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## Budget Bill - SB30 (Introduced)

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Item 145	First Year - FY2007	Second Year - FY2008
Higher Education Academic, Fiscal, and Facility Planning and Coordination (11100)	\$11,350,431	\$11,365,876
Higher Education Coordination and Review (11104)	\$10,585,489	\$10,588,934
Regulation of Private and Out-Of-State Institutions (11105)	\$764,942	\$776,942
Fund Sources:		
General	\$10,440,355	\$10,443,800
Special	\$764,942	\$776,942
Federal Trust	\$145,134	\$145,134

Authority: §§ 23-9.3, 23-9.6:1, 23-20, 23-21.1, 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 \$546,986 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. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), with direction from the Secretary of Education, shall develop a six-year statewide strategic plan for higher education. As part of this planning process and consistent with the provisions of Chapters 933 and 945, 2005 Acts of Assembly, Virginia's public colleges and universities shall develop six-year financial, enrollment, and academic plans that include strategies to meet statewide higher education goals. In this planning process and consistent with the provisions of Chapters 933 and 945, 2005 Acts of Assembly, SCHEV shall also require institutions to provide annual updates on their strategic plans. Such reports shall include (i) progress in meeting both state and institutional goals and (ii) specific actions to restructure institutional activities and programs to meet state and institutional goals.

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 this appropriation, \$85,033 the first year and one position from the general fund and \$91,493 and one position from the general fund the second year is designated for the purpose of coordination of articulation activities from the state's community colleges and Richard Bland College to ensure compliance with the 2005 Restructured Higher Education Financial and Administrative Operations Act.

E. Out of the appropriation for Higher Education Coordination and Review, \$6,003,177 the first year and \$6,003,177 the second year from the general fund is provided for continuation of the Virtual Library of Virginia. Funding for the Virtual Library of Virginia is provided for the benefit of students and faculty at the Commonwealth's public institutions of higher education and participating nonprofit, independent private colleges and universities. Out of this amount, \$396,785 in each year is earmarked to allow the participation of nonprofit, independent private colleges and universities.

F.1. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and the Secretary of Education, in conjunction with the three medical schools, University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Eastern Virginia Medical School, 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:

a. The three medical schools shall maintain the efforts to educate and train sufficient generalist physicians to meet the needs of the Commonwealth, recognizing the Commonwealth's need for generalist physicians in medically underserved regions of the state. Further, the medical schools shall support medical education and training in the principles of generalist medicine for all undergraduate medical students, regardless of their chosen specialty or field of study.

b. The three medical schools shall jointly collect and report on their production of generalist residents to the Secretary of Education and the State Council of Higher Education biennially.

c. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia shall set forth the reporting requirements in consultation with the three medical schools.

d. The State Council shall, in consultation with the University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Eastern Virginia Medical School, provide a summary of the biennial report to the chairman of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees by November 1, and shall include policy and funding recommendations, as appropriate, to address the need for medical education and training in the Commonwealth.

G. Out of this appropriation, \$492,237 the first year and four positions from nongeneral funds and \$504,237 the second year and four positions from nongeneral funds is provided to support higher education coordination and review services, including expenses incurred in the regulation and oversight of the private and out-of-state postsecondary institutions and proprietary schools operating in Virginia. These funds will be generated through fee schedules developed pursuant to § 23-276.9, Code of Virginia.

H. 1. Out of this appropriation, \$586,870 and six positions each year from the general fund are provided in recognition of the increased role that the State Council of Higher Education must play in: (i) coordinating Virginia's system of higher education; (ii) aligning statewide enrollment demand with institutional enrollment projections; (iii) providing guidance and oversight in the development and routine update of six-year financial, academic, and enrollment plans; and (iv) making policy recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly that ensure the Commonwealth's needs with respect to higher education are met consistently.

2. Specifically, these funds are provided to enhance the agency's capacity to: (i) collect and analyze data; (ii)

conduct rigorous policy reviews, as needed; and (iii) evaluate and make recommendations related to resource needs, allocations, and systemwide funding policies. In addition to these funds, existing agency resources shall be reallocated and reprioritized in order to meet the needs of the Governor and General Assembly for routine assessments of the academic program and strategic planning efforts of Virginia's colleges and universities.

I. The State Council of Higher Education, in consultation with the Advisory Council on the Future of Nursing in Virginia, shall recommend performance criteria to be used to allocate future state funding to maximize the number of new graduates and to increase the supply of graduate nursing faculty. The Council shall report these criteria to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees by September 1, 2006. The Advisory Council on the Future of Nursing in Virginia, as established by Chapter 777, 2001 Acts of Assembly, shall be continued through July 1, 2008.