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General Conditions

§ 2-0. GENERAL CONDITIONS

A.1. The General Assembly hereby authorizes the capital projects listed in this act. The amounts hereinafter set forth are appropriated to the state agencies named for the indicated capital projects. Amounts so appropriated and amounts reappropriated pursuant to paragraph G of this section shall be available for expenditure during the current biennium, subject to the conditions controlling the expenditures of capital project funds as provided by law. Reappropriated amounts, unless otherwise stated, are limited to the unexpended appropriation balances at the close of the previous biennium, as shown by the records of the Department of Accounts.

2. The Director of the Department of Planning and Budget may transfer appropriations listed in Part 2 of this act from the second year to the first year in accordance with § 4-1.03 a 3 of this act.

B. The five-digit number following the title of a project is the code identification number assigned for the life of the project.

C. Except as herein otherwise expressly provided, appropriations or reappropriations for structures may be used for the purchase of equipment to be used in the structures for which the funds are provided, subject to guidelines prescribed by the Governor.

D. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, appropriations for capital projects shall be subject to the following:

1. Appropriations or reappropriations of funds made pursuant to this act for planning of capital projects shall not constitute implied approval of construction funds in a future biennium. Funds, other than the reappropriations referred to above, for the preparation of capital project proposals and preplanning studies must come from the affected agency's existing resources.

2. No capital project for which appropriations for planning are contained in this act, nor any project for which appropriations for planning have been previously approved, shall be considered for construction funds until preliminary plans and cost estimates are reviewed by the Department of General Services for compliance with § 4-4.01 b.2. of the General Provisions. The purpose of this review is to avoid unnecessary expenditures for each project, in the interest of assuring the overall cost of the project is reasonable in relation to the purpose intended, regardless of discrete design choices.

E. Expenditures from Items in this act identified as "Maintenance Reserve" are to be made only for the maintenance of property, plant and equipment to the extent that funds included in the appropriation to the agency for this purpose in Part 1 of this act are insufficient. Such expenditures shall be subject to rules and regulations prescribed by the Governor. Only facilities supported wholly or in part by the general fund shall utilize general fund maintenance reserve appropriations. Facilities totally supported by nongeneral funds shall accomplish maintenance through the use of nongeneral funds.

F. Conditions Applicable to Bond Projects

1. The General Assembly hereby authorizes the capital projects listed in §§ 2-42 and 2-43 for the indicated institutions of higher education and hereby appropriates and reappropriates therefor sums from the sources and in the amount indicated. The issuance of bonds in a principal amount plus amounts needed to fund issuance costs, reserve funds, and other financing expenses, including capitalized interest for any project listed in §§ 2-42 and 2-43 is hereby authorized.

2. The issuance of bonds for any project listed in § 2-42 is to be separately authorized pursuant to Article X, Section 9 (c), Constitution of Virginia.

3. The issuance of bonds for any project listed in Item C-203 or C-204 shall be authorized pursuant to § 23-19,

Code of Virginia.
4. In the event that the cost of any capital project listed in §§ 2-42 and 2-43 shall exceed the amount appropriated therefor, the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, is hereby authorized, upon request of the affected institution, to approve an increase in appropriation authority of not more than ten percent of the amount designated in §§ 2-42 and 2-43 for such project, from any available nongeneral fund revenues, provided that such increase shall not constitute an increase in debt issuance authorization for such capital project. Furthermore, the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, is hereby authorized to approve the expenditure of all interest earnings derived from the investment of bond proceeds in addition to the amount designated in §§ 2-42 and 2-43 for such capital project.
5. The interest on bonds to be issued for these projects may be subject to inclusion in gross income for federal income tax purposes.
6. Inclusion of a project in this act does not imply a commitment of state funds for temporary construction financing. In the absence of such commitment, the institution may be responsible for securing short-term financing and covering the costs from other sources of funds.
7. In the event that the Treasury Board determines not to finance all or any portion of any project listed in Item C-203 of § 2-42 of this act with the issuance of bonds pursuant to Article X, Section 9 (c), Constitution of Virginia, and notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, this act shall constitute the approval of the General Assembly to finance all or such portion of any project listed in Item C-204 under the authorization of § 2-43 of this act.
8. The General Assembly further declares and directs that, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, 50 percent of the proceeds from the sale of surplus real property pursuant to § 2.1-504 et seq., Code of Virginia, which pertain to the general fund, and which were under the control of an institution of higher education prior to the sale, shall be deposited in a special fund set up on the books of the Comptroller, which shall be known as the Higher Education Capital Projects Fund. Such sums shall be held in reserve, and may be used, upon appropriation, to pay debt service on bonds for the 21st Century College Program as authorized in Item C-7.10 of Chapter 924 of the Acts of Assembly of 1997.
G. There is hereby reappropriated:
1. The appropriations unexpended at the close of the previous biennium in the appropriations and reappropriations in Items C-1 through C-5.10 made by Chapter 935, Acts of Assembly of 1999, and
2. The appropriations unexpended at the close of the previous biennium of any amount transferred from Items C-1 through C-5.10 to any capital project established by authority of the Governor which conforms to the conditions in paragraph B below.
H. Upon certification by the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, there is hereby reappropriated the appropriations unexpended at the close of the previous biennium for all authorized capital projects which meet any of the following conditions:
1. Construction is in progress.
2. Equipment purchases have been authorized by the Governor but not received.
3. Plans and specifications have been authorized by the Governor but not completed.
4. Obligations were outstanding at the end of the previous biennium.