2006 Special Session I Budget Bill - HB5002 (Chapter 3)

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Item 335	First Year - FY2007	Second Year - FY2008
Financial Assistance for Local Social Services Staff (46000)	\$316,733,934	\$316,843,934
Eligibility Determination for Benefit Programs (46003)	\$156,869,291	\$156,979,291
Social Worker Services (46006)	\$159,864,643	\$159,864,643
Fund Sources:		
General	\$68,561,520	\$68,671,520
Dedicated Special Revenue	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Federal Trust	\$246,672,414	\$246,672,414

Authority: Title 63.2, Chapters 1, 6, 6.2, 6.5, 13 and 14, Code of Virginia; P.L. 104-193, Titles IV A, XIX, and XXI, Social Security Act, Federal Code, as amended.

A. The amounts in this Item shall be expended under regulations of the Board of Social Services to reimburse county and city welfare/social services boards pursuant to § 63.2-401, Code of Virginia, and subject to the same percentage limitations for other administrative services performed by county and city public welfare/social services boards and superintendents of public welfare/social services pursuant to other provisions of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

B. Pursuant to the provisions of §§ 63.2-403, 63.2-406, 63.2-407, 63.2-408, and 63.2-615 Code of Virginia, all moneys deducted from funds otherwise payable out of the state treasury to the counties and cities pursuant to the provisions of § 63.2-408, Code of Virginia, shall be credited to the applicable general fund account.

C. Included in this appropriation are funds to reimburse local social service agencies for eligibility workers who interview applicants to determine qualification for public assistance benefits which include but are not limited to: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; Food Stamps; and Medicaid.

D. Included in this appropriation are funds to reimburse local social service agencies for social workers who deliver program services which include but are not limited to: child and adult protective services complaint investigations; foster care and adoption services; and adult services.

E. Out of the federal fund appropriation for Benefit Programs Administration, amounts estimated at \$15,000,000 the first year and \$15,000,000 the second year shall be set aside for allowable local salary costs which exceed available general fund reimbursement and amounts estimated at \$10,000,000 the first year and \$10,000,000 the second year shall be set aside to reimburse local governments for allowable costs incurred in administering public assistance programs.

F. Out of this appropriation, \$9,300,000 each year from the federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant shall be allocated for foster care and adoption workers in local Department of Social Services offices.

G. In the event that the City of Suffolk or the City of Portsmouth begins construction of a new human services building to be jointly occupied by local health and human services agencies, the Commissioner of Social Services may request that the Governor include funding for the state's share of the local social services department's cost of leasing space in the facility during the development of the next budget. When preparing the budget, the Governor may consider the Commissioner's request for funding the state share of lease costs for the space occupied by the Suffolk or Portsmouth local social services department in the newly constructed facility.