
VIRGINIA STATE BUDGET

2004 Session

Budget Bill - HB29 (Chapter 943)

Bill Order » Office of Public Safety » Item 408

Department of Corrections, Central Activities

Item 408	First Year - FY2003	Second Year - FY2004
Administrative and Support Services (37900)	\$31,514,739	\$29,181,658 \$29,203,376
General Management and Direction (37901)	\$7,814,384	\$7,251,796
Computer Services (37902)	\$6,669,040	\$5,340,883 \$5,362,601
Accounting and Budgeting Services (37903)	\$3,344,424	\$2,992,474
Architectural and Engineering Services (37904)	\$2,789,038	\$2,698,652
Personnel Services (37914)	\$1,763,773	\$1,763,773
Procurement and Distribution (37918)	\$9,134,080	\$9,134,080
Fund Sources:		
General	\$30,415,119	\$28,082,038 \$28,103,756
Special	\$1,099,620	\$1,099,620

Authority: Title 53.1, Chapter 1; § 9.1-102, Code of Virginia.

A. Any plan to modernize and integrate the automated systems of the Department of Corrections shall be based on developing the integrated system in phases, or modules. Before the department proceeds with implementation of any phase or component of the plan, the Secretary of Public Safety, the Secretary of Technology, and the Secretary of Finance must approve it. An oversight committee, comprised of representatives from the Department of Technology Planning, Department of Information Technology, the Department of Planning and Budget, and the office of the Secretary of Public Safety shall be continued. This committee shall review and make recommendations, as directed by the Secretary of Public Safety, over all aspects of the automation modernization, including the development of any requests for proposals. The Department of Corrections shall submit periodic reports, as directed by the Secretary of Public Safety, to this committee regarding its progress in implementing the automation modernization.

B. Included within this appropriation is \$99,620 the first year and \$99,620 the second year from nongeneral funds for implementing the approved plan for the automation of the commissary system. The nongeneral funds shall come from profits projected to be generated by the commissary operations.

C. The Department of Corrections shall develop a plan to evaluate the impact of its substance abuse treatment programs on the recidivism of inmates participating in those programs. The plan shall include a method to collect the data needed to conduct such evaluation. The plan shall be ready to implement by June 1, 2004. The Department shall report to the Secretary of Public Safety by January 1 and July 1 of each year its progress in developing the evaluation plan.

D.1. The Department shall contract for an evaluation of Southampton, Bland, and Powhatan Correctional Centers and the Virginia Correctional Center for Women to determine the cost benefits of renovating versus replacing those facilities with new correctional facilities. Such evaluations shall include a thorough examination of the electrical, HVAC, and plumbing systems of each facility and an estimate of the cost of upgrading or repairing each system in order to remedy any deficiencies.

2. The panel making the final selection of the contractor shall be composed of a representative of each of the following: the Department of Corrections, the Department of General Services, the Secretary of Public Safety, and the Secretary of Finance. These same representatives shall also review the preliminary findings and recommendations of the contractor.

3. The Department of Corrections shall provide a final report on the findings of the contractor and the department's recommendations to the Governor and the Secretary of Public Safety by September 1, 2003.

4. The Department of Corrections is authorized to use up to \$300,000 of federal VOI-TIS funds appropriated for capital project 799-15755 to pay the cost of this evaluation. If additional funds are needed to match the federal funds or to pay additional costs of the evaluation, the Department of Planning and Budget is authorized to transfer funds from uncommitted surplus balances in any of the Department of Corrections' authorized capital projects for this purpose.

E. Omitted.

F. All residential staff housing properties owned by the Commonwealth and in the possession of the Department of Corrections are authorized to be sold as surplus property pursuant to § 2.2-1156, Code of Virginia.

Notwithstanding the provisions of § 2.2-1156 D, Code of Virginia, all net proceeds from the sale of such property after provision is made for any bonds outstanding on such property, as appropriate, estimated at \$1,910,000, shall be deposited into the general fund. Prior to the sale of these properties the Department of General Services shall obtain an appraisal of the fair market value of such properties. Current employees of the Department of Corrections who are currently residing in such residential staff housing shall be granted the first right of refusal to purchase these residences at fair market value.

G. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 53.1-20 A. and B., Code of Virginia, the director of the Department of Corrections shall receive offenders into the state correctional system from local and regional jails at such time as he determines that sufficient, secure and appropriate housing is available. The director shall maximize, consistent with inmate and staff safety, the use of bed space in the state correctional system. The director shall report monthly to the Secretary of Public Safety and the Secretary of Administration on the number of inmates housed in the state correctional system, the number of inmate beds available, and the number of offenders housed in local and regional jails that meet the criteria set out in § 53.1-20 A. and B.