, strike "\$11,905,518" and insert "\$11,697,897".

Page 485, line 19, strike "\$11,905,518" and insert "\$11,672,826".

Page 485, line 37, strike "(i)".

Page 485, line 38, after "law" strike the remainder of the line and insert ".".

Page 485, strike line 39.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes the authorization proposed in the introduced budget that would have allowed the Department of Fire Programs to use Aid to Localities funding from the Fire Programs Fund to cover the costs State Fire Marshal's Office personnel.)

Item 406 #1s

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Fire Programs	\$20,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 485, line 45, strike "\$53,707,527" and insert "\$73,707,527".

Page 486, line 1, strike "Out of" and insert:

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"Included in the amounts appropriated for this item is a one-time appropriation of \$20,000,000 the first year from the general fund, in addition to".

Page 486, line 1, after "Assembly," insert "for".

Page 486, line 2, after "Board," strike "is authorized".

Page 486, line 8, after "non-vehicular" insert "and vehicular".

Page 486, line 17, after "non-vehicular equipment" insert:

"or for replacement of vehicular equipment that is at or near the end of its reliable service life".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides a one-time appropriation of \$20.0 million GF the first year for grants to localities to support firefighting vehicular and non-vehicular equipment and directs the Department of Fire Programs to prioritize localities who are fiscally distressed, as defined by the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, and who demonstrate the need for equipment or for replacement of a fire truck that is at or near the end of its reliable service life.)

Item 413 #1s

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Juvenile Justice

Language

Language:

Page 491, after line 21, after "B.1." insert:

"The Department shall reallocate any savings from the reduced cost of operating state juvenile correctional centers to support the goals of the transformation plan that was directed in Item B., Chapter 780, 2016 Acts of Assembly, including, but not limited to: (a) increasing the number of male and female local placement options, and post-dispositional treatment programs and services; (b) ensuring that appropriate placements and treatment programs are available across all regions of the Commonwealth; and (c) providing appropriate levels of educational, career readiness, rehabilitative, and mental health services for these juveniles in state, regional, or local programs and facilities, including but not limited to, community placement programs, independent living programs, and group homes. The goals of such transformation services shall be to reduce the risks for reoffending for juveniles supervised or committed to the Department and to improve and promote the skills and resiliencies necessary for the juveniles to lead successful lives in their communities.

2."

Page 491, line 33, strike "2" and insert "3".

Page 491, line 37, strike "3" and insert "4".

Explanation:

(This amendment makes a technical correction to restore language in the base budget related to use of savings from the closures of juvenile correctional centers as part of the 2016

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transformation plan.)

		Item 414 #1s	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Juvenile Justice	\$126,403	\$126,403	GF
	1.00	1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 491, line 50, strike "\$25,775,541" and insert "\$25,901,944".

Page 491, line 50, strike "\$25,775,541" and insert "\$25,901,944".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$126,403 GF each year for 1.0 position to support coordination of services and records keeping in support of the recommendations in the Office of the State Inspector General's performance audit of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services.)

		Item 414 #2s	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Juvenile Justice	\$376,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 491, line 50, strike "\$25,775,541" and insert "\$26,151,541".

Page 492, after line 6, insert:

"A. Included in the appropriation for this Item is \$376,000 the first year from the general fund to provide a bonus of \$1,000 for each employee assigned to Bon Air Juvenile Correctional Center, with \$500 per employee provided in July 2026 and \$500 provided in December 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$376,000 GF the first year for a bonus of \$1,000 for each employee assigned to Bon Air Juvenile Correctional Center, with the first \$500 provided in July 2026 and the the remaining \$500 provided in December 2026.)

		Item 415 #1s	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of State Police	\$51,288	\$0	GF

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Language:

Page 492, line 17, strike "\$135,665,872" and insert "\$135,717,160".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$51,288 GF the first year for a modification to the Firearms Purchase Background Check System to support implementation of Senate Bill 160, which adds intimate partners to the list of individuals who may not purchase a firearm after assault and battery of their intimate partner or family member.)

	Item 415 #2s		
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of State Police	\$206,682	\$206,682	GF
	1.00	1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 492, line 17, strike "\$135,665,872" and insert "\$135,872,554".

Page 492, line 17, strike "\$135,661,900" and insert "\$135,868,582".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$206,682 GF and 1.0 position each year to support implementation of Senate Bill 115, which requires the Department of State Police to determine which other states have concealed weapon permit laws that are substantially similar to those in Virginia and adjust permit reciprocity agreements accordingly.)

	Item 415 #3s		
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of State Police	\$211,245	\$199,510	GF
	2.00	2.00	FTE

Language:

Page 492, line 17, strike "\$135,665,872" and insert "\$135,877,117".

Page 492, line 17, strike "\$135,661,900" and insert "\$135,861,410".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$211,245 GF and 2.0 positions each year to support implementation of Senate Bill 542, which establishes a retail cannabis market in the Commonwealth. The funding covers fingerprint technicians to address expected increases in background check workloads related to marijuana establishment applications.)

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Item 415 #4s

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of State Police	\$100,000	\$100,000	GF

Language:

Page 492, line 17, strike "\$135,665,872" and insert "\$135,765,872".

Page 492, line 17, strike "\$135,661,900" and insert "\$135,761,900".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 GF each year for a comprehensive, application-based missing persons response system with the purpose of unifying all alerts, such as AMBER, Silver, Ashanti, and Codi alerts, under one platform.)

Item 416 #1s

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of State Police	(\$20,641,375)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 494, line 46, strike "\$449,184,302" and insert "\$428,542,927".

Page 494, strike lines 41 through 44.

Page 496, after line 37, insert:

"T. 1. The Department of Planning and Budget shall unallot \$16,131,100 of the amounts provided in this Item from the general fund in the first year until the Department of State Police has submitted the following information related to its projected budget deficit to the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, and Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, including, for each fiscal year from fiscal year 2016 through fiscal year 2025: (i) a comparison of appropriations and expenditures categorized by payroll and non-payroll including fund source; (ii) the number and rate of vacancies, noting the denominator used to calculate the vacancy rate; (iii) the average salary at the Department, categorized by sworn and civilian positions, and total amounts spent pursuant to the Workforce Transition Act; and (iv) the estimated vacancy savings, including the methodology used to calculate such savings.

2. Beginning July 1, 2026, the Department shall meet quarterly with the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget, or his designee, the Secretary of Public Safety & Homeland Security, or his designee, and the Staff Directors of the House Appropriations Committee and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, or their designees, to provide updates that include the following information for the current fiscal year to date: (i) for each

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paragraph in the appropriation act that designates funding for a specific purpose, a detailed description of how the amounts are being spent; (ii) estimated vacancy savings, including the methodology used to calculate such vacancy savings; (iii) hours and amounts spent on overtime, categorized by type of event; (iv) amounts spent pursuant to the Workforce Transition Act; and (v) any remaining projected budget deficit, including actions identified to address the budget deficit, if applicable.

3. From the amounts in this Item, the Department shall transfer necessary amounts to the Department of Planning and Budget for the Department of Planning and Budget to contract with an independent entity to conduct a comprehensive audit of the the Department of State Police's budget, identify the causes for the budget deficit for fiscal years 2026 through 2028 that was identified in fall 2025, and recommend actions for improving budget execution, internal cost controls, and organizational structure. Based on the results of the audit, the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, in consultation with the Department of State Police, the Department of Planning and Budget, and the Secretary of Finance, shall submit a report describing the actions the Department plans to undertake to avoid future budget deficits to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees no later than November 1, 2026.

4. The Department may not take any action that changes the agency's pay structure, including, but not limited to, increasing compensation for a category of employees, without the approval of the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, who, before approving the requested compensation increase, shall (i) certify that the Department has sufficient funding in its base budget to accommodate the salary increase; and (ii) notify the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, or their designees. U. The Department of State Police shall conduct an analysis of its filled and authorized staffing levels and provide options for staffing levels, including an analysis of mission coverage and costs for each staffing level option, and provide the anaylsis and options to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees no later than December 1, 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces by \$20.6 million GF the first year the amount proposed in the introduced budget for the Virginia State Police (VSP), bringing the total appropriation increase for the Department to \$32.3 million GF the first year and \$61.5 million GF the second year. The reduction reflects a delay of the third trooper school funded in the budget until FY 2028, to allow time for the Department to additional information on personnel expenditures and staffing level options. Language establishes reporting requirements that VSP must meet in order for the Department of Planning and Budget to allot \$16.1 million GF of the \$32.3 million GF provided in the first year for their operations. In light of the Department's projected budget deficit, the reporting requirements relate to VSP's historical levels of expenditures, personnel, compensation, and vacancy savings. Beginning July 1, 2026, the language requires VSP to meet quarterly with specified individuals to detail year-to-date spending. The amendment also requires VSP, through the Department of Planning and Budget, to contract with an independent entity to conduct a comprehensive audit of their budget and for the Secretary of Public Safety

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and Homeland Security to submit a report based on the results of the audit no later than November 1, 2026. Finally, the language restricts VSP from changing the agency's pay structure without approval from the Director of Department of Planning and Budget, who must first certify that sufficient funding is available in VSP's base budget. Language also removes the authority proposed in the introduced budget for VSP to use nongeneral fund balances to cover general fund operating shortfalls.)

Item 420 #1s

Transportation

Secretary of Transportation

Language

Language:

Page 501, after line 5, insert:

"D. The office shall study the feasibility of imposing a tax on paid parking in private or commercial parking lots and garages, excluding residential parking, within any county or city that is a member of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission. In consultation with the Department of Taxation, the study shall identify the number of applicable parking spaces and estimate potential revenue calculated either as a percentage of applicable parking charges or on a per-space basis. The office shall report the findings to the General Assembly no later than November 15, 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Office Intermodal Planning and Investments to study revenue options and estimates for a potential parking services tax in the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission.)

Item 420 #2s

Transportation

FY26-27

FY27-28

Secretary of Transportation

\$150,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 499, line 3, strike "\$1,120,845" and insert "\$1,270,845".

Page 501, after line 46, insert:

"M. Out of this appropriation, \$150,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided to the Secretary of Transportation, in collaboration with the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Department of Motor Vehicles, to work with counterparts in the District of Columbia and the State of Maryland to study issues related to ticket reciprocity and registering vehicles in Virginia for out-of-state residents. The study shall include but not be limited to: (i) an examination of how ticketing reciprocity is handled for tickets issued to Virginia drivers by the

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District of Columbia through automated ticket enforcement; (ii) options for how Virginia could enter into reciprocity agreements for automated tickets; (iii) options for how Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia could enter reciprocity agreements for toll violations; and (iv) an examination of the issue of out-of-state drivers in Maryland and the District of Columbia being able to register their vehicles in Virginia, including the scope of this issue and options to curtail this practice with a particular emphasis on preventing drivers with a dangerous driving record from registering vehicles in Virginia. The study will be coordinated through the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. The Department of Transportation shall submit the study to to the Chairs of the House Transportation and Appropriations, and Senate Transportation and Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1, 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$150,000 GF the first year to direct the Secretary of Transportation, in collaboration with the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Department of Motor Vehicles, to work with their counterparts in the District of Columbia and the State of Maryland to study issues related to ticket reciprocity and registering vehicles in Virginia for out-of-state residents.)

Item 428 #1s

Transportation

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Motor Vehicles

\$124,579

\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 506, line 3, strike "\$127,242,947" and insert "\$127,367,526".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$124,579 NGF the first year to fund the fiscal impact of Senate Bill 399, which prohibits the licensure of a person as a driver training school instructor for driver education courses for minors if the person has been convicted of certain sex crimes or any offense that requires registration on the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry. The bill requires the Department to establish and maintain a public, searchable database of disciplinary action taken by the Department against an instructor or driver training school. The bill requires driver training schools to notify students, prospective students, and guardians thereof of any such disciplinary actions taken in the preceding 24 months or while such student is enrolled.)

Item 433 #1s

Transportation

Department of Rail and Public Transportation

Language

Language:

Page 509, after line 26, insert:

"F.1 The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) shall produce and make public (i) a 20-year, conceptual capital plan every five years beginning November 1, 2026, which will include an analysis of capital investments and other opportunities to be more cost efficient, (ii) a funding/financial plan for major projects with a capital cost greater than \$300.0 million (adjusted for inflation), and (iii) an annual report on the performance of WMATA and its capital program, actual prior-year and anticipated next-year cost savings and cost efficiency efforts, and the use and outcomes of additional dedicated funding.

2. The Department of Rail and Public Transportation shall review cost savings and cost efficiency efforts of WMATA. The Department shall report and provide recommendations to the Chairs of the Senate Finance and Appropriations and Transportation and House Appropriations and Transportation Committees by October 15, 2026. WMATA shall provide any information and assistance to the Department."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to produce and make public (i) a 20-year, conceptual capital plan every five years beginning November 1, 2026, which will include an analysis of capital investments and other opportunities to be more cost efficient, (ii) a funding/financial plan for major projects with a capital cost greater than \$300 million (adjusted for inflation), and (iii) an annual report on the performance of WMATA and its capital program, actual prior-year and anticipated next-year cost savings and cost efficiency efforts, and the use and outcomes of additional dedicated funding. This amendment also requires the Department of Rail and Public Transportation to study WMATA cost savings and cost efficiency efforts and submit a report to the General Assembly by October 15, 2026.)

Item 433 #2s

Transportation

Department of Rail and Public Transportation

Language

Language:

Page 509, after line 26, insert:

"F. The Department of Rail and Public Transportation shall evaluate the feasibility of consolidating DASH Alexandria Transit, Fairfax Connector, ART Arlington Transit, and CUE Fairfax City into a single, unified regional bus system. As part of this evaluation, the Department shall prepare and submit a comprehensive report assessing: (i) potential cost savings and long-term financial impacts; (ii) operational efficiencies and service improvements; (iii) rider and community input, including public feedback and consumer sentiment; (iv) potential challenges, implementation considerations, and legal or governance implications

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associated with consolidation; and (v) a review of comparable consolidation efforts in other states or metropolitan regions. The Department shall submit a report to the Chairs of the Senate and House Transportation Committees by November 1, 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires the Department of Rail and Public Transportation to evaluate the feasibility of consolidating DASH Alexandria Transit, Fairfax Connector, ART Arlington Transit, and CUE Fairfax City into a single, unified regional bus system.)

		Item 433 #3s	
Transportation	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Rail and Public Transportation	\$0	\$19,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 508, line 8, strike "\$862,989,928" and insert "\$881,989,928".

Page 508, line 28, after "Fund" insert:

"and \$19,000,000 the second year from the general fund"

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$19.0 million GF the second year for one-time transit capital investments.)

	Item 435 #1s	
Transportation		
Department of Rail and Public Transportation		Language

Language:

Page 510, after line 7, insert:

"C. The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, with assistance from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, shall conduct a statewide study to plan, promote, and identify funding opportunities for transit-orientated development around existing and proposed transit and rail stations. The study also will include an analysis of potential barriers to housing production and economic development in these areas. The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation shall submit the results of the study to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 15, 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, with

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assistance from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, to conduct a statewide study to plan, promote, and identify funding opportunities for transit-orientated development around existing and proposed transit and rail stations and include an analysis of potential barriers to housing production and economic development in these areas.)

Item 437 #1s

Transportation

Department of Transportation

Language

Language:

Page 510, line 35, after "needs.", insert:

"Included in the amounts in this item, \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the second year from the allocation for the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment is provided for sponsorship of the annual Public Policy Day (formerly Mobility Talks International) at the Washington, DC Auto Show."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50,000 NGF each year from the allocation for the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment to support the 11th and 12th annual Public Policy Day (formerly Mobility Talks International) at the Washington, DC Auto Show that will take place in January 2027 and January 2028, respectively.)

Item 438 #1s

Transportation

Department of Transportation

Language

Language:

Page 512, after line 51, insert:

"L. Prior to the disbursement of the \$90,000,000 allocated to the U.S. Route 220 corridor from the Priority Transportation Fund by the Commonwealth Transportation Board on November 10, 2025, the Virginia Department of Transportation, in collaboration with the Secretaries of Transportation and Commerce and Trade, shall engage with stakeholders, including members of the Blue Ridge Innovation Corridor, to discuss key priorities along the U.S. Route 220 corridor. Upon completion of engagement, the Department shall recommend to the Commonwealth Transportation Board a priority project or projects to advance with such funds."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Virginia Department of Transportation, in collaboration with the Secretaries of Transportation and Commerce and Trade, to engage with stakeholders, including

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members of the Blue Ridge Innovation Corridor, to discuss key priorities along the U.S. Route 220 corridor. Upon completion of engagement, the Department will recommend to the Commonwealth Transportation Board a priority project or projects to advance with using the \$90.0 million allocated for U.S. Route 220 from the Priority Transportation Fund.)

Item 438 #2s

Transportation

Department of Transportation

Language

Language:

Page 512, line 37, strike "\$20.0 million" and insert "\$10.0 million".

Page 512, line 39, strike "\$50.0 million" and insert "\$25.0 million".

Page 512, line 40, after "Virginia" strike ", and the" and insert:

". The Governor shall notify each member of the MEI Project Approval Commission and Commission staff of any proposed direction of funds requiring review. The".

Page 512, line 41, strike "21 days" and insert:

"30 business days".

Page 512, line 41, strike "submission" and insert:

"receipt of notification".

Page 512, line 42, strike "21" and insert "30".

Page 512, line 43, strike "21" and insert "30".

Page 512, line 43, after "directed." insert:

"The guidelines developed pursuant to § 33.2-1529.1(E), Code of Virginia shall be revised to reflect the requirements of these provisions."

Explanation:

(This amendment updates language related to the use of the Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund (TPOF) for economic development. The language clarifies how the Governor should provide notice to the members and staff of the MEI Commission on the proposed use of TPOF resources, and extends the duration of the MEI Commission's review.)

Item 441 #1s

Transportation

Department of Transportation

Language

Language:

Page 514, after line 25, strike lines 26 through 36.

Page 514, after line 25, insert:

"8. The funds provided in paragraph C.1. of this item, to the extent available, may be used to supplement the original "ERC Toll Relief program" administered by the Department and funded by ERC. The Department shall administer the program in a manner to fully utilize ERC's contribution per Amendment 9 of the Comprehensive Agreement. If the Department projects, based on parameters as of July 1, 2025, that funding will be insufficient to fully fund the program in any one year, the amount needed shall be provided from the Eligible Drivers Toll Relief Fund. The Department shall notify the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees within 30 days of any shortfall which results in a change in the amount used from the Eligible Drivers Toll Relief Fund. The Department shall report on projected estimates and any amounts supplemented from the Eligible Drivers Toll Relief Fund by March 31 of each year to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees."

Explanation:

(This amendment allows the Department of Transportation (VDOT) to utilize funds from the Eligible Drivers Relief Fund if VDOT projects that funding will be insufficient to fully fund the program in any one year.)

Item 454 #1s

Veterans and Defense Affairs

Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs

Language

Language:

Page 526, strike lines 16 through 27 and insert:

"A.1. Any administrative reappropriations or other administrative appropriation increases pursuant to Item 458 of the Appropriation Act for the 2014-2016 biennium to address the encroachment of incompatible uses in localities in which the United States Navy Master Jet Base, an auxiliary landing field, or United States Air Force Base are located shall continue to be governed by the provisions contained in the 2014-2016 Appropriation Act. The recurring, dedicated special (nongeneral) fund component of the U.S. Navy Master Jet Base and Auxiliary Landing Field encroachment mitigation program is continued through June 30, 2028.

2. In the event that dedicated special revenues generated pursuant to the provisions of the 2014-16 Appropriations Act exceed the amounts needed to fund the requirements set out in that Act, any excess dedicated special fund revenue a total of \$3,000,000 is hereby appropriated as follows:

a. \$1,700,000 for encroachment mitigation activities in the vicinity of Naval Auxiliary Landing Field Fentress;

b. \$700,000 for encroachment mitigation activities in the vicinity of Langley Air Force Base; and

c. \$600,000 for encroachment mitigation activities in the vicinity of Naval Air Station Oceana.

3. The amounts identified in paragraph A.2. of this item shall be used to provide additional

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assistance to the locality in which the United States Navy Master Jet Base auxiliary landing field is located for the purpose of purchasing property or development rights and otherwise converting such property to an appropriate compatible use and prohibiting new uses or development which is deemed incompatible with air operations arising from such Master Jet Base.

4. In addition to the amounts identified in paragraph A.1. of this item, \$450,000 is hereby appropriated as follows:

a. \$250,000 for encroachment mitigation activities in the vicinity of Naval Auxiliary Landing Field Fentress; and

b. \$200,000 for encroachment mitigation activities in the vicinity of Joint Base Langley Eustis.

5. Included in this appropriation is \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the second year from the general fund for encroachment mitigation activities in the vicinity of Joint Base Langley Eustis.

6. The Secretary shall submit a report by November 1, 2026, to the Chairs of the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee. Such report shall include (i) a plan for how additional flexibility for encroachment mitigation program funding would be used, if provided; and (ii) a description of the source or sources of dedicated special revenue appropriated in this section."

Explanation:

(This amendment restores language that was in Chapter 725, 2025 Session, but was proposed for amendment in the Governor's introduced budget, and directs the Secretary to report on how additional flexibility for encroachment mitigation program funding would be used, if provided)

	Item 455 #1s		
Veterans and Defense Affairs	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Veterans Services	\$0	(\$1,556,840)	GF

Language:

Page 527, line 1, strike "\$102,995,630" and insert "\$101,438,790".

Page 527, line 18, after "D.1." insert:

"There is hereby established a workgroup to evaluate the business plans of Virginia's veterans care centers to identify options for repayment of the working capital advance authorized by Chapter 2, 2022 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I and ensure that the care centers are self-sustaining after start-up funds are exhausted. The workgroup shall be comprised of the Secretary of Finance, or his designee, the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs, or his designee, the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, or his designee, and two experts in financial management of long-term care facilities designated by the Virginia Health Care Association. The workgroup shall report such options to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee no later than

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November 15, 2026."

Page 527, line 18, after "D.1." insert "2."

Page 527, line 18 through 19, strike "The Department of Veterans Services shall operate" and insert "The workgroup shall include in its report an analysis of the impact of operating".

Explanation:

(This amendment defers \$1.6 million GF the second year proposed in the introduced budget for start-up operations at the Puller Veterans Care Center. Language establishes a workgroup to review the business plans for the veterans care centers, identify options for repayment of a previously authorized working capital advance, and analyze the impact of operating the veterans care centers as a system.)

			Item 456 #1s
Veterans and Defense Affairs	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Veterans Services	(\$300,000)	(\$300,000)	GF

Language:

Page 527, line 24, strike "\$39,190,863" and insert "\$38,890,863".

Page 527, line 24, strike "\$39,090,863" and insert "\$38,790,863".

Page 528, strike lines 43 to 45.

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$300,000 GF each year to increase support for prevention and intervention of suicide and opiate addictions for veterans.)

			Item 456 #2s
Veterans and Defense Affairs	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Veterans Services	\$500,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 527, line 24, strike "\$39,190,863" and insert "\$39,690,863".

Page 528, line 23, strike the first instance of "\$5,000,000" and insert "\$5,500,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$500,000 GF the first year for the Department of Veterans Services program to support prevention and intervention of suicide and opioid addiction for veterans, bringing the total first-year appropriation to \$5.5 million. The program provides grants to support treatment and research.)

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Item 463 #1s

Veterans and Defense Affairs

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Military Affairs

(\$481,127)
-4.00

(\$481,177) GF
-4.00 FTE

Language:

Page 530, line 7, strike "\$66,109,232" and insert "\$65,628,105".

Page 530, line 7, strike "\$66,109,282" and insert "\$65,628,105".

Page 530, line 20, before "The Department" insert "A."

Page 530, after line 23, insert:

"B. The Department shall submit to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, no later than November 15, 2026, information to help identify options for ensuring sufficient fire prevention services are provided at Fort Pickett, including: (i) data on the amount of time Fort Pickett firefighters spent in the community responding to mutual aid requests from localities in recent fiscal years; and (ii) the payment structure for entities other than the Virginia National Guard that are tenants of Fort Pickett."

Explanation:

(This amendment defers \$481,127 GF the first year and \$481,177 GF the second year proposed in the introduced budget for four additional firefighter positions at Fort Pickett and directs the Department of Military Affairs to provide information to help identify options for ensuring sufficient fire prevention services at Fort Pickett.)

Item 465 #1s

Veterans and Defense Affairs

Department of Military Affairs

Language

Language:

Page 531, line 19, after "costs." insert:

"The Department of Planning and Budget shall unallot \$504,769 the first year of the amounts in this paragraph until the Department of Military Affairs has submitted the following information related to its projected budget deficit to the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, and Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, including, for each fiscal year from fiscal year 2016 through fiscal year 2025: (i) a comparison of appropriations and expenditures categorized by payroll and non-payroll including fund source; (ii) the average salary at the Department, categorized by position and funding source; and (iii) the number of funded positions organized by function and by funding source."

Page 531, line 32, after "use" insert "up to \$500,000 the first year from".

Explanation:

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(This amendment establishes reporting requirements that the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) must meet in order for the Department of Planning and Budget to allot \$504,769 the first year of the \$2.0 million GF provided over the biennium to increase support for operations, in light of DMA's projected budget deficit. Language also limits the amount of funding that DMA may transfer from the Armory Control Board Fund to supplement personnel expenditures to \$500,000 the first year.)

Item 469 #1s

Central Appropriations

FY26-27

FY27-28

Central Appropriations

\$48,757,454

\$109,039,428 GF

Language:

Page 534, line 13, strike "\$164,110,197" and insert "\$212,867,651".

Page 534, line 13, strike "\$356,513,260" and insert "\$465,552,688".

Page 541, line 11, strike "\$92,321,275 the first year and \$203,442,509" and insert: "\$139,127,780 the first year and \$308,115,931".

Page 541, line 13, after "employees by", strike "two" and insert "three".

Page 541, line 13, after "additional", strike "two" and insert "three".

Page 542, line 6, strike "two percent on July 10, 2026 and an additional two" and insert: "three percent on July 10, 2026 and an additional three".

Page 542, line 25, strike "two percent no earlier then July 10, 2026 and an additional two" and insert:

"three percent no earlier then July 10, 2026 and an additional three".

Page 542, line 30, strike "two" insert "three".

Page 542, line 46, strike "\$2,670,022", insert "\$4,005,044".

Page 542, line 46, strike "\$5,883,756", insert "\$8,869,344".

Page 542, line 47, strike "two", insert "three".

Page 543, line 1, strike "two", insert "three".

Page 543, line 4, strike "\$1,231,839", insert "\$1,847,766".

Page 543, line 4, strike "\$2,714,536", insert "\$4,091,954".

Page 543, line 5, strike "two", insert "three".

Page 543, line 6, strike "two", insert "three".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$48.8 million GF the first year and \$109.0 million GF the second year to increase the proposed two percent salary increase to three percent for state employees included in the introduced budget.)

Item 469 #2s

Amendments to SB 30 (as Introduced)

Central Appropriations	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Central Appropriations	\$546,761	\$2,573,516	GF

Language:

Page 534, line 13, strike "\$164,110,197" and insert "\$164,656,958".

Page 534, line 13, strike "\$356,513,260" and insert "\$359,086,776".

Page 540, line 45, strike "\$392,803", insert "\$939,564".

Page 540, line 46, strike "\$1,357,202", insert "\$3,930,718".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$546,761 GF the first year and \$2.6 million GF the second year to reflect the impact of the increase in the state minimum wage pursuant to Senate Bill 1.)

Item 469 #3s

Central Appropriations	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Central Appropriations	\$0	\$210,442	GF

Language:

Page 534, line 13, strike "\$356,513,260" and insert "\$356,723,702".

Page 543, after line 8, insert:

"V. Out of this appropriation, an amount estimated at \$210,442 the second year from the general fund is available for transfer to the Compensation Board to fund the increases in the Virginia minimum wage scheduled for January 1, 2027 and January 1, 2028."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$210,442 GF the second year from to fund the impact on the Compensation Board of the increases in the Virginia minimum wage scheduled for January 1, 2027 and January 1, 2028.)

Item 469 #4s

Central Appropriations	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Central Appropriations	\$63,100	\$63,100	GF

Language:

Page 534, line 13, strike "\$164,110,197" and insert "\$164,173,297".

Page 534, line 13, strike "\$356,513,260" and insert "\$356,576,360".

Page 541, line 2, after "estimated at", strike "\$4,133,277", insert "\$4,196,377".

Page 541, line 2, after "first year and", strike "\$4,133,277", insert "\$4,196,377".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$63,100 GF each year to fund the fiscal impact of Senate Bill 523, which increases Line of Duty Act premiums.)

Item 469 #5s

Central Appropriations

Central Appropriations

Language

Language:

Page 543, after line 8, insert:

"V. The Department of Planning and Budget shall annually collect salary data for state-supported local employees. The data shall include the total salaries for full-time employees expended in the most recent fiscal year and the full-time employee count as of the last day of each fiscal year. State-supported local employee groups include.

- 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 Act employees, and local health departments where a memorandum of understanding exists with the Virginia Department of Health."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Planning and Budget to collect full-time salary data and employee counts of state-supported local employees each year.)

Item 470 #1s

Central Appropriations

FY26-27

FY27-28

Central Appropriations

\$50,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 543, line 10, strike "\$18,877,672" and insert "\$68,877,672".

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Page 544, after line 2, insert:

"I.1. Out of this appropriation, \$50,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for costs associated with the development of a statewide financial system at the Department of Education. The Department shall procure and implement a statewide financial system for K-12 public education to support real-time financial data, streamlined reporting from school divisions to the state, improve ability to track, monitor, and support school divisions on their financial status, and allow information and reporting to be shared with stakeholders in real-time. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget shall unallot this appropriation until such time that the Department develops an implementation plan approved by the Secretary of Education. After the contingency is met, the Director, Department of Planning and Budget shall allot the amount that is needed in each fiscal year based on a reasonable funding schedule provided by the Department for each fiscal year.

2. Any amounts unobligated in paragraph 1, above, for a statewide financial system may be used to support the costs of procuring and transitioning to a new statewide assessment system after the Department determines the desired system and develops an implementation plan approved by the Secretary of Education. After the contingency is met, the Director, Department of Planning and Budget shall allot the amount that is needed in each fiscal year based on a reasonable funding schedule provided by the Department for each fiscal year.

3. Any amounts remaining from the general fund appropriation identified in this Item that remain unspent at the end of any fiscal year shall be reappropriated in the next fiscal year for the stated purposes in this Item."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50.0 million GF the first year to support the development of a statewide financial system at the Department of Education. Language specifies that remaining balances from the appropriation may be used to support a new statewide assessment system.)

			Item 470 #2s
Central Appropriations	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Central Appropriations	\$428,000	\$758,000	GF

Language:

Page 543, line 10, strike "\$18,877,672" and insert "\$19,305,672".

Page 543, line 10, strike "\$20,522,424" and insert "\$21,280,424".

Page 535, line 33, strike "\$99,423,507", insert "\$99,851,507".

Page 535, line 34, strike "\$144,095,199", insert "\$144,853,199".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$428,000 GF the first year and \$758,000 GF the second year to fund the fiscal impact of legislation passed by the Senate that impacts the state health plan.)

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Item 470 #3s

Central Appropriations	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Central Appropriations	\$3,170,619	\$3,170,619	GF

Language:

Page 543, line 10, strike "\$18,877,672" and insert "\$22,048,291".

Page 543, line 10, strike "\$20,522,424" and insert "\$23,693,043".

Page 543, line 3, after "estimated at", strike "\$2,367,806", and insert "\$5,538,425".

Page 543, line 3, after "first year and", strike \$2,367,806, and insert "\$5,538,425".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.2 million GF each year to reflect a higher rent rate charged for state office space. The introduced budget assumed no increase in the rate despite rising costs.)

Item 470 #4s

Central Appropriations	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Central Appropriations	\$2,500,000	\$4,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 543, line 9, strike "\$18,877,672" and insert "\$21,377,672".

Page 543, line 9, strike "\$20,522,424" and insert "\$24,522,424".

Page 544, after line, 2, insert:

"I. Out of this appropriation, \$2,500,000 the first year and \$4,000,000 the second year shall be provided to establish the Public Employee Relations Board. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget shall establish the Board as an agency and transfer appropriation as appropriate."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.5 million GF in the first year and \$4.0 million the second year for the fiscal impact of Senate Bill 378, which repeals the prohibition on collective bargaining by public employees and establishes the Public Employee Relations Board as a supervisory board within the executive branch.)

Item 471 #1s

Central Appropriations	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Central Appropriations	\$90,000,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Amendments to SB 30 (as Introduced)

Page 544, line 4, strike "\$1,300,000" and insert "\$91,300,000".

Page 546, after line 18, insert:

"K. Out of this appropriation, \$90,000,000 from the general fund the first year is authorized to be provided to the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) if the general fund amounts in Item 291 of this act are insufficient to pay all Medicaid costs in the fiscal year due to higher than expected program costs. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget (DPB), shall have the authority to transfer this appropriation if the Director of DMAS can demonstrate that the general fund appropriation is insufficient to meet all obligations for the fiscal year. In the first year, if the Director of DMAS notifies DPB that payments in the Medicaid program were delayed from fiscal year 2026 into fiscal year 2027 due to insufficient funding, the Director of DPB shall have the authority to allot the general fund share of that shortfall to cover those payments in fiscal year 2027. The Director of DPB shall notify the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee within five days of any transfer of appropriation pursuant to these provisions."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$90.0 million GF the first year as a Medicaid reserve contingency for higher than expected costs of the program.)

Item 471 #2s

Central Appropriations

Central Appropriations

Language

Language:

Page 546, strike lines 11 through 18, and insert:

"J. 1. From such general fund revenues as are collected for fiscal year 2026 in excess of the official fiscal year 2026 revenue estimate included in the final 2024-2026 biennial appropriation act adopted in the 2026 General Assembly Session, \$500,000,000 shall be excluded from the calculation of the deposits to the Revenue Reserve Fund and Water Quality Improvement Fund Part A, but not from the calculation required to meet any Constitutionally-mandated deposit to the Revenue Stabilization Fund. This amount is reflected in §3 of Enactment 1 of this Act, in the unreserved beginning balance for fiscal year 2027.

2. From such general fund revenues as are collected for fiscal year 2026 in excess of the official fiscal year 2026 revenue estimate included in the final 2024-2026 biennial appropriation act adopted in the 2026 General Assembly Session, the first \$535,000,000, or portion thereof, that is not required to meet a Constitutionally-mandated deposit to the Revenue Stabilization Fund, the exclusion in subsection J.1. above, or a Water Quality Improvement Fund Part A deposit, and prior to calculating the Revenue Reserve Fund, shall be reserved by the Comptroller in the Committed Fund Balance for for the following purposes in priority order during the first year: \$35,000,000 for the Pell Initiative for Virginia; and \$500,000,000 for the purpose supplanting

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bond proceeds in Item C-29 of this act with general fund dollars."

Explanation:

(This amendment excludes \$500.0 million GF from the actual FY 2026 revenue when calculating any required deposits to the Revenue Reserve Fund and Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF) Part A. This general fund amount is assumed in the unreserved beginning balance for FY 2027 in Item 0 of this Act. Additionally, it reserves any remaining surplus up to \$535.0 million, after calculating the Revenue Stabilization Fund Deposit and WQIF Part A, to support the Pell Initiative at the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and to supplant a portion of tax-supported bonds authorized in Item C-29 of the Act.)

Item 474 #1s

Independent Agencies

State Corporation Commission

Language

Language:

Page 549, line 15, before "Out", insert "A."

Page 549, after line 19, insert:

"B. Notwithstanding § 6.2-1810 of the Code of Virginia, the State Corporation Commission shall not be required to certify and contract with one or more third parties to develop, implement, and maintain a short-term loan database if the existing vendor discontinues its operation of the database and it is not feasible for the State Corporation Commission to procure an alternative vendor. In such event, the provisions in § 6.2-1810 relating to the database shall be inapplicable and the State Corporation Commission shall amend its regulations under Chapter 18 of Title 6.2 of the Code of Virginia accordingly."

Explanation:

(This amendment relieves the State Corporation Commission from the statutory requirement that it contract with one or more third parties to operate a short-term loan database.)

Item 475 #1s

Independent Agencies

State Corporation Commission

FY26-27

\$1,000,000

FY27-28

\$1,000,000 NGF

Language:

Page 549, line 20, strike "\$41,548,933" and insert "\$42,548,933".

Page 549, line 20, strike "\$41,367,346" and insert "\$42,367,346".

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$1.0 million NGF each year to reflect the impact of legislation passed by the Senate on the State Corporation Commission.)

Item 478 #1s

Independent Agencies

FY26-27

FY27-28

State Corporation Commission

\$200,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 550, line 2, strike "\$558,582,934" and insert "\$758,582,934".

Page 550, after line 33, insert:

"F.1. Out of this appropriation, \$200,000,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided to the Virginia Health Benefit Exchange (VHBE) and the State Corporation Commission to establish and administer a state-based premium assistance program to offset the expiration of enhanced federal premium tax credits and maintain affordable coverage for individuals purchasing health insurance through the state's exchange. The program shall provide state-funded premium subsidies for individuals purchasing qualified health plans through the VHBE to cap household premium contributions as a percentage of household income and shall prioritize individuals and families with household incomes below 400 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL). Within the available funding, the VHBE shall design the program to maintain pre-expiration premium affordability levels and to stabilize enrollment. The VHBE is authorized to implement this program for the 2026 plan year through a special enrollment period, if feasible and practical. Any funding not used for the program in plan year 2026 shall be used to support the program in plan year 2027. The VHBE shall administer the program in a manner that minimizes administrative burden, promotes continuous coverage, and stabilizes the individual health insurance market.

2. On or before December 1 of each year, VHBE shall report to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees on program enrollment, premium reductions achieved, and program expenditures.

3. Any unexpended balance on June 30, 2027, shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated in fiscal year 2028."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$200.0 million GF the first year to offset the impact of federal enhanced tax credits for health insurance plans purchased through the marketplace. The federal enhanced credits expired on December 31, 2025.)

Item 478 #2s

Independent Agencies

FY26-27

FY27-28

Amendments to SB 30 (as Introduced)

State Corporation Commission

\$0

\$277,475 GF

Language:

Page 550, line 2, strike "\$558,536,578" and insert "\$558,814,053".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$277,475 GF the second year for the costs of defraying the federal costs of mandated state health insurance benefits that exceed the benchmark plan pursuant to legislation that has passed the Senate.)

Item 479 #1s

Independent Agencies

Virginia Lottery

Language

Language:

Page 551, after line 27, insert:

"F. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, including § 3-2.03, § 4-3.02, and § 4-13.00 of the Appropriations Act, the State Comptroller shall authorize an interest-free treasury loan for the Virginia Lottery to fund costs associated with the implementation of electronic gaming device oversight pursuant to the provisions of Senate Bill 661 of the 2026 General Assembly. The amount of the Treasury loan may include costs as estimated to be incurred by Virginia Lottery for the administration, regulation, enforcement, and oversight of electronic gaming devices. 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 state costs associated with the administration and regulation of electronic gaming devices. Intended repayment of the treasury loan is from revenues anticipated from taxes, fees, and fines collected pursuant to the authorizing legislation. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, is authorized to provide nongeneral fund appropriation to Virginia Lottery in the amounts necessary to reflect expenditures in accordance with this paragraph.

G. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, including § 3-2.03, § 4-3.02, and § 4-13.00 of the Appropriations Act, the State Comptroller shall authorize an interest-free treasury loan for the Virginia Lottery to fund costs associated with establishing the Lottery as the Virginia Lottery and Gaming Authority to oversee all authorized gaming in the Commonwealth pursuant to the provisions enacted in the 2026 General Assembly. The amount of the Treasury loan may include costs as estimated to be incurred by Virginia Lottery for the administration, regulation, enforcement, and oversight of transferred gaming responsibilities to the agency. 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 state costs associated with this transfer of gaming responsibilities. Intended repayment of the treasury loan is from revenues anticipated from taxes, fees, and fines collected pursuant to the authorizing legislation. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, is authorized to provide nongeneral fund

appropriation to Virginia Lottery in the amounts necessary to reflect expenditures in accordance with this paragraph."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides treasury loans for the Virginia Lottery to fund implementation costs of skill gaming pursuant to Senate Bill 661 and the reorganization of the Lottery as Virginia Lottery and Gaming Authority to oversee all regulation and oversight of authorized gaming in the Commonwealth.)

Item 479 #2s

Independent Agencies

Virginia Lottery

Language

Language:

Page 551, after line 27, insert:

"F. The Lottery shall develop an implementation plan to require all lottery terminals to possess proper age verification software to ensure that a consumer is 18 years of age or older. For purposes of this item, "terminal" means a device that is authorized by the Department to function in an interactive mode with the Department's computer gaming system or systems for the purpose of issuing tickets, plays, or an electronic facsimile thereof, and entering, receiving, and processing game-related transactions. Such plan may consider implementing age verification in lottery terminals based on the normal replacement schedule of terminals. The implementation plan shall: (i) develop a phased schedule to implement age verification software in terminals, (ii) establish a completion date for implementation, (iii) include cost estimates for such plan, (iv) provide alternative implementation schedules for consideration, and (v) recommend any necessary changes to statute or the appropriation act to implement the plan. No later than October 1, 2026, the Director of the Virginia Lottery shall report the implementation plan to the Governor and Chairs of the House Committees on General Laws and Appropriations and the Senate Committees on General Laws and Technology and Finance and Appropriations. The Virginia Lottery Board shall include the costs of such implementation plan in the revenue estimates developed and submitted to the Governor in accordance with Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia and proceed only after a forecast is adopted by a general appropriation act that includes the costs of such implementation plan."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs Lottery to develop an implementation plan to require all lottery terminals to possess proper age verification software to ensure that a consumer is 18 years of age or older.)

Item 479 #3s

Independent Agencies

Virginia Lottery

Language

Language:

Page 551, after line 27, insert:

"F. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Virginia Lottery shall oversee and regulate all forms of authorized gaming in the Commonwealth. Such transition shall be finalized in the 2027 Regular Session. The Lottery shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly, no later than October 15, 2026, the necessary statutory and appropriation act language to assume regulatory authority over sports betting, casino gaming, charitable gaming, fantasy contests, and horse racing activities as the Virginia Lottery and Gaming Authority. The Lottery shall also develop an implementation plan identifying budgetary and revenue impacts and options to ensure sufficient and sustainable revenue to support regulation of all gaming in the Commonwealth. The Department of Planning and Budget shall include in the budget bill, submitted pursuant to § 2.2-1509 of the Code of Virginia for the 2027 Regular Session, all necessary changes to effectuate this transition. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide access to information and provide technical assistance if requested by Lottery."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs Lottery to develop statutory and appropriation act changes necessary for the Lottery to oversee all forms of authorized gaming in the Commonwealth.)

Item 481 #1s

Independent Agencies

Commonwealth Savers Plan

Language

Language:

Page 552, strike lines 14 through 18.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language in the introduced budget authorizing the transfer of \$75.0 million a year from the actuarial surplus of the Defined Benefit 529 Programs to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia's Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents financial aid program.)

Item 483 #1s

Independent Agencies

Virginia Retirement System

FY26-27

\$3,000

FY27-28

\$0 NGF

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Language:

Page 553, line 12, strike "\$27,062,128" and insert "\$27,065,128".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3,000 NGF the first year related to one bill that passed the Senate that impact's the Virginia Retirement System's administrative budget.)

Item 488 #1s			
Independent Agencies	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission	\$160,000	\$100,000	GF

Language:

Page 555, line 26, strike "\$15,826,107" and insert "\$15,986,107".

Page 555, line 26, strike "\$15,826,107" and insert "\$15,926,107".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$160,000 GF the first year and \$100,000 GF the second year to the Virginia Worker's Compensation Commission to support legislation regarding the Virginia Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Coordination Program and the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund for costs associated with the reimbursement to providers for services performed during medical forensic examinations.)

Item 489 #1s			
Independent Agencies	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority	\$3,200,000 20.00	\$3,200,000 20.00	NGF FTE

Language:

Page 556, line 15, strike "\$35,896,216" and insert "\$39,096,216".

Page 556, line 15, strike "\$35,896,216" and insert "\$39,096,216".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.2 million NGF each year from net marijuana revenue profits to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority to hire 20.0 positions to support enforcement of laws related to the illegal sale and distribution of marijuana and marijuana products, in anticipation of the establishment of a new joint Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Control Agency by January 1, 2028. The goal of such enforcement shall not be to harm legitimate businesses, but instead to remove dangerous, illicit marijuana products from the Commonwealth and encourage

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participation in the retail cannabis market.)

Item 489 #2s

Independent Agencies	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority	\$5,315,818 31.00	\$3,960,543 31.00	NGF FTE

Language:

Page 556, line 15, strike "\$35,896,216" and insert "\$41,212,034".

Page 556, line 15, strike "\$35,896,216" and insert "\$39,856,759".

Page 556, after line 47, insert:

"H. The State Comptroller shall transfer \$1,400,000 in unexpended balances at the Department of Taxation, which were previously appropriated from the Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems Fund, to the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority no later than July 15, 2026 to support implementation of Senate Bill 620 of the 2026 Session of the General Assembly.

I. Out of this appropriation, \$1,737,272 the first year from the Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems Fund, which shall be transferred from the Office of the Attorney General no later than July 15, 2026, shall be used to support costs associated with implementation on Senate Bill 620 of the 2026 Session of the General Assembly.

J. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 4-3.02 of this act, the State Comptroller may authorize an interest-free treasury loan of up to \$2,00,000, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Finance, for the Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority to fund costs associated with implementation of Senate Bill 620 of the 2026 Session of the General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$5.3 million NGF the first year and \$4.0 million NGF the second year for 31.0 positions to implement the provisions of Senate Bill 620, which establishes a permitting and enforcement framework for retail tobacco permits, overseen by the Alcoholic Beverage and Control Authority. The source of funding in the first year includes \$3.1 million NGF from JUUL Settlement funds transferred from the Department of Taxation and the Office of the Attorney General. The source of the remainder of the NGF appropriation is estimated fee revenue from retail tobacco permits, and assumes an application fee of \$400 from each permittee and annual renewal fee rates established by the Authority.)

Item 491 #1s

Amendments to SB 30 (as Introduced)

Independent Agencies	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Virginia Cannabis Control Authority	\$0	(\$6,220,439)	GF
	\$18,223,509	\$22,221,363	NGF

Language:

Page 557, line 31, strike "\$6,220,439" and insert "\$24,443,948".

Page 557, line 31, strike "\$6,220,439" and insert "\$22,221,363".

Page 557, strike lines 36 to 39.

Page 557, after line 35, insert:

"A. The Board of Directors of the Cannabis Control Authority shall transfer \$3.2 million each year from net profit amounts derived pursuant to § 4.1-614 of the Code of Virginia to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority to support enforcement of laws related to the illegal sale and distribution of marijuana and marijuana products, in anticipation of the establishment of a new joint Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Control Authority by January 1, 2028. The Department of Planning and Budget shall authorize such transfer.

B. The Board of Directors of the Cannabis Control Authority shall deposit into the Fund established pursuant to § 2.2-2499.8 of the Code of Virginia any net profit amounts designated for appropriation pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection B of § 4.1-614 of the Code of Virginia and amounts designated pursuant to enactment clause 13 of Senate Bill 542. The Department of Planning and Budget shall authorize the transfer necessary for such deposit to such Fund.

C. On or before June 30, 2027, the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall authorize the reversion to the general fund of \$2,192,415 from unexpended balances of this program.

D. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 4-3.02 of this act, the State Comptroller may authorize an interest-free treasury loan of up to \$5,000,000, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Finance, 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 Senate Bill 542 and Senate Bill 543 of the 2026 Session of the General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$18.2 million NGF the first year and \$22.2 million NGF the second year to support implementation of Senate Bill 542 and Senate Bill 543, which relate to establishing a retail cannabis market and enforcing marijuana laws in the Commonwealth. The amendment also removes \$6.2 million GF in the second year, when the Authority indicates it will be able to fully fund operations on nongeneral fund revenue. Language directs the Cannabis Control Authority to transfer \$3.2 million each year of net marijuana revenue profits to the

Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority so that they may hire 20.0 positions to support enforcement of laws related to the illegal sale and distribution of marijuana and marijuana products, in anticipation of the establishment of a new joint Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Control Agency by January 1, 2028. Language also directs the Cannabis Control Authority to deposit the amounts to the Cannabis Equity Business Loan Fund required by Senate Bill 542, including 75.0 percent of marijuana establishment annual licenses fees in FY 2027 and 30.0 percent of marijuana tax revenue.)

Item C-0 #1s

General Conditions

General Conditions

Language

Language:

Page 568, after line 34, insert:

"S.1. The Department of General Services (DGS) shall survey state agencies and public higher education institutions that maintain state-owned buildings (hereby collectively referred to as "building managers") to determine if they conduct facilities condition assessments that result in facilities condition indexes. All building managers shall provide the requested information as specified by DGS or shall report the reasons why they do not, including funding challenges and other barriers. All requested information shall be submitted in a manner and by a date prescribed by DGS. DGS shall submit a preliminary report and initial budgetary recommendations to the Chairs of House Appropriations Committee and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee by December 15, 2026.

2.a. Based on information from building managers provided in accordance with paragraph S.1., above, DGS shall outline the costs and benefits of facility condition assessments, assess the risks of a statewide mandate, and provide recommendations on: (i) establishing a statewide contract that may be used for conducting facility condition assessment surveys; (ii) developing guidelines to ensure comparable facilities condition indexes where appropriate; (iii) proposing a long-term schedule for conducting facility condition assessments; and (iv) exploring the feasibility and challenges of developing building systems lifespan benchmarks that more precisely approximate when each system type will exceed its useful life under typical use and maintenance schedules, including developing multiple benchmarks for systems with varied lifespans.

b. DGS shall also assess the accuracy and completeness of Maintenance Reserve Facilities Index (M-R FIX) data and determine whether system upgrades to M-R FIX adequately support the capital budget process and the proportional allocation of maintenance reserve (MR) funds among agencies. DGS shall submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the Six-Year Capital Outlay Plan Advisory Committee (Committee) by September 15, 2028.

3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the Committee may develop processes

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and procedures that require building managers to submit capital improvement plans that include the use of MR funding, priority of projects, funding timelines, and any other information necessary to assist the Committee in identifying and prioritizing project recommendations.

4. No later than September 1 of each year, all building managers must identify and report underutilized and surplus buildings using a DGS form. DGS shall provide recommendations to the Committee on how such buildings should be included in the MR funding allocation.

5. DGS shall establish and maintain standards and guidelines related to competencies, required training, certification, and other necessary qualifications for individuals who manage capital outlay projects of varying cost, size, and complexity. Such guidelines shall be established in consultation with select building managers that have substantial capital assets, and/or have high maintenance needs. DGS shall perform a labor market

analysis to determine the compensation requirements for project managers who meet the established guidelines and provide a report to the Committee on the standard, guidelines, and compensation requirements no later than September 15, 2028.

6. DGS shall develop and maintain criteria to identify complex and high-risk capital outlay projects that require specialized project management qualifications, taking into account factors such as project cost, complexity, and other characteristics as determined by DGS. Project managers currently overseeing state-funded capital and MR projects shall be required to complete appropriate training on the Construction Professional Services Manual (CPSM), the Virginia Public Procurement Act (VPPA), and the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, and certify such training to the Division of Building and Engineering (DEB). DGS's Division of Construction Management may provide technical assistance in managing capital outlay projects that meet the complex and high-risk criteria and may, after assessing a project and subject to workload, enter into an agreement with a state agency or institution of higher education to manage a capital project. The Division is authorized to charge established rates for managing such projects, and such rates may be paid out of a capital project budget."

Explanation:

(This language amendment implements most of the recommendations from the October 2025 Capital Maintenance and Construction Report by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC).)

Item C-0.1 #1s		
Administration	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of General Services	\$12,800,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 568, after line 35, insert:

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"OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

§ 2-0. DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES (194)

C-0.1 Improvements: Inner Fort Monroe Utility Master Plan Improvements	\$12,800,000	\$0
Fund Sources: General	\$12,800,000	\$0 "

A. 1. There is hereby appropriated \$12,800,000 the first year from the general fund for replacement and upgrade of utility infrastructure at Fort Monroe. The Department of General Services shall act as the fiscal agent for the funds allocated to this capital project. The Fort Monroe Authority is authorized to use a portion of the funding to secure the services of a project manager for overseeing and coordinating the on-site efforts involving the various repairs and renovation activities at Fort Monroe. The project manager shall work in consultation and coordination with the Department of General Services.

2. The provisions of §§ 2-0 and 4-4.01 of this act and the provisions of § 2.2-1132, Code of Virginia, shall not apply to activity executed under this project."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$12.8 million GF the first year to support Fort Monroe's replacement and upgrade of the state-owned utility infrastructure in the inner fort management zone. The Department of General Services will serve as the fiscal agent.)

	Item C-0.2 #1s	
Administration	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of General Services	\$3,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 568, after line 35, insert:

"C-0.2 Improvements: Improve African Landing Memorial Visitor Amenities and Landscape Action Plan	\$3,000,000	\$0
Fund Sources: General	\$3,000,000	\$0 "

A. 1. There is hereby appropriated \$1,500,000 the first year from the general fund to construct visitor amenities for the African Memorial Landing at Fort Monroe. The Department of General Services shall act as the fiscal agent for the funds allocated to this capital project. The Fort Monroe Authority is authorized to use a portion of the funding to secure the services of a project manager for overseeing and coordinating the on-site efforts involving the various repairs and renovation activities at Fort Monroe. The project manager shall work in consultation and coordination with the Department of General Services.

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2. There is hereby appropriated \$1,500,000 the first year from the general fund for development of the Landscape Action Plan to serve as a management framework for the public spaces at Fort Monroe. The plan shall include, but not be limited to: (i) identification of revenue generation activities from visitation while planning for parking, circulation, amenities, and site furnishings; (ii) management plans for sea level rise, resiliency, and ecological and environmental management; and (iii) vision and direction for the long-term success of Fort Monroe.

3. The provisions of §§ 2-0 and 4-4.01 of this act and the provisions of § 2.2-1132, Code of Virginia, shall not apply to activity executed under this project."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.0 million GF to Fort Monroe Authority the first year to construct visitor amenities in the vicinity of the memorial to the first landing of enslaved Africans at Old Point Comfort and develop the landscape action plan. The Department of General Services will serve as the fiscal agent.)

	Item C-0.3 #1s	
Administration	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of General Services	\$33,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 568, after line 35, insert:

"C-0.3 Planning: Construct new state office building and parking deck(18528)	\$33,000,000	\$0
Fund Sources: General	\$33,000,000	\$0 "

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$33.0 million GF the first year to support demolition of the VDOT Annex, and planning through working drawings of the new state office building at the VDOT Annex location.)

	Item C-1 #1s	
Education: Higher Education	FY26-27	FY27-28
Christopher Newport University	\$5,542,078	\$0 GF

Language:

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Page 568, line 39, strike "\$4,457,922" and insert "\$10,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$5.5 million GF the first year at Christopher Newport University to address deferred maintenance for a total of \$10.0 million GF.)

Item C-2 #1s

Education: Higher Education

FY26-27

FY27-28

George Mason University

\$10,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 568, line 45, strike "\$20,250,000" and insert "\$30,250,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$10.0 million GF the first year at George Mason University to address deferred maintenance for a total of \$30.3 million GF.)

Item C-11.1 #1s

Education: Higher Education

FY26-27

FY27-28

Virginia Community College System

\$3,500,000

\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 569, after line 37, insert:

"C-11.1 Acquisition: Acquire Property Laurel
Ridge Community College Educational Foundation

\$3,500,000

\$0

Fund Sources: Higher Education
Operating

\$3,500,000

\$0 "

The Virginia Community College System is hereby authorized to acquire, by purchase, certain real property and improvements located adjacent to the Laurel Ridge Community College campus, consisting of approximately 4.8 acres of land and including an existing facility and the associated site and adjacent parking area. The acquisition of such real property shall be from the Laurel Ridge Community College Educational Foundation and shall constitute a partial gift to the Commonwealth, whereby the purchase price shall be established at an amount below the appraised fair market value of the property. The consideration paid shall be derived exclusively from nongeneral fund sources available to Laurel Ridge Community College, including auxiliary enterprise reserves and revenues generated from noncredit workforce programs. General fund or capital outlay appropriations shall not be required for such acquisition."

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Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes \$3.5 million NGF the first year for the the community college system to acquire real property from the the Laurel Ridge Community College Educational Foundation.)

	Item C-12.1 #1s	
Education: Other	FY26-27	FY27-28
Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation	\$11,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 570, after line 8, insert:

"§ 2-6.10. JAMESTOWN-YORKTOWN FOUNDATION (425)

C-12.1 Improvements: Address deferred maintenance	\$11,000,000	\$0
Fund Sources: General	\$11,000,000	\$0 "

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$11.0 million GF the first year to address deferred maintenance at the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation.)

	Item C-15 #1s	
Natural and Historic Resources		
Department of Conservation and Recreation		Language

Language:

Page 570, strike lines 39 through 45 and insert "Omitted."

Page 571, strike lines 1 through 31.

Explanation:

(This amendment defers acquisition of a future state park.)

	Item C-15.1 #1s	
Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$40,000,000	\$0 GF

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Language:

Page 571, after line 31, insert:

"C-15.1 Improvements: State Park Deferred Maintenance (18654)	\$40,000,000	\$0
Fund Sources: General	\$40,000,000	\$0 "

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$40.0 million GF the first year to address deferred maintenance at the state parks.)

		Item C-15.2 #1s
Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$2,000,000	\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 571, after line 31, insert:

"C-15.2 Acquisition: Acquisition of land for State Parks (18236)	\$2,000,000	\$0
Fund Sources: General	\$0	\$0
Special	\$2,000,000	\$0
Federal Trust	\$0	\$0 "

It is the intent of the General Assembly that any acquisitions by gift, transfer or purchase, be limited to in-holdings or contiguous properties, consistent with the authorization contained in Item 363 and be limited to property within or contiguous to Seven Bends, Natural Tunnel, Sailor's Creek Battlefield, Shenandoah River, Wilderness Road, Westmoreland, High Bridge Trail, Grayson Highlands, Staunton River, Kiptopeke, Caledon, New River Trail, Natural Bridge, Mayo River, Clinch River, Southwest Virginia Museum, Machicomoco, Middle Peninsula, Sweet Run, Fairy Stone, False Cape, Staunton River Battlefield, James River, Hungry Mother, Hayfields, Widewater, Culpeper Battlefields, and York River."

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes acquiring in-holdings or contiguous properties at existing state parks.)

Item C-19.1 #1s

Transportation

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Motor Vehicles

Language:

Page 572, after line 7, insert:

"C-19.1 Improvements: Renovate DMV
Headquarters (18717)

\$0

\$0

The Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), in consultation with the Director of the Department of General Services (DGS), shall study and determine the feasibility of renovating the current Department of Motor Vehicles Headquarters located at 2300 West Broad Street in the City of Richmond, as authorized in Item C-34 of Chapter 2, 2024 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, and amended by Chapter 725, 2025 Acts of Assembly. The study shall evaluate and identify the most cost-beneficial option, including renovation of the existing headquarters or acquisition and renovation of a replacement headquarters building and customer service center. If the most cost-beneficial option for the headquarters building is not suitable to house a customer service center serving the central Richmond area, the study shall identify a suitable alternative option for a customer service center to serve customers in the central Richmond area. DMV shall report the results of the study to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by October 15, 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the Department of General Services to study and identify the most cost-beneficial option to either renovate or replace the current DMV headquarters.)

Item C-26 #1s

Central Appropriations

Central Capital Outlay

Language

Language:

Page 573, line 17, strike "2,712,382" and insert "2,692,382".

Page 573, line 23, strike "9,935,728" and insert "9,955,728".

Page 575, after line 33, insert:

"4. Out of amounts provided in this Item, the Department of General Services is authorized to purchase furniture for the executive cottage at the State Military Reservation."

Page 575, after line 33, insert:

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"4. Amounts provided in this Item to the Department of General Services may be used as needed, and upon direction of the Clerks of the House and Senate, for maintenance reserve projects to address HVAC/air quality, occupancy, and security improvements necessary in buildings controlled by the General Assembly. Any such project shall be exempt from restrictions applied to maintenance reserve funds."

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes the Department of General Services (DGS) to purchase furniture for the executive cottage at the State Military Reservation and permits DGS to use maintenance reserve allocations, in consultation with the Clerks of the House and Senate, on maintenance reserve projects in buildings controlled by the General Assembly.)

Item C-27 #1s		
Central Appropriations	FY26-27	FY27-28
Central Capital Outlay	\$10,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 576, line 34, strike "\$39,893,000" and insert "\$49,893,000".

Page 576, after line 45, insert:

"213 Norfolk State University Science Building Replacement (18385)".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$10.0 million GF the first year to the capital equipment pool and includes Norfolk State University's Science Building Replacement in the pool.)

Item C-28 #1s		
Central Appropriations	FY26-27	FY27-28
Central Capital Outlay	\$6,214,338	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 577, line 4, strike "\$13,989,561" and insert "\$20,203,899".

Page 577, after line 20, insert:

"215 University of Mary Washington Renovate Simpson Library

268 Virginia Institute of Marine Science Replace Fisheries Science Research Building".

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes detailed planning for the replacement of the Fisheries Science Research Building at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science and renovation or replacement of Simpson Library at the University of Mary Washington.)

Item C-29 #1s

Central Appropriations	FY26-27	FY27-28
Central Capital Outlay	\$316,624,405	\$0 GF
	\$39,588,987	\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 577, line 36, strike "\$1,336,094,534" and insert "\$1,692,307,926".

Page 578, after line 19, insert:

"207 University of Virginia Construct Center for the Arts (18602)

208 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Renovate Derring Hall (18674)".

Page 578, after line 38, insert:

"216 James Madison University Expand College of Health and Behavioral Studies Building (18739)".

Page 578, strike lines 43 and 44.

Page 578, after line 46, insert:

"246 University of Virginia's College at Wise Renovate Darden Hall (18760)".

Page 578, after line 56, insert:

"935 Roanoke Higher Education Authority Replace windows".

Page 579, strike lines 5 through 10, and insert:

"D.1. The scope of the Department of General Services (DGS) project for the Commonwealth Courts Building (194-18537), as previously authorized in Item C-1.30, Chapter 552, 2021 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, and amended in Item C-2, Chapter 1, 2023 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, and in Item C-2 of Chapter 725 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly, is hereby revised to include improvements and safety and security enhancements to be constructed or installed within the sidewalk areas lying within the northern portion of the right-of-way of East Main Street (between North 9th Street and North 10th Street), within the eastern portion of North 9th Street (between East Main Street and Bank Street), which rights-of-way are owned by the City of Richmond (City), and more specifically as determined by the DGS project team and in collaboration with the City with respect to such rights-of-way. Accordingly, the City and DGS shall enter into a deed of easement or other proper instruments, in such form approved by the Offices of the City Attorney and of the Commonwealth Office of the Attorney General, whereby the City, without charge to the Commonwealth, shall grant to DGS, as agent of the Commonwealth, where mutually agreeable across, over, under, and above the referenced right-of-way of East Main Street and North 9th Street, (a) the perpetual and irrevocable right, privilege and easement to construct, install, use, operate, inspect, maintain, repair, replace, rebuild, improve, alter and remove (i) any construction or installation contracted for by DGS either as part of the referenced construction projects or at any time with respect to safety and security enhancements around the perimeter of Capitol Square deemed appropriate by DGS, and (ii) all equipment, accessories, utilities and appurtenances necessary to support such

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construction projects and such incorporation of safety and security enhancements, (b) the perpetual and irrevocable right, privilege and easement to inspect, maintain, repair, replace and rebuild the sidewalks and elements thereof (but not traffic control devices and signage or street lighting located thereupon) of the referenced right-of-way of East Main Street and North 9th Street, and (c) any necessary or appropriate temporary construction easements, upon terms approved by the Mayor of Richmond and the Governor, pursuant to § 2.2-1149, Code of Virginia; approval by Richmond City Council shall not be required.

2. The City, without expending City funds, shall cooperate with DGS (i) to support the referenced construction project work and incorporation of safety and security enhancements at and along East Main Street and North 9th Street, (ii) to relocate any utilities located in the agreed upon easement area, if necessary, and (iii) to coordinate any closure or other traffic flow controls of East Main Street and North 9th Street during the performance of the construction projects and the incorporation of any safety and security features that will enhance safety and security around the perimeter of Capitol Square. At no time shall DGS make any permanent changes to the East Main Street or North 9th Street rights-of-way without the prior approval of the Chief Administrative Officer of the City or the City hinder or delay construction of the referenced construction projects. Notwithstanding the foregoing, DGS may commence the construction project work and safety and security enhancements within the referenced right-of-way of East Main Street and North 9th Street prior to the execution of a deed of easement or other proper instruments, if deemed necessary by DGS to avoid delay in the implementation of the construction project work or safety and security enhancements."

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes five capital projects for full construction funding, including University of Virginia Construct Center for the Arts, Virginia Tech Renovate Derring Hall, James Madison University Expand College of Health and Behavioral Studies Building, UVA Wise Renovate Darden Hall and Roanoke Higher Education Authority Replace Windows. The amendment defers acquisition of the Altria Building for Virginia Commonwealth University.)

Item C-32 #1s

Central Appropriations

Central Capital Outlay

Language

Language:

Page 580, after line 8, insert:

"B.1. The scope and title of the Department of General Services project to "Provide water infrastructure to state facilities in Nottoway County, Virginia" (194-18516), as previously

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authorized in Item C-67 of Chapter 1289 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly, and amended in Item C-78 of Chapter 1 of the 2023 Acts of Assembly Special Session I, is hereby amended and changed to "Replace water transmission line to state facilities in Nottoway County, Virginia (194-18516)". The scope of the project shall be to replace the main water transmission line and to explore increasing water capacity via wells to support the water needs of Piedmont Geriatric Hospital, the Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation (Phases 1 and 2), and Nottoway Correctional Center. The Department shall proceed expeditiously to satisfy the scope of the project as described.

2. Funds appropriated to the 2022 Capital Supplement Pool in Item C-49 of this act and remaining from previous appropriation to the 2022 Capital Supplement Pool shall be used to support the cost of this project if needed beyond amounts originally assumed and available from the 2020 VPBA Capital Construction Pool to execute the project as described in paragraph B.1. of this Item.

3. The Department is authorized to construct, provide, and improve infrastructure as necessary to implement the project, to acquire by purchase, gift, or power of eminent domain such lands, structures, rights-of-way, franchises, easements, and other interests in lands of any person, association, partnership, corporation, railroad, public service, public utility, municipality or political subdivision, all without obtaining the consent or permission of any locality or public body. Condemnation proceedings authorized by the preceding sentence shall be conducted, at the option of the Department, under the provisions of Chapter 2 or Chapter 3 of Title 25.1 of the Virginia Code. The ownership, construction, and operation of the infrastructure shall not be subject to any state or local permitting requirements or similar ordinances or regulations. Upon completion of construction, the Department is authorized to transfer ownership and/or operation of all or any part of the property to one or more locality, which shall not require the consent or permission of any locality or public body. The exercise of the power of eminent domain for the purposes provided herein shall be and is declared to be a public use of such property.

4. The Virginia Resources Authority (VRA) and the Department of Health (VDH) shall assist the Town of Crewe with exploring and evaluating funding options to upgrade, repair, or replace water infrastructure to increase water capacity, including but not limited to, identifying grants and revolving loans. Upon request, other state agencies shall provide assistance as needed to support this effort. No later than January 1, 2026, VRA and VDH shall provide information to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees on the funding options for additional infrastructure upgrades needed to provide water for the Town of Crewe."

Explanation:

(This amendment amends the scope of the water project for three state facilities in Nottoway County to replace a water transmission line and the exploration of increasing water capacity by creating wells, and provides supplemental funding to ensure completion of the project's scope as amended. This project was originally authorized and funded in the 2020 Virginia Public Building Authority Construction Pool.)

Item C-39 #1s

Independent Agencies

FY26-27

FY27-28

State Corporation Commission

\$0

\$94,000,000 NGF

Language:

Page 583, line 8, strike "\$0" and insert "\$94,000,000".

Page 583, strike lines 9 through 13, and insert:

"A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Corporation Commission (SCC) may allocate its nongeneral fund balances to fund its capital project as initiated in Item C-79, Chapter 552, 2021 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I. Commonwealth bond financing shall not be authorized to fund any of the project's capital costs. The amounts provided in this Item are in addition to the SCC nongeneral fund appropriation in Chapter 522, 2021 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I. The scope of the project includes the renovation of the Tyler Building and leasing swing space for the SCC during the renovation."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$94.0 million NGF the second year for the State Corporation Commission to renovate the Tyler Building. This would increase the authorized funding to \$115.6 million NGF to support replacement of roofing and mechanical systems and interior renovations.)

Item 3-1.01 #1s

Transfers

Interfund Transfers

Language

Language:

Page 589, line 49, strike both instances of "31,000,000" and insert "36,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment increases the transfer to the general fund from the State Racing Operations Fund at the Virginia Racing Commission by \$5.0 million each year.)

Item 3-1.01 #2s

Transfers

Interfund Transfers

Language

Language:

Page 590, after line 12, insert:

"LL. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 2.2-1156 or any other provision of law, the Department of General Services (DGS) shall sell the Department of Forensic (DFS) Laboratory at 700 North 5th Street, Richmond, VA 23219. DGS shall sell the building once DFS notifies DGS that it no longer has an operational need for the facility after occupying the new central laboratory facility in Hanover. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 2.2-1156 or any other provision of law, after satisfying subsection G of Item 267 and subsection c of § 4-5.08 of this Act, the proceeds from the sale of this property shall be deposited in the general fund of the state treasury.

MM. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 2.2-1156 or any other provision of law, the Department of General Services shall sell the James Monroe Building and, after satisfying subsection G of Item 267 and subsection c of § 4-5.08 of this Act, the proceeds from the sale of this property shall be deposited in the general fund of the state treasury."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of General Services to sell the Department of Forensic Science's central laboratory facility and the James Monroe Building.)

Item 3-1.01 #3s

Transfers

Interfund Transfers

Language

Language:

Page 590, after line 12, insert:

"LL. On or before June 30, the State Comptroller shall transfer an estimated \$1,839,993 the first year to the general fund from the Property Analytics Firm Infrastructure Grant Fund (02014). The Comptroller shall transfer any additional interest accrued to the Fund in the first year.

MM. Notwithstanding § 9.1-110 of the Code of Virginia, on or before June 30, the State Comptroller shall transfer \$14,000,000 the first year to the general fund from the School Resource Officer Incentive Grants Fund (09035).

NN. Notwithstanding § 22.1-349.2 of the Code of Virginia, on or before June 30, the State Comptroller shall transfer an estimated \$10,122,094 the first year to the general fund from the College Partnership Laboratory School Fund (09063). The Comptroller shall transfer any additional interest accrued to the Fund in the first year."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the transfer of \$25.9 million in unused balances and interest earnings from nongeneral funds to the general fund.)

Item 3-1.01 #4s

Transfers

Interfund Transfers

Language

Language:

Page 587, after line 25, insert:

"3. The State Comptroller shall transfer to the Lottery Proceeds Fund established pursuant to §58.1-4022.1, Code of Virginia, an amount estimated at \$80,000,000 the second year, from the PreK-12 Priority Fund in § 58.1-4218, Code of Virginia, established pursuant to Senate Bill 661 of the 2026 General Assembly Session. The transfer each year shall be made in two parts: (1) on or before January 1 of each year, the State Comptroller shall transfer from the PreK-12 Priority Fund the estimated revenues generated for the first five months of the fiscal year and (2) thereafter, the transfer of estimated revenues will be made on a monthly basis, or until the amount estimated at \$80,000,000 the second year has been transferred to the Lottery Proceeds Fund. The final annual transfer of revenues necessary to reach the annual estimate noted in this section, not to exceed the amounts estimated in this paragraph, shall be initiated no later than June 20 of each year, so that the estimated revenues can be transferred to the Lottery Proceeds Fund prior to June 22. The transferred funds shall support the Lottery Funded Programs in Item 125 of this Act."

Explanation:

(This amendment transfers skill game revenue deposited to the PreK-12 Priority Fund, pursuant to Senate Bill 661, to the Lottery Proceeds Fund. A companion amendment in Item 125 increases the Lottery funding for the At-Risk Add On and the Infrastructure and Operations Per Pupil Funds from the estimated \$80.0 million in skill game revenue the second year.)

Item 3-1.01 #5s

Transfers

Interfund Transfers

Language

Language:

Page 590, after line 12, insert:

"LL. On or after July 1, 2026, the State Comptroller shall transfer the June 30, 2026 cash balance of the Virginia Business Ready Sites Acquisition Fund (09124) to the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program Fund (02026)."

Explanation:

(This amendment consolidates business ready sites funding into the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program Fund, which provides assistance to localities with site acquisition and

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development. The funding is directed for grant awards in Item 101.H.)

Item 3-1.01 #6s

Transfers

Interfund Transfers

Language

Language:

Page 587, after line 52, insert:

"3. Any transfer pursuant to subparagraph 1. or 2.a. to the general fund shall be reserved by the Comptroller in the Committed Fund Balance of the general fund at year end."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs any withdrawal from the Revenue Stabilization Fund and Revenue Reserve Fund to the general fund at year end must be assigned by the Comptroller and be considered a portion of the committed fund balance of the general fund.)

Item 3-2.03 #1s

Working Capital Funds and Lines of Credit

Lines of Credit

Language

Language:

Page 591, strike line 43.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes a line of credit included in the introduced budget for the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement, which is unnecessary.)

Item 3-4.01 #1s

Auxiliary Enterprises and Sponsored Programs in Institutions of Higher Education

Auxiliary Enterprise Investment Yields

Language

Language:

Page 592, line 33, after 1. insert "a."

Page 592, line 35, after "Accounts." insert "b."

Explanation:

(This amendment is technical in nature and clarifies existing budget language related to auxiliary enterprise programs.)

Item 3-4.01 #2s

Auxiliary Enterprises and Sponsored Programs in Institutions of Higher Education

Auxiliary Enterprise Investment Yields

Language

Language:

Page 592, after line 41, insert:

"C. Annually or as required, the Auditor of Public Accounts, or his legally authorized representative, shall perform attestation services over each higher education institution's Statement of Revenues and Expenses of Intercollegiate Athletics Programs to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (or comparable intercollegiate athletics governing body). The cost of such attestation services shall be borne by the intercollegiate athletics program at each institution."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides that the Auditor of Public Accounts perform attestation services over each higher education institution's Statement of Revenues and Expenses of Intercollegiate Athletics Programs to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the National Collegiate Athletic Association and that the cost of such attestation services be borne by the intercollegiate athletics program at each institution.)

Item 3-5.03 #1s

Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections

Implementation of Chapter 3, Acts of Assembly of 2004, Special Session I

Language

Language:

Page 593, line 9, strike "620,506,775" and insert "654,706,775".

Page 593, line 9, strike "636,416,421" and insert "720,416,421".

Explanation:

(This amendment increases the K-12 sales tax transfer to the general fund by \$34.2 million in FY 2027 and \$84.0 million in FY 2028 from the sales and use tax exemption for data center equipment expiring effective January 1, 2027.)

Item 3-5.14 #1s

Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections

Provider Payment Rate Assessment

Language

Language:

Page 597, line 15, after "any", insert "rural".

Page 597, line 15, after "operational in the", insert "rural".

Page 597, line 16, after "2026.". insert:

"For the purposes of this Item, rural hospital is the same as defined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services."

Explanation:

(This amendment modifies the requirement that the Department of Medical Assistance Services not provide enhanced payments to any hospital that does not currently operate a labor and delivery unit that was operational in the hospital on January 1, 2026. This amendment limits the requirement to rural hospitals.)

Item 4-1.05 #1s

Appropriations

Reversion of Appropriations and Reappropriations

Language

Language:

Page 606, line 9, after "Committees.", insert:

"In the final report, the Governor shall include an explanation for the reappropriated amounts in each state agency to include the original purpose of the appropriation, the reason the funds were not expended, and a description of how the agency plans to expend any reappropriated amounts."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Governor to include an explanation for any reappropriated amounts in each state agency to include the original purpose of the appropriation, the reason the funds were not expended, and a description of how the agency plans to expend any reappropriated amounts.)

Item 4-2.01 #1s

Revenues

Nongeneral Fund Revenues

Language

Language:

Page 609, after line 12, insert:

"11. a) For institutions complying with paragraph B of § 23.1-1309 Code of Virginia, the annual report for the preceding fiscal year shall also be submitted to the Intercollegiate Athletics Review Commission, Governor, Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee, and House Appropriations Committee by July 1.

b) For institutions complying with paragraph C of § 23.1-1309 Code of Virginia, "Schools Funds" shall not include tuition or tuition waivers.

c) The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission shall study the provisions of § 23.1-1309 for the purpose of determining whether the provisions of this act should be amended permanently. In conducting the study, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission shall: (i) consult with representatives of the governing boards of baccalaureate public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth, representatives of intercollegiate athletics programs in the Commonwealth, and such other interested stakeholders deemed appropriate; (ii) evaluate approaches taken by other states to create sustainable funding models for intercollegiate athletics, (iii) assess the local, regional, and statewide economic impact of college athletics; (iv) consider the impact of the provisions of § 23.1-1309 on intercollegiate athletics in the Commonwealth in light of evolving trends in intercollegiate athletics; and (v) assess the impact of federal regulatory or legislative proposals on college athletics in the Commonwealth. The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission shall submit a final report to the Intercollegiate Athletics Review Commission, Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee, the House Appropriations Committee by November 1, 2028.

Explanation:

(This language only amendment makes changes to § 23.1-1309, Code of Virginia, which governs intercollegiate athletics programs, and it directs a study by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to determine whether the Code provisions should be amended permanently. The language further outlines the parameters of the study.)

Item 4-3.03 #1s

Deficit Authorization and Treasury Loans

Long-term Leases

Language

Language:

Page 614, strike lines 8 through 36 and insert:

"1. As part of their capital budget submission, all agencies and institutions of the Commonwealth proposing building projects or acquisition of property through a lease or financed purchase that may qualify as a capital project based on a lease agreement, as defined in the guidance below, and that may be supported in whole, or in part, from appropriations provided for in this act, shall submit proposals to the Department of Planning and Budget

through the capital budget request process.

2. A capital project based on a lease agreement is defined as meeting at least one of the following criteria: a.) The lease transfers ownership of the property to the lessee by the end of the lease term or contains a purchase option; b.) The lease arrangement is used to support the construction of a new facility.

3. The proposals shall be submitted in such form as the capital budget request instructions may prescribe. The State Treasurer shall be responsible for incorporating existing and authorized applicable lease agreements into the annual Debt Capacity Advisory Committee reports.

4. All lease agreements required to be treated as a capital budget request must be authorized in an Appropriation Act or other legislation except as otherwise provided in this section.

b. APPROVAL OF FINANCINGS:

1. For any project financed through the issuance of securities, the Treasury Board shall approve the terms and structure of such financing pursuant to § 2.2-2416, Code of Virginia.

2. For any project where the lease transfers ownership of the property to the lessee by the end of the lease or the lease is used to support the construction of a new facility, and for which costs will exceed \$5,000,000 and which is financed through a lease or financed purchase transaction, the Treasury Board shall approve the financing terms and structure of such lease or financed purchase in addition to such other reviews and approvals as may be required by law. The State Treasurer shall notify the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, the Secretary of Finance, and the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, of any such action within five business days.

c. **REPORTS:** Not later than December 20 of each year, the Secretary of Finance and the Secretary of Administration shall jointly be responsible for providing the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees with recommendations involving proposed lease agreements subject to § 4-3.03 a.

d. This section shall not apply to leases or financed purchases that are funded entirely with nongeneral fund revenues and are entered into by public institutions of higher education that

have a Management Agreement with the Commonwealth of Virginia pursuant to the Restructured Higher Education Financial and Administrative Operations Act. Furthermore, the Department of General Services is authorized to enter into leases for executive branch agencies provided that the resulting lease or financed purchase is funded entirely with nongeneral funds, is approved based on the requirements of § 4-3.03 b.1 and 2 above, and would not be considered tax supported debt of the Commonwealth.

e.1. The Governor may authorize proposed building projects or acquisition of property through a financed purchase that may qualify as a capital project based on a lease agreement as defined in § 4-3.03 a.2. above that are not authorized in an Appropriation Act or other legislation and support a program approved by the General Assembly through appropriations, under one or more of the following conditions: (i) the nongeneral fund share of the lease obligations does not exceed the agency's expected available nongeneral fund revenues; (ii) the general fund share of the annual lease obligations does not result in the agency exceeding its current available annual general fund appropriation.

2.The Secretary of Finance shall notify the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees within 30 days of the Governor's authorization pursuant to this subsection."

Explanation:

(This amendment updates provisions pertaining to the authorization of capital leases.)

Item 4-4.02 #1s

Capital Projects

Planning and Budgeting

Language

Language:

Page 620, after line 27, insert:

"c. In consultation with the Department of Planning and Budget, the Department of General Services (DGS) shall determine a fair and reasonable rate to charge to capital projects for fire safety inspections of state buildings. DGS shall enter into a memorandum of agreement to pass through capital outlay funding to the State Fire Marshal Office for the required fire safety inspections of state-owned buildings, that are undergoing construction and/or renovation."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of General Services to establish a rate to include in a capital project's soft cost to cover the necessary fire inspection at the State Fire Marshall Office.)

Item 4-5.04 #1s

Special Conditions and Restrictions on Expenditures

Goods and Services

Language

Language:

Page 628, line 26, after "federal law", insert "or state statute".

Explanation:

(This amendment reinserts "or state statute" into budget language in the General Provisions of the budget in order to allow coverage for abortion care in the case of fetal anomalies in accordance with state statute.)

Item 4-5.04 #2s

Special Conditions and Restrictions on Expenditures

Goods and Services

Language

Language:

Page 628, after line 31, insert:

"n. LOANS: No state agency shall make loans to non-state entities from general or nongeneral fund sources appropriated to the agency unless the authority to issue such loans is included in state statute or a general appropriation act."

Explanation:

(This amendment prohibits state agencies from making loans to non-state entities from general or nongeneral fund sources appropriated to the agency unless the authority to issue such loans is included in state statute or a general appropriation act.)

Item 4-5.08 #1s

Special Conditions and Restrictions on Expenditures

Disposition of Surplus Real Property

Language

Language:

Page 630, line 8, strike "Chairmen" and insert "Chairs".

Page 630, line 10, after "property.", insert:

"If either Chair objects to the conveyance, the planned conveyance shall only occur if authorized in an appropriation act."

Page 630, after line 21, insert:

"d. Notwithstanding § 2.2-1150, Code of Virginia, the conveyance of property in subsections A.1. and A.2. in § 2.2-1150, Code of Virginia, shall only occur if authorized in an appropriation act."

Explanation:

(This amendment clarifies property transfers among agencies, departments, and institutions and conveyances of property under § 2.2-1150, Code of Virginia, have to be authorized in an appropriation act.)

Item 4-6.04 #1s

Positions and Employment

Charges

Language

Language:

Page 641, strike lines 47 through 50, insert:

"Agencies with parking spaces for employees in state-owned facilities, except institutions of higher education, shall charge employees the Department of General Services' rate for such spaces. All revenues received from such charges shall be paid directly and promptly into the Department's special fund in the state treasury to be used to operate the state's parking program, including payment to agencies for operating and maintenance costs for the provision of vehicle parking spaces. Interest shall be added to the fund as earned."

Page 641, strike line 52.

Page 642, strike lines 1 through 7, and insert:

"Agencies occupying private sector leased or rental space in the metropolitan Richmond area, except institutions of higher education, shall be required to charge a fee to employees for vehicle parking spaces that are assigned to them or are otherwise available either incidental to the lease or rental agreement or pursuant to a separate lease agreement for private parking space at the established Department of General Services' rate for such spaces. All previously approved variances and exceptions are rescinded as of the date of this Act. All revenues derived from employees paying for parking spaces in leased facilities shall be paid directly and promptly into the Department's special fund in the state treasury to be used to operate the state's parking program."

Explanation:

(This amendment clarifies that all state employees parking in state-owned parking decks and surface lots are required to be charged a parking fee to support the operating and maintenance costs of parking facilities. It also clarifies that employees with assigned parking in leased space are also required to pay the parking fee, which will help to offset the loss in parking fee revenue for state-owned facilities as more state agencies have moved to leased space in recent years.)

Item 4-7.01 #1s

Statewide Plans

Manpower Control Program

Language

Language:

Page 643, after line 52,
insert:

"h. The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) shall, as part of the annual budget process, calculate the turnover and vacancy savings and rates for all executive branch state agencies for the most recently completed fiscal year and the projected savings for the current budget under consideration. Executive branch agencies shall provide an explanation of how turnover and vacancy savings were used in the prior fiscal year and how projected savings would be used in the budget under consideration. DPB shall include a report of this information, including turnover and vacancy savings and rates by agency along with an explanation of how the agency has used or plans to use such savings and shall include it as part of the requirements in § 2.2-1508, Code of Virginia."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Planning and Budget to collect information on turnover and vacancy savings of executive branch agencies and report on it through the normal budget process.)

Item 4-8.03 #1s

Reporting Requirements

Local Governments

Language

Language:

Page 646, strike lines 45 through 52.

Page 647, strike lines 1 through 57.

Page 648, strike lines 1 through seven, and insert:

"a.1. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall use leading indicators based on financial data and relevant nonfinancial factors to develop criteria for a preliminary determination that a locality may be in fiscal distress. Such criteria shall be based upon information regularly collected by the Commonwealth or otherwise regularly made public by the locality and the locality's annual audited financial reporting required to be submitted to the Auditor. Information provided by the Virginia Retirement System, the Virginia Resources Authority, the Virginia Public Building Authority, and other state and regional authorities concerning late or missed payments shall be shared with the Auditor.

2.. Based upon the criteria established by the Auditor, the Auditor shall establish a prioritized

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early warning system. Under the prioritized early warning system, the Auditor shall establish a regular process whereby it reviews audited financial data and other relevant factors and qualitative information on at least an annual basis to make a preliminary determination that a locality may meet the criteria for fiscal distress. As part of the early warning system, the Auditor shall use leading financial indicators based on key data from the locality's audited financial reports to evaluate information related to a locality's financial position, financial reserves, debt, and operating revenues and expenditures, along with other relevant factors as applicable. The Auditor shall further evaluate localities that are identified as needing additional evaluation based on their initial financial indicators on the basis of additional leading indicators that may include retirement liabilities, revenue growth, economic and property market value data, reports prepared by the Commission on Local Government on revenue fiscal stress, and other relevant qualitative information.

3. If a locality has not submitted its audited annual financial report, pursuant to §§ 15.2-2510 and 15.2-2511, within 18 months of the required December 15 deadline or provided a plan to do so, the Auditor shall notify the Governor, the Secretary of Finance, and the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and Counties, Cities and Towns and the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and Local Government that the Auditor is unable to review the locality's financial data as part of the early warning system or evaluate its financial condition due to the locality's delay with submitting its audited annual financial report. A locality's inability to timely produce its required audited financial report within 18 months of the required deadline as specified in this subsection or to provide a plan to do so shall automatically effectuate the provisions pursuant to subsection D whereby the Auditor shall make a preliminary determination that the locality may meet the criteria for fiscal distress.

4. For a locality where the Auditor has made a preliminary determination of fiscal distress based upon the early warning system criteria, the Auditor shall notify the local governing body of its preliminary determination that it may meet the criteria for fiscal distress. In coordination with the local governing body or chief executive officer, the Auditor may conduct a review and request documents and data from the locality and the locality's published budget information. Such review shall consider factors including budget processes, debt, borrowing, expenses and payables, revenues and receivables, and other areas, including staffing and the identification of external variables contributing to a locality's financial position. Any local governing body that receives requests for information from the Auditor pursuant to such preliminary determination based on the above-described threshold levels shall acknowledge receipt of such a request and shall ensure that a response is provided within the timeframes specified by the Auditor. If the locality does not acknowledge the Auditor's notification of a preliminary determination or does not provide a response to the Auditor's requests within reasonable timeframes so specified, the Auditor shall notify the Governor, the Secretary of Finance, and the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and Counties, Cities and Towns and the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and Local Government that the locality is not responsive. After such review, if the local governing body or chief executive officer requests assistance or the Auditor is of the opinion that state assistance, oversight, or targeted intervention is needed,

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either to further assess, help stabilize, or remediate the situation, the Auditor shall notify the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and Counties, Cities and Towns and the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and Local Government and the governing body of the locality in writing, outlining specific issues or actions that need to be addressed by state assistance, oversight, or intervention.

b.1. Once the Governor has received a notification from the Auditor indicating fiscal distress in a specific locality, the Governor shall consult with the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations about a plan for state assistance, oversight, or intervention prior to any expenditure of funds from the cash reserve. Any plan approved by the Governor for state assistance, oversight, or intervention shall, at a minimum, specify the purpose of such state assistance, oversight, or intervention efforts, the estimated duration of such efforts, and the anticipated resources, dollar amounts, and personnel directed toward such efforts. The staffing necessary to carry out the assistance, oversight, or intervention plan may be assembled from either public agencies or private entities or both and, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the Governor may use an expedited method of procurement to secure such staffing when, in his judgment, the need for state assistance, oversight, or intervention is of an emergency nature such that action must be taken in a timely manner to avoid or address unacceptable financial risks to the Commonwealth.

2. The Director of the Department of Planning and Budget shall identify any amounts remaining unexpended from general fund appropriations in the state budget as of June 30 of each year, which constitute state aid to local governments. The Director shall provide a listing of such amounts designated by item number and by program on or before August 15 of each year to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations.

3. From such unexpended balances identified by the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget, the Governor may reappropriate up to \$750,000 from amounts that would otherwise revert to the balance of the general fund and transfer such amounts as necessary to establish a component of fund balance, which may be used for the purpose of providing state assistance, oversight, and intervention actions for localities deemed to be fiscally distressed and in need of state assistance, oversight, or intervention to address such distress. Any such reappropriation approved by the Governor shall be separately identified in the commitments specified on the balance sheet and financial statements of the State Comptroller for the close of each fiscal year, to the extent that such reserve is not used or added to by future appropriation actions.

4. Prior to any expenditure of the reappropriated reserve, the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and Counties, Cities and Towns and the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and Local Government shall receive a notification from the Auditor that a specific locality is in need of state assistance, oversight, or intervention because of a worsening financial situation. The Auditor may issue such a notification upon receipt of an audited financial statement or other information that indicates the existence of

fiscal distress. However, no such notification shall be made until appropriate follow up and correspondence ascertains that, in the opinion of the Auditor, such fiscal distress exists. Such notification may also be issued by the Auditor if written concerns raised about fiscal distress are not adequately addressed by the locality in question. The notification issued by the Auditor indicating fiscal distress in a specific locality pursuant to subparagraph a.4. shall satisfy the notification requirement of this subdivision.

c. The governing body and the elected constitutional officers of a locality subject to a plan of state assistance, oversight, or intervention approved by the Governor shall assist all state-appointed staff conducting such efforts regardless of whether such staff are from public agencies or private entities. The state-appointed staff shall provide periodic reports in writing to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and Counties, Cities and Towns and the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and Local Government outlining the scope of issues discovered and any recommendations made to address such issues, and the progress that is made on such recommendations or other state assistance, oversight, or intervention efforts. These periodic reports shall specifically address the degree of cooperation the state-appointed team is receiving from locally elected officials, including constitutional officers, city, county, or town managers, and other local personnel in regard to their intervention work.

d. The Commission on Local Government shall act in an oversight capacity for the purpose of determining whether a locality has taken appropriate action to address the issues specified in subparagraph a.4. as requested by the intervention staff and whether the locality appears to be on track to resolve its fiscal distress. Technical assistance, based on the Auditor's existing oversight and support provided for local governments, shall be provided to the Commission on Local Government by the Auditor, and all agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Commission, upon request. The Commission on Local Government shall report its findings and conclusions to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and Counties, Cities and Towns and the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and Local Government.

e. For purposes of this subsection, "locality" means any locality located in Planning District 19. If the Commission on Local Government's report to the Governor concludes that a locality is either unwilling or unable to comply with the conditions necessary to address its fiscal distress, the Commission on Local Government shall appoint an emergency fiscal manager and implement a remediation plan to restore sustainable fiscal health to the locality. Following such appointment and during the duration of state remediation, the governing body and the chief executive officer of the locality shall not exercise any of the powers of those offices directly or indirectly relating to the locality's finances except as provided in this subsection and such governing body and chief executive officer shall be subject to any conditions required by the emergency fiscal manager. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, general or special, the emergency fiscal manager may shift certain responsibilities and duties from the treasurer of the locality to the emergency fiscal manager if the emergency fiscal manager determines that it is necessary in order to implement the remediation plan. The emergency fiscal manager shall (i) implement an approved fiscal recovery plan; (ii) approve all professional services, suppliers,

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service provider contracts, and contractual labor agreements; (iii) approve all city employee payrolls; (iv) approve all long-term debt service and loan payments; (v) complete internal control and forensic audit assessments, as needed; and (vi) approve the annual operating and capital budget. The emergency fiscal manager may make recommendations to the governing body regarding the locality's personnel and staffing. The authority granted under this subsection may apply to any locality facing fiscal distress whether such fiscal conditions originated before or after the enactment of this authority. The emergency fiscal manager shall submit a remediation plan to resolve the locality's fiscal distress to the Commission on Local Government, which shall approve, reject, or revise the plan after timely notice of any proposed actions to be taken has been provided to the public and an opportunity for public input has been provided and such input has been considered by the Commission on Local Government. Such plan shall specify the purpose of remediation efforts, including the roles and responsibilities of the local governing body and the chief executive officer, directly or indirectly, relating to the locality's finances and the benchmarks that will allow a locality to exit the state remediation plan upon meeting such benchmarks. Following approval of the remediation plan by the Commission on Local Government, the emergency fiscal manager shall report regularly to the Commission on Local Government, the Governor, and the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and Counties, Cities and Towns and the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and Local Government regarding progress in implementation of the remediation plan. The Commission on Local Government shall determine when the locality has met the benchmarks approved in the remediation plan and shall so notify the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and Counties, Cities and Towns and the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and Local Government.

f. The Department of General Services shall develop a master contract of qualified private sector turnaround specialists with expertise in local government intervention that the Governor can use to procure intervention services in an expeditious manner when he determines that state intervention is warranted in situations of local fiscal distress."

Explanation:

(This amendment updates the language in the budget related to local fiscal distress to ensure it is not in conflict with state statute.)

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Effective Date

Effective Date

Language

Language:

Page 653 strike lines 32 through 47.

Page 654 strike lines 1 through 52.

Page 655 strike lines 1 through 55.

Page 656, strike lines 1 through 53.

Page 657, strike lines 1 through 8, and insert:

"2. That §§ 58.1-602, 58.1-605, 58.1-605.1, and 58.1-606.1 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 58.1-602. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly shows otherwise:

"Accommodations" means any room or rooms, lodgings, or accommodations in any hotel, motel, inn, tourist camp, tourist cabin, camping grounds, club, short-term rental, or any other place in which rooms, lodging, space, or accommodations are regularly furnished to transients for a consideration. "Accommodations" does not include rooms or space offered by a person in the business of providing conference rooms, meeting space, or event space if the person does not also offer rooms available for overnight sleeping.

"Accommodations fee" means the room charge less the discount room charge, if any, provided that the accommodations fee shall not be less than \$0.

"Accommodations intermediary" means any person other than an accommodations provider that (i) facilitates the sale of an accommodation and (ii) either (a) charges a room charge to the customer, and charges an accommodations fee to the customer, which fee it retains as compensation for facilitating the sale; (b) collects a room charge from the customer; or (c) charges a fee, other than an accommodations fee, to the customer, which fee it retains as compensation for facilitating the sale. For purposes of this definition, "facilitates the sale" includes brokering, coordinating, or in any other way arranging for the purchase of the right to use accommodations via a transaction directly, including via one or more payment processors, between a customer and an accommodations provider.

"Accommodations intermediary" does not include a person:

1. If the accommodations are provided by an accommodations provider operating under a trademark, trade name, or service mark belonging to such person;

2. Who facilitates the sale of an accommodation if (i) the price paid by the customer to such person is equal to the price paid by such person to the accommodations provider for the use of the accommodations and (ii) the only compensation received by such person for facilitating the sale of the accommodation is a commission paid from the accommodations provider to such person; or

3. Who is licensed as a real estate licensee pursuant to Article 1 (§ 54.1-2100 et seq.) of Chapter 21 of Title 54.1, when acting within the scope of such license.

"Accommodations provider" means any person that furnishes accommodations to the general public for compensation. The term "furnishes" includes the sale of use or possession or the sale of the right to use or possess.

"Advertising" means the planning, creating, or placing of advertising in newspapers, magazines, billboards, broadcasting and other media, including, without limitation, the providing of concept, writing, graphic design, mechanical art, photography and production supervision. Any person providing advertising as defined in this section shall be deemed to be the user or consumer of all tangible personal property purchased for use in such advertising.

"Affiliate" means the same as such term is defined in § 58.1-439.18.

"Amplification, transmission, distribution, and network equipment" means production, distribution, and other equipment used to provide Internet-access services, such as computer and

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communications equipment and software used for storing, processing, and retrieving end-user subscribers' requests. A "network" includes modems, fiber optic cables, coaxial cables, radio equipment, routing equipment, switching equipment, a cable modem termination system, associated software, transmitters, power equipment, storage devices, servers, multiplexers, and antennas, which network is used to provide Internet service, regardless of whether the provider of such service is also a telephone common carrier or whether such network is also used to provide services other than Internet services.

"Business" includes any activity engaged in by any person, or caused to be engaged in by him, with the object of gain, benefit or advantage, either directly or indirectly.

"Cost price" means the actual cost of an item or article of tangible personal property computed in the same manner as the sales price as defined in this section without any deductions therefrom on account of the cost of materials used, labor, or service costs, transportation charges, or any expenses whatsoever.

"Custom program" means a computer program that is specifically designed and developed only for one customer. The combining of two or more prewritten programs does not constitute a custom computer program. A prewritten program that is modified to any degree remains a prewritten program and does not become custom.

"Discount room charge" means the full amount charged by the accommodations provider to the accommodations intermediary, or an affiliate thereof, for furnishing the accommodations.

"Distribution" means the transfer or delivery of tangible personal property for use, consumption, or storage by the distributee, and the use, consumption, or storage of tangible personal property by a person that has processed, manufactured, refined, or converted such property, but does not include the transfer or delivery of tangible personal property for resale or any use, consumption, or storage otherwise exempt under this chapter.

"Gross proceeds" means the charges made or voluntary contributions received for the lease or rental of tangible personal property or for furnishing services, computed with the same deductions, where applicable, as for sales price as defined in this section over the term of the lease, rental, service, or use, but not less frequently than monthly. "Gross proceeds" does not include finance charges, carrying charges, service charges, or interest from credit extended on the lease or rental of tangible personal property under conditional lease or rental contracts or other conditional contracts providing for the deferred payments of the lease or rental price.

"Gross sales" means the sum total of all retail sales of tangible personal property or services as defined in this chapter, without any deduction, except as provided in this chapter. "Gross sales" does not include the federal retailers' excise tax or the federal diesel fuel excise tax imposed in § 4091 of the Internal Revenue Code if the excise tax is billed to the purchaser separately from the selling price of the article, or the Virginia retail sales or use tax, or any sales or use tax imposed by any county or city under § 58.1-605 or 58.1-606.

"Import" and "imported" are words applicable to tangible personal property imported into the Commonwealth from other states as well as from foreign countries, and "export" and "exported" are words applicable to tangible personal property exported from the Commonwealth to other states as well as to foreign countries.

"In this Commonwealth" or "in the Commonwealth" means within the limits of the Commonwealth of Virginia and includes all territory within these limits owned by or ceded to

the United States of America.

"Integrated process," when used in relation to semiconductor manufacturing, means a process that begins with the research or development of semiconductor products, equipment, or processes, includes the handling and storage of raw materials at a plant site, and continues to the point that the product is packaged for final sale and either shipped or conveyed to a warehouse. Without limiting the foregoing, any semiconductor equipment, fuel, power, energy, supplies, or other tangible personal property shall be deemed used as part of the integrated process if its use contributes, before, during, or after production, to higher product quality, production yields, or process efficiencies. Except as otherwise provided by law, "integrated process" does not mean general maintenance or administration.

"Internet" means, collectively, the myriad of computer and telecommunications facilities, which comprise the interconnected worldwide network of computer networks that employ the Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol, or any predecessor or successor to such protocol, to communicate information of all kinds by wire or radio.

"Internet service" means a service that enables users to access content, information, and other services offered over the Internet.

"Lease or rental" means the leasing or renting of tangible personal property and the possession or use thereof by the lessee or renter for a consideration, without transfer of the title to such property.

"Manufacturing, processing, refining, or conversion" includes the production line of the plant starting with the handling and storage of raw materials at the plant site and continuing through the last step of production where the product is finished or completed for sale and conveyed to a warehouse at the production site, and also includes equipment and supplies used for production line testing and quality control. "Manufacturing" also includes the necessary ancillary activities of newspaper and magazine printing when such activities are performed by the publisher of any newspaper or magazine for sale daily or regularly at average intervals not exceeding three months.

The determination of whether any manufacturing, mining, processing, refining or conversion activity is industrial in nature shall be made without regard to plant size, existence or size of finished product inventory, degree of mechanization, amount of capital investment, number of employees or other factors relating principally to the size of the business. Further, "industrial in nature" includes, but is not limited to, those businesses classified in codes 10 through 14 and 20 through 39 published in the Standard Industrial Classification Manual for 1972 and any supplements issued thereafter.

"Modular building" means, but is not limited to, single and multifamily houses, apartment units, commercial buildings, and permanent additions thereof, comprised of one or more sections that are intended to become real property, primarily constructed at a location other than the permanent site, built to comply with the Virginia Industrialized Building Safety Law (§ 36-70 et seq.) as regulated by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, and shipped with most permanent components in place to the site of final assembly. For purposes of this chapter, "modular building" does not include a mobile office as defined in § 58.1-2401 or any manufactured building subject to and certified under the provisions of the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. § 5401 et

seq.).

"Modular building manufacturer" means a person that owns or operates a manufacturing facility and is engaged in the fabrication, construction and assembling of building supplies and materials into modular buildings, as defined in this section, at a location other than at the site where the modular building will be assembled on the permanent foundation and may or may not be engaged in the process of affixing the modules to the foundation at the permanent site.

"Modular building retailer" means any person that purchases or acquires a modular building from a modular building manufacturer, or from another person, for subsequent sale to a customer residing within or outside of the Commonwealth, with or without installation of the modular building to the foundation at the permanent site.

"Motor vehicle" means a "motor vehicle" as defined in § 58.1-2401, taxable under the provisions of the Virginia Motor Vehicles Sales and Use Tax Act (§ 58.1-2400 et seq.) and upon the sale of which all applicable motor vehicle sales and use taxes have been paid.

"Occasional sale" means a sale of tangible personal property not held or used by a seller in the course of an activity for which it is required to hold a certificate of registration, including the sale or exchange of all or substantially all the assets of any business and the reorganization or liquidation of any business, provided that such sale or exchange is not one of a series of sales and exchanges sufficient in number, scope and character to constitute an activity requiring the holding of a certificate of registration.

"Open video system" means an open video system authorized pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 573 and, for purposes of this chapter only, also includes Internet service regardless of whether the provider of such service is also a telephone common carrier.

"Person" includes any individual, firm, copartnership, cooperative, nonprofit membership corporation, joint venture, association, corporation, estate, trust, business trust, trustee in bankruptcy, receiver, auctioneer, syndicate, assignee, club, society, or other group or combination acting as a unit, body politic or political subdivision, whether public or private, or quasi-public, and the plural of "person" means the same as the singular.

"Prewritten program" means a computer program that is prepared, held or existing for general or repeated sale or lease, including a computer program developed for in-house use and subsequently sold or leased to unrelated third parties.

~~"Qualifying locality" means Charlotte County, Gloucester County, Halifax County, Henry County, Mecklenburg County, Northampton County, Patrick County, Pittsylvania County, or the City of Danville.~~

"Railroad rolling stock" means locomotives, of whatever motive power, autocars, railroad cars of every kind and description, and all other equipment determined by the Tax Commissioner to constitute railroad rolling stock.

"Remote seller" means any dealer deemed to have sufficient activity within the Commonwealth to require registration under § 58.1-613 under the criteria specified in subdivision C 10 or 11 of § 58.1-612 or any software provider acting on behalf of such dealer.

"Retail sale" or a "sale at retail" means a sale to any person for any purpose other than for resale in the form of tangible personal property or services taxable under this chapter, and shall include any such transaction as the Tax Commissioner upon investigation finds to be in lieu of a sale. All sales for resale must be made in strict compliance with regulations applicable to this

chapter. Any dealer making a sale for resale which is not in strict compliance with such regulations shall be personally liable for payment of the tax.

The terms "retail sale" and a "sale at retail" specifically include the following: (i) the sale or charges for any accommodations furnished to transients for less than 90 continuous days; (ii) sales of tangible personal property to persons for resale when because of the operation of the business, or its very nature, or the lack of a place of business in which to display a certificate of registration, or the lack of a place of business in which to keep records, or the lack of adequate records, or because such persons are minors or transients, or because such persons are engaged in essentially service businesses, or for any other reason there is likelihood that the Commonwealth will lose tax funds due to the difficulty of policing such business operations; (iii) the separately stated charge made for automotive refinish repair materials that are permanently applied to or affixed to a motor vehicle during its repair; and (iv) the separately stated charge for equipment available for lease or purchase by a provider of satellite television programming to the customer of such programming. Equipment sold to a provider of satellite television programming for subsequent lease or purchase by the customer of such programming shall be deemed a sale for resale. The Tax Commissioner is authorized to promulgate regulations requiring vendors of or sellers to such persons to collect the tax imposed by this chapter on the cost price of such tangible personal property to such persons and may refuse to issue certificates of registration to such persons. The terms "retail sale" and a "sale at retail" also specifically include the separately stated charge made for supplies used during automotive repairs whether or not there is transfer of title or possession of the supplies and whether or not the supplies are attached to the automobile. The purchase of such supplies by an automotive repairer for sale to the customer of such repair services shall be deemed a sale for resale.

The term "transient" does not include a purchaser of camping memberships, time-shares, condominiums, or other similar contracts or interests that permit the use of, or constitute an interest in, real estate, however created or sold and whether registered with the Commonwealth or not. Further, a purchaser of a right or license which entitles the purchaser to use the amenities and facilities of a specific real estate project on an ongoing basis throughout its term shall not be deemed a transient, provided, however, that the term or time period involved is for seven years or more.

The terms "retail sale" and "sale at retail" do not include a transfer of title to tangible personal property after its use as tools, tooling, machinery or equipment, including dies, molds, and patterns, if (i) at the time of purchase, the purchaser is obligated, under the terms of a written contract, to make the transfer and (ii) the transfer is made for the same or a greater consideration to the person for whom the purchaser manufactures goods.

"Retailer" means every person engaged in the business of making sales at retail, or for distribution, use, consumption, or storage to be used or consumed in the Commonwealth.

"Room charge" means the full retail price charged to the customer for the use of the accommodations before taxes. "Room charge" includes any fee charged to the customer and retained as compensation for facilitating the sale, whether described as an accommodations fee, facilitation fee, or any other name. The room charge shall be determined in accordance with 23VAC10-210-730 and the related rulings of the Department on the same.

"Sale" means any transfer of title or possession, or both, exchange, barter, lease or rental,

conditional or otherwise, in any manner or by any means whatsoever, of tangible personal property and any rendition of a taxable service for a consideration, and includes the fabrication of tangible personal property for consumers who furnish, either directly or indirectly, the materials used in fabrication, and the furnishing, preparing, or serving for a consideration of any tangible personal property consumed on the premises of the person furnishing, preparing, or serving such tangible personal property. A transaction whereby the possession of property is transferred but the seller retains title as security for the payment of the price shall be deemed a sale.

"Sales price" means the total amount for which tangible personal property or services are sold, including any services that are a part of the sale, valued in money, whether paid in money or otherwise, and includes any amount for which credit is given to the purchaser, consumer, or lessee by the dealer, without any deduction therefrom on account of the cost of the property sold, the cost of materials used, labor or service costs, losses or any other expenses whatsoever.

"Sales price" does not include (i) any cash discount allowed and taken; (ii) finance charges, carrying charges, service charges or interest from credit extended on sales of tangible personal property under conditional sale contracts or other conditional contracts providing for deferred payments of the purchase price; (iii) separately stated local property taxes collected; (iv) that portion of the amount paid by the purchaser as a discretionary gratuity added to the price of a meal; or (v) that portion of the amount paid by the purchaser as a mandatory gratuity or service charge added by a restaurant to the price of a meal, but only to the extent that such mandatory gratuity or service charge does not exceed 20 percent of the price of the meal. Where used articles are taken in trade, or in a series of trades as a credit or part payment on the sale of new or used articles, the tax levied by this chapter shall be paid on the net difference between the sales price of the new or used articles and the credit for the used articles.

"Semiconductor cleanrooms" means the integrated systems, fixtures, piping, partitions, flooring, lighting, equipment, and all other property used to reduce contamination or to control airflow, temperature, humidity, vibration, or other environmental conditions required for the integrated process of semiconductor manufacturing.

"Semiconductor equipment" means (i) machinery or tools or repair parts or replacements thereof; (ii) the related accessories, components, pedestals, bases, or foundations used in connection with the operation of the equipment, without regard to the proximity to the equipment, the method of attachment, or whether the equipment or accessories are affixed to the realty; (iii) semiconductor wafers and other property or supplies used to install, test, calibrate or recalibrate, characterize, condition, measure, or maintain the equipment and settings thereof; and (iv) equipment and supplies used for quality control testing of product, materials, equipment, or processes; or the measurement of equipment performance or production parameters regardless of where or when the quality control, testing, or measuring activity takes place, how the activity affects the operation of equipment, or whether the equipment and supplies come into contact with the product.

"Short-term rental" means the same as such term is defined in § 15.2-983.

"Storage" means any keeping or retention of tangible personal property for use, consumption or distribution in the Commonwealth, or for any purpose other than sale at retail in the regular course of business.

"Tangible personal property" means personal property that may be seen, weighed, measured, felt, or touched, or is in any other manner perceptible to the senses. "Tangible personal property" does not include stocks, bonds, notes, insurance or other obligations or securities. "Tangible personal property" includes (i) telephone calling cards upon their initial sale, which shall be exempt from all other state and local utility taxes, and (ii) manufactured signs.

"Use" means the exercise of any right or power over tangible personal property incident to the ownership thereof, except that it does not include the sale at retail of that property in the regular course of business. "Use" does not include the exercise of any right or power, including use, distribution, or storage, over any tangible personal property sold to a nonresident donor for delivery outside of the Commonwealth to a nonresident recipient pursuant to an order placed by the donor from outside the Commonwealth via mail or telephone. "Use" does not include any sale determined to be a gift transaction, subject to tax under § 58.1-604.6.

"Use tax" refers to the tax imposed upon the use, consumption, distribution, and storage as defined in this section.

"Used directly," when used in relation to manufacturing, processing, refining, or conversion, refers to those activities that are an integral part of the production of a product, including all steps of an integrated manufacturing or mining process, but not including ancillary activities such as general maintenance or administration. When used in relation to mining, "used directly" refers to the activities specified in this definition and, in addition, any reclamation activity of the land previously mined by the mining company required by state or federal law.

"Video programmer" means a person that provides video programming to end-user subscribers.

"Video programming" means video and/or information programming provided by or generally considered comparable to programming provided by a cable operator, including, but not limited to, Internet service.

§ 58.1-605. To what extent and under what conditions cities and counties may levy local sales taxes; collection thereof by Commonwealth and return of revenue to each city or county entitled thereto.

A. No county, city or town shall impose any local general sales or use tax or any local general retail sales or use tax except as authorized by this section or § 58.1-605.1.

B. The council of any city and the governing body of any county may levy a general retail sales tax at the rate of one percent to provide revenue for the general fund of such city or county. Such tax shall be added to the rate of the state sales tax imposed by §§ 58.1-603 and 58.1-604 and shall be subject to all the provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations published with respect thereto. No discount under § 58.1-622 shall be allowed on a local sales tax.

C. 1. The council of any city and the governing body of any county desiring to impose a local sales tax under this section may do so by the adoption of an ordinance stating its purpose and referring to this section, and providing that such ordinance shall be effective on the first day of a month at least 60 days after its adoption. A certified copy of such ordinance shall be forwarded to the Tax Commissioner so that it will be received within five days after its adoption.

2. Prior to any change in the rate of any local sales and use tax, the Tax Commissioner shall provide remote sellers with at least 30 days' notice. Any change in the rate of any local sales and

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use tax shall only become effective on the first day of a calendar quarter. Failure to provide notice pursuant to this section shall require the Commonwealth and the ~~locality~~ *county or city* to apply the preceding effective rate until 30 days after notification is provided.

D. Any local sales tax levied under this section shall be administered and collected by the Tax Commissioner in the same manner and subject to the same penalties as provided for the state sales tax.

E. All local sales tax moneys collected by the Tax Commissioner under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of a special fund which is hereby created on the Comptroller's books under the name "Collections of Local Sales Taxes." Such local sales tax moneys shall be credited to the account of each particular city or county levying a local sales tax under this section. The basis of such credit shall be the city or county in which the sales were made as shown by the records of the Department and certified by it monthly to the Comptroller, namely, the city or county of location of each place of business of every dealer paying the tax to the Commonwealth without regard to the city or county of possible use by the purchasers. If a dealer has any place of business located in more than one political subdivision by reason of the boundary line or lines passing through such place of business, the amount of sales tax paid by such a dealer with respect to such place of business shall be treated for the purposes of this section as follows: one-half shall be assignable to each political subdivision where two are involved, one-third where three are involved, and one-fourth where four are involved.

F. As soon as practicable after the local sales tax moneys have been paid into the state treasury in any month for the preceding month, the Comptroller shall draw his warrant on the Treasurer of Virginia in the proper amount in favor of each city or county entitled to the monthly return of its local sales tax moneys, and such payments shall be charged to the account of each such city or county under the special fund created by this section. If errors are made in any such payment, or adjustments are otherwise necessary, whether attributable to refunds to taxpayers, or to some other fact, the errors shall be corrected and adjustments made in the payments for the next two months as follows: one-half of the total adjustment shall be included in the payments for the next two months. In addition, the payment shall include a refund of amounts erroneously not paid to the city or county and not previously refunded during the three years preceding the discovery of the error. A correction and adjustment in payments described in this subsection due to the misallocation of funds by the dealer shall be made within three years of the date of the payment error.

G. Such payments to counties are subject to the qualification that in any county wherein is situated any incorporated town constituting a special school district and operated as a separate school district under a town school board of three members appointed by the town council, the county treasurer shall pay into the town treasury for general governmental purposes the proper proportionate amount received by him in the ratio that the school age population of such town bears to the school age population of the entire county. If the school age population of any town constituting a separate school district is increased by the annexation of territory since the last estimate of school age population provided by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, such increase shall, for the purposes of this section, be added to the school age population of such town as shown by the last such estimate and a proper reduction made in the school age

population of the county or counties from which the annexed territory was acquired.

H. One-half of such payments to counties are subject to the further qualification, other than as set out in subsection G, that in any county wherein is situated any incorporated town not constituting a separate special school district that has complied with its charter provisions providing for the election of its council and mayor for a period of at least four years immediately prior to the adoption of the sales tax ordinance, the county treasurer shall pay into the town treasury of each such town for general governmental purposes the proper proportionate amount received by him in the ratio that the school age population of each such town bears to the school age population of the entire county, based on the latest estimate provided by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service. The preceding requirement pertaining to the time interval between compliance with election provisions and adoption of the sales tax ordinance shall not apply to a tier-city. If the school age population of any such town not constituting a separate special school district is increased by the annexation of territory or otherwise since the last estimate of school age population provided by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, such increase shall, for the purposes of this section, be added to the school age population of such town as shown by the last such estimate and a proper reduction made in the school age population of the county or counties from which the annexed territory was acquired.

I. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection H, the board of supervisors of a county may, in its discretion, appropriate funds to any incorporated town not constituting a separate school district within such county that has not complied with the provisions of its charter relating to the elections of its council and mayor; ~~an amount not to exceed the amount it would have received from the tax imposed by this chapter if such election had been held; however, Charlotte County, Gloucester County, Halifax County, Henry County, Mecklenburg County, Northampton County, Patrick County, and Pittsylvania County may appropriate any amount to any such incorporated town.~~

J. It is further provided that if any incorporated town which would otherwise be eligible to receive funds from the county treasurer under subsection G or H be located in a county that does not levy a general retail sales tax under the provisions of this law, such town may levy a general retail sales tax at the rate of one percent to provide revenue for the general fund of the town, subject to all the provisions of this section generally applicable to cities and counties. Any tax levied under the authority of this subsection shall in no case continue to be levied on or after the effective date of a county ordinance imposing a general retail sales tax in the county within which such town is located.

§ 58.1-605.1. Additional local sales tax in certain localities; use of revenues for construction or renovation of schools.

A. 1. In addition to the sales tax authorized under § 58.1-605, ~~a qualifying locality~~ *any county or city* may levy a general retail sales tax at a rate not to exceed one percent as determined by its governing body to provide revenue solely for capital projects for the construction or renovation of schools ~~in serving each such locality~~ *county or city*. Such tax shall be added to the rates of the state and local sales tax imposed by this chapter and shall be subject to all the provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations published with respect thereto. No discount under § 58.1-

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622 shall be allowed on this local sales tax.

2. Any tax imposed pursuant to this section shall expire (i) if the capital projects for the construction or renovation of schools are to be financed by bonds or loans, on the date by which such bonds or loans shall be repaid or (ii) if the capital projects for the construction or renovation of schools are not to be financed by bonds or loans, on a date chosen by the governing body and specified in any resolution passed pursuant to the provisions of subdivision B 1. Such expiration date shall not be more than 20 years after the date of the resolution passed pursuant to the provisions of subdivision B 1.

B. 1. This tax may be levied only if the tax is approved in a referendum within the ~~qualifying locality~~ *county or city* held in accordance with § 24.2-684 and initiated by a resolution of the local governing body. Such resolution shall state (i) if the capital projects for the construction or renovation of schools are to be financed by bonds or loans, the date by which such bonds or loans shall be repaid or (ii) if the capital projects for the construction or renovation of schools are not to be financed by bonds or loans, a specified date on which the sales tax shall expire.

2. The clerk of the circuit court shall publish notice of the referendum in a newspaper of general circulation in the ~~qualifying locality~~ *county or city* once a week for three consecutive weeks prior to the election. The question on the ballot for the referendum shall include language stating (i) that the revenues from the sales tax shall be used solely for capital projects for the construction or renovation of schools and (ii) the date on which the sales tax shall expire.

C. The governing body of the ~~qualifying locality~~ *county or city*, if it elects to impose a local sales tax under this section after approval at a referendum as provided in subsection B shall do so by the adoption of an ordinance stating its purpose and referring to this section and providing that such ordinance shall be effective on the first day of a month at least 120 days after its adoption. Such ordinance shall state the date on which the sales tax shall expire. A certified copy of such ordinance shall be forwarded to the Tax Commissioner so that it will be received within five days after its adoption.

D. Any local sales tax levied under this section shall be administered and collected by the Tax Commissioner in the same manner and subject to the same exemptions and penalties as provided for the state sales tax; however, the local sales tax levied under this section shall not be levied on food purchased for human consumption or essential personal hygiene products, as such terms are defined in § 58.1-611.1.

E. All local sales tax moneys collected by the Tax Commissioner under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of a special fund that is hereby created on the Comptroller's books for each ~~qualifying locality~~ *county or city* under the name "Collections of Additional Local Sales Taxes in ____ (INSERT NAME OF THE ~~QUALIFYING LOCALITY~~ *COUNTY OR CITY*).". Each fund shall be administered as provided in § 58.1-605. A separate fund shall be created for each ~~qualifying locality~~ *county or city*. Only local sales tax moneys collected in that ~~qualifying locality~~ *county or city* shall be deposited in that ~~locality's county's or city's~~ fund.

F. As soon as practicable after the local sales tax moneys have been paid into the state treasury in any month for the preceding month, the Comptroller shall draw his warrant on the State Treasurer in the proper amount in favor of each ~~qualifying locality~~ *county or city*, and such payments shall be charged to the account of the ~~qualifying locality~~ *county or city* under its

special fund created by this section. If errors are made in any such payment, or adjustments are otherwise necessary, whether attributable to refunds to taxpayers or to some other fact, the errors shall be corrected and adjustments made in the payments for the next two months as follows: one-half of the total adjustment shall be included in the payment for each of the next two months. In addition, the payment shall include a refund of amounts erroneously not paid to each ~~qualifying locality~~ *county or city* and not previously refunded during the three years preceding the discovery of the error. A correction and adjustment in payments described in this subsection due to the misallocation of funds by the dealer shall be made within three years of the date of the payment error.

G. 1. The revenues from this tax shall be used solely for capital projects for new construction or major renovation of schools ~~in serving the qualifying locality~~ *county or city*, including bond and loan financing costs related to such construction or renovation.

2. *The revenues from this tax shall not be used to reduce, supplant, or offset any amounts of local appropriations or local funding for capital projects described in subdivision 1 on the date such tax is first imposed in the county or city.*

§58.1-606.1. Additional local use tax in certain localities; use of revenues for construction or renovation of schools.

A. 1. The governing body of a ~~qualifying locality~~ *county or city* may levy a use tax at the rate of such sales tax under § 58.1-605.1 to provide revenue for capital projects for the construction or renovation of schools ~~in serving such locality~~ *county or city*. Such tax shall be added to the rates of the state and local use tax imposed by this chapter and shall be subject to all the provisions of this chapter, and all amendments thereof, and the rules and regulations published with respect thereto, except that no discount under § 58.1-622 shall be allowed on a local use tax.

2. Any tax imposed pursuant to this section shall expire (i) if the capital projects for the construction or renovation of schools are to be financed by bonds or loans, on the date by which such bonds or loans shall be repaid or (ii) if the capital projects for the construction or renovation of schools are not to be financed by bonds or loans, on a date chosen by the governing body and specified in any resolution passed pursuant to the provisions of subsection B. Such expiration date shall not be more than 20 years after the date of the resolution passed pursuant to the provisions of subsection B.

B. The governing body of the ~~qualifying locality~~ *county or city*, if it elects to impose a local use tax under this section may do so only if it has previously imposed the local sales tax authorized by § 58.1-605.1, by the adoption of an ordinance stating its purpose and referring to this section and providing that the local use tax shall become effective on the first day of a month at least 120 days after its adoption. Such ordinance shall state the date on which the use tax shall expire. A certified copy of such ordinance shall be forwarded to the Tax Commissioner so that it will be received within five days after its adoption.

C. Any local use tax levied under this section shall be administered and collected by the Tax Commissioner in the same manner and subject to the same exemptions and penalties as provided for the state use tax; however, the local use tax levied under this section shall not be levied on food purchased for human consumption or essential personal hygiene products, as

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such terms are defined in § 58.1-611.1.

D. The local use tax authorized by this section shall not apply to transactions to which the sales tax applies, the situs of which for state and local sales tax purposes is the ~~locality~~ *county or city* of location of each place of business of every dealer paying the tax to the Commonwealth without regard to the ~~locality~~ *county or city* of possible use by the purchasers. However, the local use tax authorized by this section shall apply to tangible personal property purchased outside the Commonwealth for use or consumption within the ~~locality~~ *county or city* imposing the local use tax, or stored within the ~~locality~~ *county or city* for use or consumption, where the property would have been subject to the sales tax if it had been purchased within the Commonwealth. The local use tax shall also apply to leases or rentals of tangible personal property where the place of business of the lessor is outside the Commonwealth and such leases or rentals are subject to the state tax. Moreover, the local use tax shall apply in all cases in which the state use tax applies.

E. Out-of-state dealers who hold certificates of registration to collect the use tax from their customers for remittance to the Commonwealth shall, to the extent reasonably practicable, in filing their monthly use tax returns with the Tax Commissioner, break down their shipments into the Commonwealth by counties and cities so as to show the county or city of destination. If, however, the out-of-state dealer is unable accurately to assign any shipment to a particular county or city, the local use tax on the tangible personal property involved shall be remitted to the Commonwealth by such dealer without attempting to assign the shipment to any county or city.

F. Local use tax revenue shall be deposited in the special fund established pursuant to subsection E of § 58.1-605.1. The Comptroller shall distribute the revenue to the ~~qualifying locality~~ *county or city*.

G. ~~All revenue from this local use tax revenue-1.~~ *The revenues from this tax shall be used solely for capital projects for new construction or major renovation of schools in serving the* ~~qualifying locality~~ *county or city*, including bond and loan financing costs related to such construction or renovation.

2. The revenues from this tax shall not be used to reduce, supplant, or offset any amounts of local appropriations or local funding for capital projects described in subdivision 1 on the date such tax is first imposed in the county or city."

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes all counties and cities to impose an additional local sales and use tax at a rate not to exceed one percent with the revenue used only for capital projects for the construction or renovation of schools if such levy is approved in a voter referendum.)

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Page 668, after line 23, insert:

"5. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a chapter number 55.7 consisting of a section numbered § 2.2-5518 as follows:

§ 2.2-5518. *Right to intervene in the interests of the Commonwealth*

A. The Speaker of the House of Delegates or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate of Virginia shall have the right to intervene as parties and shall have standing to represent the interests of the Commonwealth in any proceeding in which (i) a provision or provisions of the Constitution of Virginia are contested or are at issue, or (ii) the constitutionality, legality, or application of a Virginia law established under legislative authority is at issue. If there is a legislative intervenor, the Attorney General may only compromise or settle an action with injunctive relief or a consent decree with the approval of such legislative intervenor. If the Attorney General wishes to compromise or settle an action with injunctive relief or a consent decree and there is no legislative intervenor, the Attorney General must give 21 days notice to the Speaker of the House of Delegates and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate of Virginia prior to offering such settlement, including a copy of the proposed settlement plan.

B. The Chair of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations may bring suit for equitable relief if the Governor refuses to disburse, implement, follow, or comply with an enactment of the General Assembly appropriating funds. They shall also have the right to intervene as parties and shall have standing to represent the interests of the Commonwealth in any such proceeding brought by another party.

C. The Speaker of the House of Delegates or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate of Virginia may bring a suit for equitable relief if the Governor has refused to implement, follow, or comply with any enactment of the General Assembly that does not appropriate funds. They shall also have the right to intervene as parties and shall have standing to represent the interests of the Commonwealth in any such proceeding brought by another party."

Explanation:

(This amendment amends the Code of Virginia to ensure the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate of Virginia, or the Chairs of House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees have the right to intervene as parties and shall have standing to represent the interests of the Commonwealth in any proceeding.)

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Page 657, strike lines 9 through 52, and insert:

"3. That §§ 58.1-322.03 and 58.1-339.8 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 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, 20272030, \$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); *and (vi) for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2027, but before January 1, 2030, \$9,200 for single individuals and \$18,400 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.

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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.

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

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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.

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.

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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 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

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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 1, 2024, *but before January 1, 2025*, 50 percent of such disallowed business interest; *and*

d. *For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2025, 20 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 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, *and for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2026*, 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.

19. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2026, the amount paid or cost incurred for installing a qualifying upgrade required to interconnect a triggering project. No deduction shall be allowed under this section for a taxpayer who has claimed a deduction under subsection I of § 58.1-402 for the same amount paid or cost incurred to install such qualifying upgrade. For purposes of this subdivision, "qualifying upgrade" and "triggering project" have the same meanings as provided for those terms in § 56-596.5.

§ 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.

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 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 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.

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b. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2025 but before January 1, ~~2027~~ 2030, any individual or married individuals filing jointly 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 individuals for federal individual income taxes pursuant to § 32 of the Internal Revenue Code for the taxable year.

c. 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."

Page 658, strike lines 1 through 56.

Page 659, strike lines 1 through 54.

Page 660, strike lines 1 through 52.

Page 661, strike lines 1 through 50.

Page 662 strike lines 1 through 55.

Page 663, strike lines 1 through 56.

Page 664, strike lines 1 through 54.

Explanation:

(This amendment increases the state standard deduction from \$8,500 for single filers and \$17,500 for married filers to \$9,200 and \$18,400 respectively beginning in taxable year 2027 through 2029.)

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Language

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Page 664, strike lines 55 and 56.

Page 665, strike lines 1 through 51.

Page 666, strike lines 1 through 50.

Page 667, strike lines 1 through 51.

Page 668, strike lines 1 through 23, and insert:

"4. That §§ 30-309, 30-310, 33.2-3401, 58.1-603.1, as it is currently effective and as it may become effective, 58.1-604.01, as it is currently effective and as it may become effective, 58.1-609.3, and 58.1-638 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 30-309. MEI Project Approval Commission; membership; terms; compensation and expenses; definition.

A. The MEI Project Approval Commission (the Commission) is established as an advisory commission in the legislative branch of state government. The purpose of the Commission shall be to review financing for individual incentive packages, including but not limited to packages offering tax incentives, for economic development, film, and episodic television projects (including but not limited to MEI projects) for which (i) one or more of the incentives in the incentive package is not authorized under current law or an amendment by the General Assembly is being sought to one or more currently existing incentives included as part of the incentive package, (ii) one of the incentives being sought includes a cash payment to a private sector business of more than \$3.5 million from any fund prior to any performance metrics being met by the proposed project, or (iii) the aggregate amount of incentives to be provided by the Commonwealth in the incentive package including discretionary grants, general or nongeneral funds, proceeds from bonds, rights to lease property at below fair market value, or any other incentives from the Commonwealth is in excess of \$10 million in value. Except for the value of any ~~sales tax exemption available pursuant to subdivision 18 of § 58.1-609.3 or~~ tax credit available pursuant to § 58.1-439.12:03, the value of any existing nondiscretionary incentives shall not be considered in calculating whether the incentives are in excess of \$10 million in value, and no review shall be required for a project if the only incentives to be provided to a potential project are nondiscretionary incentives.

B. The Commission shall consist of 14 members as follows: seven members of the House Committee on Appropriations or the House Committee on Finance appointed by the chair of the House Committee on Appropriations and five members of the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations appointed by the chair of the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations. In addition, the Secretaries of Finance and Commerce and Trade shall serve as

ex officio, nonvoting members of the Commission.

C. Members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Vacancies for unexpired terms shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. Members may be reappointed for successive terms.

D. The members of the Commission shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman annually. A majority of the voting members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum. The meetings of the Commission shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.

E. Legislative members of the Commission shall receive such compensation as provided in § 30-19.12, and nonlegislative members shall receive such compensation as provided in § 2.2-2813.

F. As used in this chapter, "MEI project" means the same as that term is defined in § 2.2-2260, and "nondiscretionary incentive" means a tax credit, tax exemption, or grant to which a taxpayer or applicant is entitled if he meets the statutory criteria required for the credit, exemption, or grant.

§ 30-310. Review of incentive packages.

A. 1. The Commission shall review individual incentive packages, including but not limited to packages offering tax incentives, for economic development, film, and episodic television projects (including but not limited to MEI projects) for which (i) one or more of the incentives in the incentive package is not authorized under current law or an amendment by the General Assembly is being sought to one or more currently existing incentives included as part of the incentive package, (ii) one of the incentives being sought includes a cash payment to a private sector business of more than \$3.5 million from any fund prior to any performance metrics being met by the proposed project, or (iii) the aggregate amount of incentives to be provided by the Commonwealth in the incentive package including discretionary grants, general or nongeneral funds, proceeds from bonds, rights to lease property at below fair market value, or any other incentives from the Commonwealth is in excess of \$10 million in value. Except for the value of ~~any sales tax exemption available pursuant to subdivision 18 of § 58.1-609.3 or~~ tax credit available pursuant to § 58.1-439.12:03, the value of any existing nondiscretionary incentives shall not be considered in calculating whether the incentives are in excess of \$10 million in value, and no review shall be required for a project if the only incentives to be provided to a potential project are nondiscretionary incentives. The Commission shall also review economic development projects in which a business relocates or expands its operations in one or more Virginia localities and simultaneously closes its operations or substantially reduces the number of its employees in another Virginia locality if the aggregate amount of incentives to be provided by the Commonwealth in the incentive package including discretionary grants, general or nongeneral funds, proceeds from bonds, rights to lease property at below fair market value, or any other incentives from the Commonwealth is in excess of \$2.5 million in value. The Commission shall recommend approval or denial of such packages and projects to the General Assembly. Factors that shall be considered by the Commission in its review shall include but not be limited to (a) return on investment, (b) the time frame for repayment of incentives to the Commonwealth, (c) average wages of the jobs created by the prospective MEI project or other

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economic development project, (d) the amount of capital investment that is required, and (e) the need for enhanced employment opportunities in the prospective location of the prospective MEI project or other economic development project.

2. a. Any time a proposed individual incentive package is to be considered by the Commission, materials outlining (i) the value of the proposed incentives; (ii) assumed return on investment; (iii) the time frame for repayment of incentives to the Commonwealth; (iv) average wages of the jobs created by the prospective economic development, film, or episodic television project; (v) the amount of capital investment that is required; (vi) the need for enhanced employment opportunities in the prospective location of the prospective economic development, film, or episodic television project; (vii) the total amount of state incentives received by the sponsor of the economic development, film, or episodic television project in the past; and (viii) a list of all other existing, nondiscretionary incentives for which the sponsor of the economic development, film, or episodic television project may qualify shall be provided to the staff of the House Committee on Appropriations and Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations not less than five business days prior to the scheduled Commission meeting. Staff shall also be provided with an aggregate list of all discretionary incentives currently committed by the Commonwealth for the next 10 years, including anticipated requests for appropriations to satisfy such commitments during that time.

b. The timing of any request for an endorsement of a proposed individual incentive package should be scheduled so that the MEI Commission could, at its discretion, have up to seven days subsequent to the presentation of the incentive package prior to endorsing or rejecting such proposal.

c. State agencies, localities, authorities, or other political subdivisions of the Commonwealth that have significant involvement in a proposed individual incentive package in terms of providing facilities or regulatory support to a project or in developing the proposed individual incentive package shall review the materials required by subdivision 2 and certify the accuracy of such materials prior to consideration by the Commission.

B. An affirmative vote by four of the seven members of the Commission from the House of Delegates and three of the five members of the Commission from the Senate shall be required to endorse any incentive package, including but not limited to packages offering tax incentives, for economic development, film, and episodic television projects (including but not limited to MEI projects) for which (i) one or more of the incentives in the incentive package is not authorized under current law or an amendment by the General Assembly is being sought to one or more currently existing incentives included as part of the incentive package, (ii) one of the incentives being sought includes a cash payment to a private sector business of more than \$3.5 million from any fund prior to any performance metrics being met by the proposed project, or (iii) the aggregate amount of incentives to be provided by the Commonwealth in the incentive package including discretionary grants, general or nongeneral funds, proceeds from bonds, rights to lease property at below fair market value, or any other incentives from the Commonwealth is in excess of \$10 million in value. Except for the value of any ~~sales tax exemption available pursuant to subdivision 18 of § 58.1-609.3 or~~ tax credit available pursuant to § 58.1-439.12:03, the value of any existing nondiscretionary incentives shall not be considered in calculating whether the incentives are in excess of \$10 million in value. Such vote shall also be required to

endorse any economic development project in which a business relocates or expands its operations in one or more Virginia localities and simultaneously closes its operations or substantially reduces the number of its employees in another Virginia locality if the aggregate amount of incentives to be provided by the Commonwealth in the incentive package including discretionary grants, general or nongeneral funds, proceeds from bonds, rights to lease property at below fair market value, or any other incentives from the Commonwealth is in excess of \$2.5 million in value. However, no vote shall be required for a project if the only incentives to be provided to a potential project are nondiscretionary incentives available to any qualified taxpayer under existing law.

§ 33.2-3401. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Capital Fund.

A. There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund for the benefit of the Northern Virginia Transportation District to be known as the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Capital Fund. The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller. All revenues dedicated to the Fund pursuant to §§ 33.2-2400, *and* 33.2-3404, *subsection J of § 58.1-638, and §§ 58.1-802.3, 58.1-1741, 58.1-1743, and 58.1-2299.20* shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Fund as set forth in subsection B and shall be used for the payment of capital purposes incurred, or to be incurred, by WMATA. Interest 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. The Comptroller shall disburse funds to WMATA on a monthly basis if NVTC has provided the certification required by subsection B of § 33.2-3402.

B. 1. Within the Fund, there shall be established a separate, segregated account into which revenues dedicated to the Fund pursuant to §§ 33.2-2400 and 58.1-1741 shall be deposited (the Restricted Account). Revenues deposited into the Restricted Account shall be available for use by WMATA for capital purposes other than for the payment of, or security for, debt service on bonds or other indebtedness of WMATA.

2. Within the Fund, there shall be established a separate, segregated account into which revenues dedicated to the Fund pursuant to §§ § 33.2-3404, *subsection J of § 58.1-638, and §§ 58.1-802.3, 58.1-1743, and 58.1-2299.20* shall be deposited (the Non-Restricted Account). Revenues deposited into the Non-Restricted Account shall be available for use by WMATA for capital purposes, including for the payment of, or security for, debt service on bonds or other indebtedness of WMATA, or for any other WMATA capital purposes.

C. The amounts deposited into the Fund and the distribution and expenditure of such amounts shall not be used to calculate or reduce the share of federal, state, or local revenues otherwise available to participating jurisdictions. Further, such revenues and moneys shall not be included in any computation of, or formula for, a locality's ability to pay for public education, upon which appropriations of state revenues to local governments for public education are determined.

§ 58.1-603.1. (For contingent expiration dates, see Acts 2013, c. 766, and Acts 2020, c. 1235) Additional state sales tax in certain counties and cities.

A. In addition to the sales tax imposed pursuant to § 58.1-603, there is hereby levied and

imposed in each county and city located in a Planning District established pursuant to Chapter 42 (§ 15.2-4200 et seq.) of Title 15.2 that (i) as of January 1, 2013, has a population of 1.5 million or more as shown by the most recent United States Census, has not less than 1.2 million motor vehicles registered therein, and has a total transit ridership of not less than 15 million riders per year across all transit systems within the Planning District or (ii) as shown by the most recent United States Census meets the population criteria set forth in clause (i) and also meets the vehicle registration and ridership criteria set forth in clause (i), a retail sales tax at the rate of 0.70 percent. In any case in which the tax is imposed pursuant to clause (ii) such tax shall be effective beginning on the July 1 immediately following the calendar year in which all of the criteria have been met.

B. In addition to the sales tax imposed pursuant to § 58.1-603, there is hereby levied and imposed in each county and city located in Planning District 15 established pursuant to Chapter 42 (§ 15.2-4200 et seq.) of Title 15.2 a retail sales tax at the rate of 0.70 percent. In no case shall an additional sales tax be imposed pursuant to both clause (ii) of subsection A and this subsection.

C. The tax imposed pursuant to subsections A and B shall not be levied upon food purchased for human consumption and essential personal hygiene products, as such terms are defined in § 58.1-611.1. Such tax shall be added to the rate of the state sales tax imposed pursuant to § 58.1-603 in each such county and city and shall be subject to all the provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations published with respect thereto. No discount under § 58.1-622 shall be allowed for the tax imposed under this section. Such tax shall be administered and collected by the Tax Commissioner in the same manner and subject to the same penalties as provided for the state sales tax under § 58.1-603.

D. The revenue generated and collected pursuant to the tax authorized under this section, less the applicable portion of any refunds to taxpayers, shall be deposited by the Comptroller into special funds established by law. In the case of Planning District 8, the revenue generated and collected therein shall be deposited into the fund established in § 33.2-2509, *except as provided in subsection J of § 58.1-638*. In the case of Planning District 23, the revenue generated and collected therein shall be deposited into the fund established in § 33.2-2600. In the case of Planning District 15, the revenue generated and collected therein shall be deposited into the fund established in § 33.2-3701. For additional planning districts that may become subject to this section, funds shall be established by appropriate legislation.

§ 58.1-603.1. (For contingent effective date, see Acts 2020, c. 1235; for contingent expiration date, see Acts 2013, c. 766) Additional state sales tax in certain counties and cities.

In addition to the sales tax imposed pursuant to § 58.1-603, there is hereby levied and imposed in each county and city located in a Planning District established pursuant to Chapter 42 (§ 15.2-4200 et seq.) of Title 15.2 that (i) as of January 1, 2013, has a population of 1.5 million or more as shown by the most recent United States Census, has not less than 1.2 million motor vehicles registered therein, and has a total transit ridership of not less than 15 million riders per year across all transit systems within the Planning District or (ii) as shown by the most recent United States Census meets the population criteria set forth in clause (i) and also meets the

vehicle registration and ridership criteria set forth in clause (i), a retail sales tax at the rate of 0.70 percent. In any case in which the tax is imposed pursuant to clause (ii) such tax shall be effective beginning on the July 1 immediately following the calendar year in which all of the criteria have been met. Such tax shall not be levied upon food purchased for human consumption and essential personal hygiene products, as such terms are defined in § 58.1-611.1. Such tax shall be added to the rate of the state sales tax imposed pursuant to § 58.1-603 in each such county and city and shall be subject to all the provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations published with respect thereto. No discount under § 58.1-622 shall be allowed for the tax imposed under this section. Such tax shall be administered and collected by the Tax Commissioner in the same manner and subject to the same penalties as provided for the state sales tax under § 58.1-603.

The revenue generated and collected pursuant to the tax authorized under this section, less the applicable portion of any refunds to taxpayers, shall be deposited by the Comptroller into special funds established by law. In the case of Planning District 8, the revenue generated and collected therein shall be deposited into the fund established in § 33.2-2509, *except as provided in subsection J of § 58.1-638*. In the case of Planning District 23, the revenue generated and collected therein shall be deposited into the fund established in § 33.2-2600. For additional Planning Districts that may become subject to this section, funds shall be established by appropriate legislation.

§ 58.1-604.01. (For contingent expiration dates, see Acts 2013, c. 766, and Acts 2020, c. 1235) Additional state use tax in certain counties and cities.

A. In addition to the use tax imposed pursuant to § 58.1-604, there is hereby levied and imposed in each county and city located in a Planning District established pursuant to Chapter 42 (§ 15.2-4200 et seq.) of Title 15.2 that (i) as of January 1, 2013, has a population of 1.5 million or more, as shown by the most recent United States Census, has not less than 1.2 million motor vehicles registered therein, and has a total transit ridership of not less than 15 million riders per year across all transit systems within the Planning District or (ii) as shown by the most recent United States Census meets the population criteria set forth in clause (i) and also meets the vehicle registration and ridership criteria set forth in clause (i), a retail use tax at the rate of 0.70 percent. In any case in which the tax is imposed pursuant to clause (ii) such tax shall be effective beginning on the July 1 immediately following the calendar year in which all of the criteria have been met.

B. In addition to the sales tax imposed pursuant to § 58.1-603, there is hereby levied and imposed in each county and city located in Planning District 15 established pursuant to Chapter 42 (§ 15.2-4200 et seq.) of Title 15.2 a retail use tax at the rate of 0.70 percent. In no case shall an additional use tax be imposed pursuant to both clause (ii) of subsection A and this subsection.

C. The tax imposed pursuant to subsections A and B shall not be levied upon food purchased for human consumption and essential personal hygiene products, as such terms are defined in §

58.1-611.1. Such tax shall be added to the rate of the state use tax imposed pursuant to § 58.1-604 in such county and city and shall be subject to all the provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations published with respect thereto. No discount under § 58.1-622 shall be allowed for the tax described under this section. Such tax shall be administered and collected by the Tax Commissioner in the same manner and subject to the same penalties as provided for the state use tax under § 58.1-604.

D. The revenue generated and collected pursuant to the tax authorized under this section, less the applicable portion of any refunds to taxpayers, shall be deposited by the Comptroller into special funds established by law. In the case of Planning District 8, the revenue generated and collected therein shall be deposited into the fund established in § 33.2-2509, *except as provided in subsection J of § 58.1-638*. In the case of Planning District 23, the revenue generated and collected therein shall be deposited into the fund established in § 33.2-2600. In the case of Planning District 15, the revenue generated and collected therein shall be deposited into the fund established in § 33.2-3701. For any additional planning districts that may become subject to this section, funds shall be established by appropriate legislation.

§ 58.1-604.01. (For contingent effective date, see Acts 2020, c. 1235; for contingent expiration date, see Acts 2013, c. 766) Additional state use tax in certain counties and cities.

In addition to the use tax imposed pursuant to § 58.1-604, there is hereby levied and imposed in each county and city located in a Planning District established pursuant to Chapter 42 (§ 15.2-4200 et seq.) of Title 15.2 that (i) as of January 1, 2013, has a population of 1.5 million or more, as shown by the most recent United States Census, has not less than 1.2 million motor vehicles registered therein, and has a total transit ridership of not less than 15 million riders per year across all transit systems within the Planning District or (ii) as shown by the most recent United States Census meets the population criteria set forth in clause (i) and also meets the vehicle registration and ridership criteria set forth in clause (i), a retail use tax at the rate of 0.70 percent. In any case in which the tax is imposed pursuant to clause (ii) such tax shall be effective beginning on the July 1 immediately following the calendar year in which all of the criteria have been met. Such tax shall not be levied upon food purchased for human consumption and essential personal hygiene products, as such terms are defined in § 58.1-611.1. Such tax shall be added to the rate of the state use tax imposed pursuant to § 58.1-604 in such county and city and shall be subject to all the provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations published with respect thereto. No discount under § 58.1-622 shall be allowed for the tax described under this section. Such tax shall be administered and collected by the Tax Commissioner in the same manner and subject to the same penalties as provided for the state use tax under § 58.1-604.

The revenue generated and collected pursuant to the tax authorized under this section, less the applicable portion of any refunds to taxpayers, shall be deposited by the Comptroller into special funds established by law. In the case of Planning District 8, the revenue generated and collected therein shall be deposited into the fund established in § 33.2-2509, *except as provided in subsection J of § 58.1-638*. In the case of Planning District 23, the revenue generated and

collected therein shall be deposited into the fund established in § 33.2-2600. For any additional Planning Districts that may become subject to this section, funds shall be established by appropriate legislation.

§ 58.1-609.3. Commercial and industrial exemptions.

The tax imposed by this chapter or pursuant to the authority granted in §§ 58.1-605 and 58.1-606 shall not apply to the following:

1. Personal property purchased by a contractor which is used solely in another state or in a foreign country, which could be purchased by such contractor for such use free from sales tax in such other state or foreign country, and which is stored temporarily in Virginia pending shipment to such state or country.
2. (i) Industrial materials for future processing, manufacturing, refining, or conversion into articles of tangible personal property for resale where such industrial materials either enter into the production of or become a component part of the finished product; (ii) industrial materials that are coated upon or impregnated into the product at any stage of its being processed, manufactured, refined, or converted for resale; (iii) machinery or tools or repair parts therefor or replacements thereof, fuel, power, energy, or supplies, used directly in processing, manufacturing, refining, mining or converting products for sale or resale; (iv) materials, containers, labels, sacks, cans, boxes, drums or bags for future use for packaging tangible personal property for shipment or sale; or (v) equipment, printing or supplies used directly to produce a publication described in subdivision 3 of § 58.1-609.6 whether it is ultimately sold at retail or for resale or distribution at no cost. Machinery, tools and equipment, or repair parts therefor or replacements thereof, shall be exempt if the preponderance of their use is directly in processing, manufacturing, refining, mining or converting products for sale or resale. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to the drilling or extraction of oil, gas, natural gas and coalbed methane gas. In addition, the exemption provided herein shall not be applicable to any machinery, tools, and equipment, or any other tangible personal property used by a public service corporation in the generation of electric power, except for raw materials that are inputs to production of electricity, including fuel, or for machinery, tools, and equipment used to generate energy derived from sunlight or wind. The exemption for machinery, tools, and equipment used to generate energy derived from sunlight or wind shall expire June 30, 2027.
3. Tangible personal property sold or leased to a public service corporation engaged in business as a common carrier of property or passengers by railway, for use or consumption by such common carrier directly in the rendition of its public service.
4. Ships or vessels, or repairs and alterations thereof, used or to be used exclusively or principally in interstate or foreign commerce; fuel and supplies for use or consumption aboard ships or vessels plying the high seas, either in intercoastal trade between ports in the Commonwealth and ports in other states of the United States or its territories or possessions, or in foreign commerce between ports in the Commonwealth and ports in foreign countries, when delivered directly to such ships or vessels; or tangible personal property used directly in the building, conversion or repair of the ships or vessels covered by this subdivision. This exemption shall include dredges, their supporting equipment, attendant vessels, and fuel and supplies for use or consumption aboard such vessels, provided the dredges are used exclusively

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or principally in interstate or foreign commerce.

5. Tangible personal property purchased for use or consumption directly and exclusively in basic research or research and development in the experimental or laboratory sense.

6. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 20 of § 58.1-609.10, all tangible personal property sold or leased to an airline operating in intrastate, interstate or foreign commerce as a common carrier providing scheduled air service on a continuing basis to one or more Virginia airports at least one day per week, for use or consumption by such airline directly in the rendition of its common carrier service.

7. Meals furnished by restaurants or food service operators to employees as a part of wages.

8. Tangible personal property including machinery and tools, repair parts or replacements thereof, and supplies and materials used directly in maintaining and preparing textile products for rental or leasing by an industrial processor engaged in the commercial leasing or renting of laundered textile products.

9. Certified pollution control equipment and facilities as defined in § 58.1-3660, except for any equipment that has not been certified to the Department of Taxation by a state certifying authority or subdivision certifying authority pursuant to such section.

10. Parts, tires, meters and dispatch radios sold or leased to taxicab operators for use or consumption directly in the rendition of their services.

11. High speed electrostatic duplicators or any other duplicators which have a printing capacity of 4,000 impressions or more per hour purchased or leased by persons engaged primarily in the printing or photocopying of products for sale or resale.

12. From July 1, 1994, and ending July 1, 2024, raw materials, fuel, power, energy, supplies, machinery or tools or repair parts therefor or replacements thereof, used directly in the drilling, extraction, or processing of natural gas or oil and the reclamation of the well area. For the purposes of this section, the term "natural gas" shall mean "gas," "natural gas," and "coalbed methane gas" as defined in § 45.2-1600. For the purposes of this section, "drilling," "extraction," and "processing" shall include production, inspection, testing, dewatering, dehydration, or distillation of raw natural gas into a usable condition consistent with commercial practices, and the gathering and transportation of raw natural gas to a facility wherein the gas is converted into such a usable condition. Machinery, tools and equipment, or repair parts therefor or replacements thereof, shall be exempt if the preponderance of their use is directly in the drilling, extraction, refining, or processing of natural gas or oil for sale or resale, or in well area reclamation activities required by state or federal law.

13. Beginning July 1, 1997, (i) the sale, lease, use, storage, consumption, or distribution of an orbital or suborbital space facility, space propulsion system, space vehicle, satellite, or space station of any kind possessing space flight capability, including the components thereof, irrespective of whether such facility, system, vehicle, satellite, or station is returned to this Commonwealth for subsequent use, storage or consumption in any manner when used to conduct spaceport activities; (ii) the sale, lease, use, storage, consumption or distribution of tangible personal property placed on or used aboard any orbital or suborbital space facility, space propulsion system, space vehicle, satellite or space station of any kind, irrespective of whether such tangible personal property is returned to this Commonwealth for subsequent use, storage or consumption in any manner when used to conduct spaceport activities; (iii) fuels of

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such quality not adapted for use in ordinary vehicles, being produced for, sold and exclusively used for space flight when used to conduct spaceport activities; (iv) the sale, lease, use, storage, consumption or distribution of machinery and equipment purchased, sold, leased, rented or used exclusively for spaceport activities and the sale of goods and services provided to operate and maintain launch facilities, launch equipment, payload processing facilities and payload processing equipment used to conduct spaceport activities.

For purposes of this subdivision, "spaceport activities" means activities directed or sponsored at a facility owned, leased, or operated by or on behalf of the Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority.

The exemptions provided by this subdivision shall not be denied by reason of a failure, postponement or cancellation of a launch of any orbital or suborbital space facility, space propulsion system, space vehicle, satellite or space station of any kind or the destruction of any launch vehicle or any components thereof.

14. Semiconductor cleanrooms or equipment, fuel, power, energy, supplies, or other tangible personal property used primarily in the integrated process of designing, developing, manufacturing, or testing a semiconductor product, a semiconductor manufacturing process or subprocess, or semiconductor equipment without regard to whether the property is actually contained in or used in a cleanroom environment, touches the product, is used before or after production, or is affixed to or incorporated into real estate.

15. Semiconductor wafers for use or consumption by a semiconductor manufacturer.

16. Railroad rolling stock when sold or leased by the manufacturer thereof.

~~17. Computer equipment purchased or leased on or before June 30, 2011, used in data centers located in a Virginia locality having an unemployment rate above 4.9 percent for the calendar quarter ending November 2007, for the processing, storage, retrieval, or communication of data, including but not limited to servers, routers, connections, and other enabling hardware when part of a new investment of at least \$75 million in such exempt property, when such investment results in the creation of at least 100 new jobs paying at least twice the prevailing average wage in that locality, so long as such investment was made in accordance with a memorandum of understanding with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority entered into or amended between January 1, 2008, and December 31, 2008. The exemption shall also apply to any such computer equipment purchased or leased to upgrade, add to, or replace computer equipment purchased or leased in the initial investment. The exemption shall not apply to any computer software sold separately from the computer equipment, nor shall it apply to general building improvements or fixtures.~~

~~18. a. Beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2035, except as provided in subdivision 19, 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 the equipment exempted in this paragraph, provided that such computer equipment or enabling software is purchased or leased for use in a data center, which includes any data center facilities located in the same locality as the data center that are under common ownership or affiliation of the data center operator, that (i) is located in a Virginia locality; (ii) results in a new capital investment on or after January 1, 2009, of at least \$150 million; and (iii) results in~~

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~~the creation on or after July 1, 2009, of at least 50 new jobs by the data center operator and the tenants of the data center, collectively, associated with the operation or maintenance of the data center provided that such jobs pay at least one and one-half times the prevailing average wage in that locality. The requirement of at least 50 new jobs is reduced to 10 new jobs if the data center is located in a distressed locality at the time of the execution of a memorandum of understanding with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority. Additionally, the requirement of a \$150 million capital investment shall be reduced to \$70 million for data centers that qualify for the reduced jobs requirement.~~

~~This exemption applies to the data center operator and the tenants of the data center if they collectively meet the requirements listed in this section. Prior to claiming such exemption, any qualifying person claiming the exemption, including a data center operator on behalf of itself and its tenants, must enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority that at a minimum provides the details for determining the amount of capital investment made and the number of new jobs created, the timeline for achieving the capital investment and new job goals, the repayment obligations should those goals not be achieved, and any conditions under which repayment by the qualifying data center or data center tenant claiming the exemption may be required. In addition, the exemption shall apply to any such computer equipment or enabling software purchased or leased to upgrade, supplement, or replace computer equipment or enabling software purchased or leased in the initial investment. The exemption shall not apply to any other computer software otherwise taxable under Chapter 6 of Title 58.1 that is sold or leased separately from the computer equipment, nor shall it apply to general building improvements or other fixtures.~~

~~b. For purposes of this subdivision 18, "distressed locality" means:~~

~~(1) From July 1, 2021, until July 1, 2023, any locality that had (i) an annual unemployment rate for calendar year 2019 that was greater than the final statewide average unemployment rate for that calendar year and (ii) a poverty rate for calendar year 2019 that exceeded the statewide average poverty rate for that year; and~~

~~(2) From and after July 1, 2023, any locality that has (i) an annual unemployment rate for the most recent calendar year for which such data is available that is greater than the final statewide average unemployment rate for that calendar year and (ii) a poverty rate for the most recent calendar year for which such data is available that exceeds the statewide average poverty rate for that year.~~

~~c. For so long as a data center operator is claiming an exemption pursuant to this subdivision 18, such operator shall be required to submit an annual report to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority on behalf of itself and, if applicable, its participating tenants that includes their employment levels, capital investments, average annual wages, qualifying expenses, and tax benefit, and such other information as the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority determines is relevant, pursuant to procedures developed by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority. The annual report shall be submitted by the data center operator in a format prescribed by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority. The Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority shall share all information collected with the Department.~~

~~The Department, in collaboration with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership~~

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~~Authority, shall publish a biennial report on the exemption that shall include aggregate information on qualifying expenses claimed under this exemption, the total value of the tax benefit, a return on investment analysis that includes direct and indirect jobs created by data center investment, state and local tax revenues generated, and any other information the Department and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority deem appropriate to demonstrate the costs and benefits of the exemption. The report shall not include, and the Department and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority shall not publish or disclose, any such information if it is unaggregated or if such report or publication could be used to identify a business or individual. The Department shall submit the report to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations and the House Committees on Appropriations and Finance. The Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority may publish on its website and distribute annual information indicating the job creation and ranges of capital investments made by a data center operator and, if applicable, its participating tenants, in a format to be developed in consultation with data center operators.~~

~~19. a. Notwithstanding any provision of subdivision 18 to the contrary, the exemption set forth in subdivision 18 may be extended for the purchase or lease of computer equipment or enabling software by or on behalf of data center operators for use in data centers in the Commonwealth that are under common ownership or affiliation with the data center operator as set forth in this subdivision 19. For purposes of this subdivision 19, a data center operator shall be considered to own a data center if it is operated on behalf of the data center operator pursuant to a long-term lease of at least ten years.~~

~~b. To qualify for an extension pursuant to this subdivision 19, a data center operator shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority on or after January 1, 2023, that at a minimum provides the details for determining the amount of capital investment made and the number of new jobs created; the locality or localities in which the capital investment shall be made and new jobs shall be created in order to qualify for the extension; and the timeline for making the capital investment and creating the new jobs in each specified locality. A data center operator shall only be required to enter into one memorandum of understanding pursuant to this subdivision 19 in order to qualify for the extension pursuant to both subdivisions c and d.~~

~~c. If on or after January 1, 2023, but before July 1, 2035, a data center operator that has entered into a memorandum of understanding pursuant to subdivision b (i) makes or causes to be made a capital investment of at least \$35 billion in data centers in localities identified in a memorandum of understanding and (ii) creates at least 1,000 new full-time jobs, as defined in § 59.1-284.42, at such data centers, of which at least 100 of such jobs shall pay at least one and one-half times the prevailing average wage in the Commonwealth, the data center operator shall be eligible to continue to utilize the exemption set forth in subdivision 18 through June 30, 2040.~~

~~d. If on or after January 1, 2023, but before July 1, 2040, a data center operator that has entered into a memorandum of understanding pursuant to subdivision b (i) makes a total capital investment of at least \$100 billion, inclusive of any investment made pursuant to subdivision c, in data centers in the localities identified in such memorandum of understanding and (ii) creates a total of at least 2,500 new full-time jobs, as defined in § 59.1-284.42, at such data centers, of~~

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~~which at least 100 of such jobs shall pay at least one and one-half times the prevailing average wage in the Commonwealth, inclusive of any new full-time jobs created pursuant to subdivision c, the data center operator shall be eligible to utilize the exemption set forth in subdivision 18 through June 30, 2050.~~

~~e. The extension provided in this subdivision 19 shall apply to the computer equipment or enabling software purchased or leased for use in the data centers subject to the capital investment and job requirements set forth herein, as well as to any such computer equipment or enabling software purchased or leased to upgrade, supplement, or replace computer equipment or enabling software purchased or leased in the initial investment. The extension shall also apply to any computer equipment or software purchased or leased in data centers under common ownership or affiliation with the data center operator for which the data center operator entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to qualify for the exemption set forth in subdivision 18.~~

~~f. The reporting requirements set forth in subdivision 18 shall continue to apply to a data center operator for the duration of any extension granted pursuant to this subdivision 19.~~

~~20. If the preponderance of their use is in the manufacture of beer by a brewer licensed pursuant to subdivision 3 or 4 of § 4.1-206.1, (i) machinery, tools, and equipment, or repair parts therefor or replacements thereof, fuel, power, energy, or supplies; (ii) materials for future processing, manufacturing, or conversion into beer where such materials either enter into the production of or become a component part of the beer; and (iii) materials, including containers, labels, sacks, cans, bottles, kegs, boxes, drums, or bags for future use, for packaging the beer for shipment or sale.~~

~~21. 18. If the preponderance of their use is in advanced recycling, as defined in § 58.1-439.7, (i) machinery, tools, and equipment, or repair parts therefor or replacements thereof, fuel, power, energy, or supplies; (ii) materials for processing, manufacturing, or conversion for resale where such materials either are recycled or recovered; and (iii) materials, including containers, labels, sacks, cans, boxes, drums, or bags used for packaging recycled or recovered material for shipment or resale.~~

§ 58.1-638. Disposition of state sales and use tax revenue.

A. The Comptroller shall designate a specific revenue code number for all the state sales and use tax revenue collected under the preceding sections of this chapter.

The sales and use tax revenue generated by the one-half percent sales and use tax increase enacted by the 1986 Special Session of the General Assembly shall be paid, in the manner hereinafter provided in this section, to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund established pursuant to § 33.2-1524. The Fund's share of such net revenue shall be computed as an estimate of the net revenue to be received into the state treasury each month, and such estimated payment shall be adjusted for the actual net revenue received in the preceding month. All payments shall be made to the Fund on the last day of each month.

B. The sales and use tax revenue generated by a one percent sales and use tax shall be distributed among the counties and cities of the Commonwealth in the manner provided in subsections C and D.

C. The localities' share of the net revenue distributable under this section among the counties

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and cities shall be apportioned by the Comptroller and distributed among them by warrants of the Comptroller drawn on the Treasurer of Virginia as soon as practicable after the close of each month during which the net revenue was received into the state treasury. The distribution of the localities' share of such net revenue shall be computed with respect to the net revenue received into the state treasury during each month, and such distribution shall be made as soon as practicable after the close of each such month.

D. The net revenue so distributable among the counties and cities shall be apportioned and distributed upon the basis of the latest yearly estimate of the population of cities and counties ages five to 19, provided by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service of the University of Virginia. Such population estimate produced by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service of the University of Virginia shall account for persons who are domiciled in orphanages or charitable institutions or who are dependents living on any federal military or naval reservation or other federal property within the school division in which the institutions or federal military or naval reservation or other federal property is located. Such population estimate produced by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service of the University of Virginia shall account for members of the military services who are under 20 years of age within the school division in which the parents or guardians of such persons legally reside. Such population estimate produced by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service of the University of Virginia shall account for individuals receiving services in state hospitals, state training centers, or mental health facilities, persons who are confined in state or federal correctional institutions, or persons who attend the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind within the school division in which the parents or guardians of such persons legally reside. Such population estimate produced by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service of the University of Virginia shall account for persons who attend institutions of higher education within the school division in which the student's parents or guardians legally reside. To such estimate, the Department of Education shall add the population of students with disabilities, ages two through four and 20 through 21, as provided to the Department of Education by school divisions. The revenue so apportionable and distributable is hereby appropriated to the several counties and cities for maintenance, operation, capital outlays, debt and interest payments, or other expenses incurred in the operation of the public schools, which shall be considered as funds raised from local resources. In any county, however, wherein is situated any incorporated town constituting a school division, the county treasurer shall pay into the town treasury for maintenance, operation, capital outlays, debt and interest payments, or other expenses incurred in the operation of the public schools, the proper proportionate amount received by him in the ratio that the school population of such town bears to the school population of the entire county. If the school population of any city or of any town constituting a school division is increased by the annexation of territory since the last estimate of school population provided by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, such increase shall, for the purposes of this section, be added to the school population of such city or town as shown by the last such estimate and a proper reduction made in the school population of the county or counties from which the annexed territory was acquired.

E. Beginning July 1, 2000, of the remaining sales and use tax revenue, the revenue generated by a two percent sales and use tax, up to an annual amount of \$13 million, collected from the sales

of hunting equipment, auxiliary hunting equipment, fishing equipment, auxiliary fishing equipment, wildlife-watching equipment, and auxiliary wildlife-watching equipment in Virginia, as estimated by the most recent U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, shall be paid into the Game Protection Fund established under § 29.1-101 and shall be used, in part, to defray the cost of law enforcement. Not later than 30 days after the close of each quarter, the Comptroller shall transfer to the Game Protection Fund the appropriate amount of collections to be dedicated to such Fund. At any time that the balance in the Capital Improvement Fund, established under § 29.1-101.01, is equal to or in excess of \$35 million, any portion of sales and use tax revenues that would have been transferred to the Game Protection Fund, established under § 29.1-101, in excess of the net operating expenses of the Board, after deduction of other amounts which accrue to the Board and are set aside for the Game Protection Fund, shall remain in the general fund until such time as the balance in the Capital Improvement Fund is less than \$35 million.

F. 1. Of the net revenue generated from the one-half percent increase in the rate of the state sales and use tax effective August 1, 2004, pursuant to enactments of the 2004 Special Session I of the General Assembly, the Comptroller shall transfer from the general fund of the state treasury to the Public Education Standards of Quality/Local Real Estate Property Tax Relief Fund established under § 58.1-638.1 an amount equivalent to one-half of the net revenue generated from such one-half percent increase as provided in this subdivision. The transfers to the Public Education Standards of Quality/Local Real Estate Property Tax Relief Fund under this subdivision shall be for one-half of the net revenue generated (and collected in the succeeding month) from such one-half percent increase for the month of August 2004 and for each month thereafter.

2. Beginning July 1, 2013, of the remaining sales and use tax revenue, an amount equal to the revenue generated by a 0.125 percent sales and use tax shall be distributed to the Public Education Standards of Quality/Local Real Estate Property Tax Relief Fund established under § 58.1-638.1, and be used for the state's share of Standards of Quality basic aid payments.

3. For the purposes of the Comptroller making the required transfers under subdivision 1 and 2, the Tax Commissioner shall make a written certification to the Comptroller no later than the twenty-fifth of each month certifying the sales and use tax revenues generated in the preceding month. Within three calendar days of receiving such certification, the Comptroller shall make the required transfers to the Public Education Standards of Quality/Local Real Estate Property Tax Relief Fund.

G. (Contingent expiration date) Beginning July 1, 2020, of the remaining sales and use tax revenue, an amount equal to 20 percent of the revenue generated by a one-half percent sales and use tax, such as that paid to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund as provided in subsection A, shall be paid to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund established pursuant to § 33.2-1524. The Commonwealth Transportation Fund's share of the net revenue distributable under this subsection shall be computed as an estimate of the net revenue to be received into the state treasury each month, and such estimated payment shall be adjusted for the actual net revenue received in the preceding month. All payments shall be made to the Fund on the last day of each month.

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H. (Contingent expiration date)

1. The additional revenue generated by increases in the state sales and use tax from Planning District 8 pursuant to §§ 58.1-603.1, 58.1-604.01, 58.1-604.1, and 58.1-614 shall be deposited by the Comptroller in the fund established under § 33.2-2509 *except as provided in subsection J.*

2. The additional revenue generated by increases in the state sales and use tax from Planning District 23 pursuant to §§ 58.1-603.1, 58.1-604.01, 58.1-604.1, and 58.1-614 shall be deposited by the Comptroller in the fund established under § 33.2-2600.

3. (For contingent expiration date, see Acts 2020, c. 1235) The additional revenue generated by increases in the state sales and use tax from Planning District 15 pursuant to §§ 58.1-603.1, 58.1-604.01, 58.1-604.1, and 58.1-614 shall be deposited by the Comptroller in the fund established under § 33.2-3701.

4. The additional revenue generated by increases in the state sales and use tax in any other Planning District pursuant to §§ 58.1-603.1, 58.1-604.01, 58.1-604.1, and 58.1-614 shall be deposited into special funds that shall be established by appropriate legislation.

5. The net revenues distributable under this subsection shall be computed as an estimate of the net revenue to be received by the state treasury each month, and such estimated payment shall be adjusted for the actual net revenue received in the preceding month. All payments shall be made to the appropriate funds on the last day of each month.

I. (For contingent expiration date, see Acts 2018, c. 850) The additional revenue generated by increases in the state sales and use tax from the Historic Triangle pursuant to § 58.1-603.2 shall be deposited by the Comptroller as follows: (i) 50 percent shall be deposited into the Historic Triangle Marketing Fund established pursuant to subsection F of § 58.1-603.2; and (ii) 50 percent shall be deposited in the special fund created pursuant to subdivision D 2 of § 58.1-603.2 and distributed to the localities in which the revenues were collected. The net revenues distributable under this subsection shall be computed as an estimate of the net revenues to be received by the state treasury each month, and such estimated payment shall be adjusted for the actual net revenue received in the preceding month. All payments shall be made to the appropriate funds on the last day of each month.

J. *The additional revenue generated by the taxes imposed pursuant to §§ 58.1-603.1 and 58.1-604.01 on and after January 1, 2027, upon the sale and use of any equipment, software, or other items that were, or would have been, exempt from the tax imposed pursuant to this chapter under subdivisions 17, 18, and 19 of § 58.1-609.3, as they were effective on December 31, 2026, shall be deposited into the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Capital Fund established pursuant to § 33.2-3401.*

K. If errors are made in any distribution, or adjustments are otherwise necessary, the errors shall be corrected and adjustments made in the distribution for the next quarter or for subsequent quarters.

~~K.~~ L. The term "net revenue," as used in this section, means the gross revenue received into the general fund or the Commonwealth Transportation Fund of the state treasury under the preceding sections of this chapter, less refunds to taxpayers."

Page 668, strike lines 26 through 29.

Explanation:

(This amendment enacts and codifies an expiration of the sales and use tax exemption for computer equipment and software used in qualifying data centers effective January 1, 2027. Sales tax revenue is estimated to increase \$549.9 million in FY 2027 and \$1.3 billion in FY 2028 from the expiration, increasing general fund sales tax revenue by \$317.1 million in FY 2027 and \$778.3 million in FY 2028 and the Commonwealth Transportation Fund revenue by \$84.4 million in FY 2027 and \$207.2 million in FY 2028.)

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Effective Date

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Language

Language:

Page 668, after line 23, insert:

"6. That § 58.1-1743 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 58.1-1743. (For expiration date, see Acts 2020, cc. 1230 and 1275, and cc. 1241 and 1281) Transportation district transient occupancy tax.

A. In addition to all other fees and taxes imposed under law, there is hereby imposed an additional transient occupancy tax at the rate of (i) three percent *before July 1, 2026, and (ii) four percent on and after July 1, 2026*, of the amount of the charge for the occupancy of any room or space occupied in any county or city located in a transportation district established pursuant to Chapter 19 (§ 33.2-1900 et seq.) of Title 33.2 that as of January 1, 2018, meets the criteria established in § 33.2-1936.

B. In addition to all other fees and taxes imposed under law, there is hereby imposed an additional transient occupancy tax at the rate of one percent of the amount of the charge for the occupancy of any room or space occupied in any county or city located in a transportation district in Hampton Roads created pursuant to § 33.2-1903.

C. The tax imposed under this section shall be imposed only for the occupancy of any room or space that is suitable or intended for occupancy by transients for dwelling, lodging, or sleeping purposes.

D. The tax imposed under this section shall be administered by the locality in which the room or space is located in the same manner as it administers the tax authorized by § 58.1-3819 or 58.1-3840, mutatis mutandis, except as herein provided. The revenue generated and collected from the tax shall be deposited by the local treasurer into the state treasury pursuant to § 2.2-806 and transferred by the Comptroller into special funds established by law. In the case of the Northern Virginia Transportation District, the revenue generated and collected therein shall be deposited into the fund established in § 33.2-3401. In the case of a transportation district in Hampton Roads created pursuant to § 33.2-1903, the revenue generated and collected therein shall be deposited into the fund established in § 33.2-2600.1. For additional transportation districts that may become subject to this section, funds shall be established by appropriate legislation."

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Page 668, line 24, strike "5", insert "7".

Page 668, line 31, strike "and".

Page 668, line 31, after "fourth", insert ", fifth and sixth".

Explanation:

(This amendment enacts and codifies an increase in the regional transient occupancy tax from 3.0 to 4.0 percent beginning January 1, 2027. The increase is estimated to generate \$17.0 million each fiscal year in additional revenue, which is deposited into the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Capital Fund.)
