2006 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB5012 (Chapter 2)

Secretary of Natural Resources

Item 378	First Year - FY2005	Second Year - FY2006
Administrative and Support Services (71900)	**$532,452**	**$604,795**
General Management and Direction (71901)	$532,452	$604,795
Fund Sources:		
General	$532,452	$604,795

Authority: Title 2.2, Chapter 2, Article 7; and § 2.2-201, Code of Virginia.

A. The Secretary of Natural Resources shall report to the Chairmen of the Senate Committees on Finance and Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources, and the House Committees on Appropriations and Conservation and Natural Resources, by November 4 of each year on implementation of the Chesapeake Bay nutrient reduction strategies. The report shall include and address the progress and costs of point source and nonpoint source pollution strategies. The report shall include, but not be limited to, information on levels of dissolved oxygen, acres of submerged aquatic vegetation, computer modeling, variety and numbers of living resources, and other relevant measures for the General Assembly to evaluate the progress and effectiveness of the tributary strategies. In addition, the Secretary shall include information on the status of all of Virginia's commitments to the Chesapeake Bay Agreements.

B.1. It is the intent of the General Assembly that an additional $30,000,000 from the general fund be deposited into the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund, as specified in Items 382 and 388 of this Act, and shall be used solely for the purposes established by the General Assembly within Items 382 and 388 of this Act and the purposes delineated within the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Act of 1997 (§ 10.1-2117 et seq., Code of Virginia). In no instance, however, shall the proceeds of the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund be used for agency operating expenses or to either replace or reduce any general fund or nongeneral fund allocation or appropriation to any state agency.

2. It is the intent of the General Assembly that a reserve be created within the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund to support the purposes delineated within the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Act of 1997 (WQIA 1997) when year-end general fund surpluses are unavailable. Consequently, 15 percent of any amounts appropriated to the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund due to annual general fund revenue collections in excess of the official estimates contained in the general appropriation act shall be withheld from appropriation. When annual general fund revenue collections do not exceed the official revenue estimates contained in the general appropriation act, or when there are no additional annual appropriations provided by the General Assembly, the reserve fund shall be used for WQIA 1997 purposes as directed by the General Assembly within the general appropriation act.

C. Out of this appropriation, $16,689 the first year and $66,689 the second year from the general fund, and one position, are designated for the Council on Indians.

D. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, is authorized to transfer the appropriation for the Virginia

Council on Indians in Item 531 of this act to this Item.