2004 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB5001 (Chapter 4)

Department of Rehabilitative Services

Item 349	First Year - FY2005	Second Year - FY2006
Rehabilitation Assistance Services (45400)	**$84,999,471**	**$85,249,471**
Restoration Services (45402)	$1,665,700	$1,665,700
Social and Personal Adjustment Services (45403)	$83,333,771	$83,583,771
Fund Sources:		
General	$25,463,288	$25,713,288
Special	$3,849,010	$3,849,010
Dedicated Special Revenue	$2,016,499	$2,016,499
Federal Trust	$53,670,674	$53,670,674

Authority: Title 51.5, Chapters 5 and 6, Code of Virginia; P.L. 93-112, Federal Code.

A.1. Included in the amounts for Social and Personal Adjustment Services is a minimum of $3,826,210 the first year and $3,826,210 the second year from all funds for community rehabilitation program activities. Of the amount allocated for economic development activities, an amount up to $628,000 will be made available to recipients of Extended Employment Services and Long Term Employment Support Services through Employment Service Organizations beginning July 1, 2003.

2. Recovery of administrative costs for the Long Term Employment Support Services program shall be limited to 1.87 percent each fiscal year.

B. A minimum of $3,914,538 the first year and $3,914,538 the second year from all funds is allocated to support Centers for Independent Living.

C. The Department of Rehabilitative Services shall fulfill the administrative responsibilities pertaining to the Personal Attendant Services program, without interruption or discontinuation of personal attendant services currently provided.

D.1. Out of this appropriation shall be provided $2,013,638 the first year and $2,263,638 the second year from the general fund for expanding the continuum of services used to assist persons with brain injuries in returning to work and community living.

2. Of this amount, $750,000 the first year and $1,000,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to provide a continuum of brain injury services to individuals in unserved or underserved regions of the Commonwealth. Up to $150,000 each year shall be awarded to successful program applicants. Programs currently receiving more than $250,000 from the general fund each year are ineligible for additional assistance under this section. To be determined eligible for a grant under this section, program applicants shall submit plans to pursue

non-state resources to complement the provision of general fund support.

3. Beginning August 1, 2005, the Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS) shall submit an annual report to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees documenting the number of individuals served, services provided, and success in attracting non-state resources.

E. In allocating funds for Extended Employment Services, Long Term Employment Support Services (LTESS) and Economic Development, the Department of Rehabilitative Services shall consider recommendations from the established Employment Service Organizations/LTESS Steering Committee.

F. The Department of Rehabilitative Services shall work with the disAbility Resource Center to phase out funding that has been provided by the State Independent Living Council so as not to impose an undue hardship on persons with disabilities who receive services from the Center.

G. Out of this appropriation, $75,000 in each year shall be provided from the general fund to support services for brain injured individuals and their families in Southwestern Virginia.

H.1. For Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative Trust Fund grants awarded after July 1, 2004, the Commissioner shall require applicants to submit a plan to achieve self-sufficiency by the end of the grant award cycle in order to receive funding consideration.

2. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the Commissioner may reallocate up to $500,000 from unexpended balances in the Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative Trust Fund to fund new grant awards for research on traumatic brain and spinal cord injuries.