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Secretary of Administration

Item 58	First Year - FY2007	Second Year - FY2008
Financial Assistance for Public Education (Categorical) (17100)	**$2,903,707**	~~$2,903,707~~ ***$3,253,707***
Financial Assistance for Educational Telecommunications (17111)	$2,746,631	~~$2,746,631~~ *$3,096,631*
Financial Assistance for Radio Reading Services (17116)	$157,076	$157,076
Fund Sources:		
General	$2,903,707	~~$2,903,707~~ *$3,253,707*

Authority: Title 2.2, Chapter 24, Code of Virginia.

A. Payments out of this appropriation for educational telecommunications shall be authorized by the Secretary of Administration. The Department of Education shall participate in the negotiations and be a signatory to contracts for elementary and secondary instructional telecommunications.

B. The Secretary of Administration is authorized to allocate and disburse state funds to public broadcasting stations and private nonprofit organizations to provide radio reading services for the benefit of print-disabled individuals. "Radio reading services" means the acquisition, production, and distribution by nonprofit organizations or by public broadcasting stations of noncommercial educational, instructional, informational, or cultural audio programs which may be transmitted by means of electronic communication for the benefit of print-disabled individuals, and any related equipment, materials, and services provided for the benefit of such individuals.

C. Out of this appropriation, $350,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to develop public service announcements to alert the citizens of the Commonwealth during times of disaster. The Virginia Public Broadcasting Board shall develop criteria for distribution of these funds.