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Direct Aid to Public Education

Item 134	First Year - FY2007	Second Year - FY2008
Financial Assistance for Educational, Cultural, Community, and Artistic Affairs (14300)	\$2,747,750	\$3,097,750
Financial Assistance for Supplemental Education (14304)	\$2,747,750	\$3,097,750
Fund Sources:		
General	\$2,747,750	\$3,097,750

Authority: Discretionary Inclusion.

A. Out of this appropriation, the Department of Education shall provide \$400,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year from the general fund for the Jobs for Virginia Graduates initiative.

B.1. Out of this appropriation, the Department of Education shall provide \$800,000 the first year and \$900,000 the second year from the general fund for Project Discovery. These funds are to fund approximately one-half of the cost of the program in Abingdon, Accomack/Northampton, Alexandria, Amherst, Appomattox, Arlington, Bedford, Bland, Campbell, Charlottesville, Cumberland, Danville/Pittsylvania, Fairfax, Franklin/Patrick, Goochland/Powhatan, Lynchburg, Newport News, Norfolk, Richmond City, Roanoke City, Smyth, Surry/Sussex, Tazewell, Williamsburg/James City, and Wythe and the salary of a fiscal officer for Project Discovery.

2. The Board of Education shall determine the Project Discovery funding distributions to each community action agency. The contract with Project Discovery, Inc. should specify the allocations to each local Project Discovery program. Allocations shall be on a per pupil basis for students enrolled in the program.

C. Out of this appropriation, the Board of Education shall provide \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the second year from the general fund for the Southwest Virginia Public Education Consortium at the University of Virginia's College at Wise. An additional \$97,750 the first year and \$97,750 the second year from the general fund is provided to the Consortium to continue the Van Gogh Outreach program with Lee and Wise County Public Schools and expand the program to the twelve school divisions in Southwest Virginia.

D. This appropriation includes \$100,000 the first year and ~~\$100,000~~ \$95,000 the second year from the general fund for the Southside Virginia Regional Technology Consortium to expand the research and development phase of a technology linkage.

E. This appropriation includes \$50,000 the first year and ~~\$50,000~~ \$47,500 the second year from the general fund for the Virginia Career Education Foundation.

F. An additional state payment of \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the second year from the general fund is provided as a Small School Division Assistance grant for the City of Norton. To receive these funds, the local school board shall certify to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that its division has entered into one or more educational, administrative or support service cost-sharing arrangements with another local school division.

G. This appropriation includes \$500,000 the first year from the general fund for the Communities in Schools program, contingent upon securing the matching funds from private sources.

H. Out of this appropriation, \$400,000 in the first year and \$400,000 in the second year from the general fund shall be allocated for the Career and Technical Education Resource Center to provide vocational curriculum and resource instructional materials free of charge to all school divisions.

I. Out of this appropriation, the Board of Education shall provide \$200,000 the second year from the general fund for the planning of a new Regional Career and Vocational Education Center located within the Middle Peninsula area. The funding will be allocated provided that a complete and comprehensive plan has been submitted to the Department of Education by July 1, 2007. The comprehensive plan shall include, but not be limited to, written commitments from participating school divisions, businesses and other community partners that will be involved in the regional center's development and sustained operation or student enrollments; an annual operating budget that should include financial commitments from participating school divisions, businesses and other community groups; potential course offerings and curriculum guidelines that will complement the surrounding school divisions' and community colleges' curriculums; short and long range goals; and objectives and mission statement of the Regional Center.

J. Out of this appropriation, a one-time allocation of \$300,000 in the second year from the general fund shall be made to the Norfolk City school division for an alternative education program entitled Project WORD, Winning Options in Responding to Discipline, that focuses on improvements in student learning. The school division shall develop an initial report that includes, but is not limited to, specific goals and student performance measures that will be used in the final report to evaluate the effectiveness of this initiative. The initial report shall be completed and submitted to the State Board of Education prior to September 1, 2007. Furthermore, the school division shall complete and submit a final report, based on the initiative's goals and performance measures, to the State Board of Education within three months after the end of the 2008 school year that reflect outcomes for the academic improvements and successes of those students who participated in the initiative.

K. Out of this appropriation, a one-time allocation of \$150,000 in the second year from the general fund shall be distributed among Portsmouth, Richmond City, Stafford, Spotsylvania, and Virginia Beach school divisions for supplemental payments of \$12,500 for each of a total of twelve mathematic specialists placed among these divisions.