2002 Session

Budget Bill - HB29 (Chapter 814)

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Item 125	First Year - FY2001	Second Year - FY2002
Employment Assistance Services (46200)	\$404,518,899	\$403,485,442
Employment Services (46201)	\$29,890,770	\$29,857,331
Unemployment Compensation Services (46202)	\$330,215,795	\$331,068,111
Financial Assistance for Employment Services (46209)	\$44,412,334	\$42,560,000
Fund Sources:		
General	\$173,128	\$173,125
Special	\$224,000	\$224,000
Trust and Agency	\$404,121,771	\$403,088,317

Authority: Title 60.2, Chapters 1 through 6, Code of Virginia.

A. Revenues deposited into the Special Unemployment Compensation Administration Fund shall be used for the purposes set out in the following order of priority: 1) to support essential services of the Commission, particularly in the event of reductions in federal funding; 2) to finance the cost of capital projects; and 3) to fund the discretionary fund established in § 60.2-315, Code of Virginia. Funding may be transferred from the capital budget to the operating budget consistent with this language.

B.1. This appropriation includes a sum not to exceed \$3,406,197 the first year and \$2,390,000 the second year, from the Trust and Agency fund for the replacement of mainframe applications with client-server and Web-based technology. This equipment will help to lower operating expenses and improve customer service.

2. The Director of the Department of Planning and Budget shall allot this appropriation only upon the presentation of satisfactory information as evaluated by the Department of Technology Planning.

C. Reed Act funds credited to the unemployment trust fund with respect to federal fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, under Section 1103 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.), as amended, shall be used only for the administration of the unemployment compensation program, under the direction of the Virginia Employment Commission and shall not be subject to the requirements of § 60.2-305 of the Code of Virginia.

D. Education for Independence programs previously funded through the 1990 Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education and Applied Technology Act and through Social Services Block Grants or other available federal funds shall be funded and supported through the Workforce Investment Act and the One-Stop Career System.

E. Virginia's Skills Center programs previously funded through the Job Training and Partnership Act or other available federal funds shall be funded and supported through the Workforce Investment Act and the One-Stop Career System.

*F. It is the intent of the General Assembly that unobligated funds appropriated by the General Assembly for the use of local Workforce Investment Boards and returned to the Commonwealth shall be reallocated by the Governor to the same geographic areas from which the unobligated funds were obtained. The reallocated funds shall be used for high-priority education programs, including allied health professions, plumbing, tractor-trailer driver training, industrial maintenance, heavy-equipment operator training, automotive technician training, industrial machinist training, and high-skills manufacturing. The Secretary of Commerce and Trade shall report to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees by November 1 of each year the amounts returned from the local Workforce Investment Boards and the uses of the funds reallocated by the Governor.*