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State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

Item 166	First Year - FY2003	Second Year - FY2004
Higher Education Academic, Fiscal, and Facility Planning and Coordination (11100)	\$7,626,948	\$7,466,489 \$7,466,430
Higher Education Coordination and Review (11104)	\$7,626,948	\$7,466,489 \$7,466,430
Fund Sources:		
General	\$7,626,948	\$7,166,489 \$7,166,430
Special	\$0	\$300,000

Authority: §§ [23-9.3](#), [23-9.6:1](#), [23-20](#), [23-38.13](#), and [23-38.45](#), Code of Virginia; SJR 22 (1949).

A.1. It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide general fund support to contract with Mary Baldwin College for Virginia women resident students to participate in the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership at Mary Baldwin College.

2. The amounts for Higher Education Coordination and Review include \$554,095 the first year and \$546,986 the second year from the general fund based on an estimated participation of 94 in-state students in the program each year. Funds paid to Mary Baldwin College under the contract will be based on the actual number of Virginia resident students participating in the program.

3. General fund appropriations provided under this contract include financial aid for the participating students at Mary Baldwin College in the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership program, therefore, these students are not eligible for Tuition Assistance Grants.

B.1. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), with direction from the Secretary of Education, shall develop a system-wide strategic plan for higher education every four years beginning 2002. As part of this planning process, SCHEV shall provide guidelines from the overall strategic planning process for Virginia's institutions of higher education. The public colleges and universities shall develop strategic plans that, at least in part, include strategies to meet system-wide higher education goals. In this planning process, SCHEV shall also require progress reports from institutions on their strategic plans. Such reports shall include 1) progress in meeting both system-wide and institutional goals, and 2) specific actions to restructure institutional activities and programs to meet system-wide and institutional goals.

2. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), with direction from the Secretary of Education, shall develop, in consultation with the public colleges and universities, a Report of Institutional Effectiveness. The Department of Planning and Budget shall use the Reports of Institutional Effectiveness for its own data needs to minimize the duplication of information on performance measures required of colleges and universities. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia shall publish the reports biennially, and make the reports available on its web site.

C. In discharging the responsibilities specified in § 23-272 D, Code of Virginia, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia shall provide exemptions to individual proprietorships, associations, copartnerships or corporations which are now or in the future will be using the words "college" or "university" in their training programs solely for their employees or customers, which do not offer degree-granting programs, and whose name includes the word "college" or "university" in a context from which it clearly appears that such entity is not an educational institution.

D. Out of the appropriation for Higher Education Coordination and Review, \$3,608,520 the first year and \$4,136,430 the second year from the general fund is provided for continuation of the Commonwealth Virtual Library. This appropriation includes \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year to allow students and faculty at the Commonwealth's independent colleges and universities to participate in the Virtual Library.

E. Out of this appropriation, \$197,435 the first year from the general fund shall be provided for institutes for technology training for public school teachers and administrators at institutions identified by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and subject to a plan approved by the State Council, pursuant to § 23-9.13:1, Code of Virginia.

F.1. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and the Secretary of Education, in cooperation with the University of Virginia, the Medical College of Hampton Roads, and Virginia Commonwealth University, shall monitor the generalist output for Virginia medical schools and generalist residency training programs achieved between 1994 and 2000.

2. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and the Secretary of Education, in cooperation with the three medical schools, shall monitor the results of the Generalist Initiative, especially the decisions of graduates from the undergraduate medical programs to enter generalist residencies, and the composition of the residencies in the two associated academic health centers. The three medical schools shall report biennially to the State Council by October 1. It is the intent of the General Assembly that continued funding for the Generalist Initiative is contingent upon achievement of the program meeting the following goals:

a. At least 50 percent of Virginia medical school graduates shall enter generalist residency programs. The percentage shall be calculated based on a three-year average at each of the three academic health centers.

b. At least 50 percent of Virginia Generalist residency graduates shall enter generalist practice upon completion of residency training and at least 50 percent of those graduates shall practice in Virginia. The percentage shall be calculated based on a three-year average at each of the three academic health centers.

c. In addition to the statistical goals specified above, the Virginia Generalist Initiative program shall be evaluated for its quality based on: 1) Virginia graduates' responses to the annual survey of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC); 2) Student evaluation of the program conducted by the individual institution; and 3) Faculty and community preceptors' evaluation of the student learning and skills.

3. The State Council shall report on the status of the Generalist Initiative to the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees at their regularly scheduled meetings in November.

G. The medical schools are encouraged to be aggressive in setting tuition rates that are above national average tuition rates for both in-state and out-of-state students.

H. Out of this appropriation, \$300,000 in nongeneral funds the second year is provided to support higher education coordination and review services, including expenses incurred in regulating the private and out-of-state postsecondary institutions operating in Virginia. These funds may be generated through fee schedules developed pursuant to § 23-276.9, Code of Virginia.

1.1. The State Council shall conduct a study of the factors contributing to changes over time in the mission of Virginia's public institutions of higher education and shall report its findings, along with any recommendations for strengthening the current mission review process, to the Governor and Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees by October 1, 2003.

2. In accordance with Items 1E and 136 E7 of this act, the State Council shall recommend tuition and financial aid policies to the Joint Subcommittee Studying Higher Education Funding Policies for its consideration and deliberation in making recommendations to the 2004 General Assembly.

3. The State Council shall evaluate how institutions of higher education are utilizing their academic space and how utilization standards established by the Council compare to those in other states. The State Council shall report its findings to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees no later than May 15, 2004.