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# VIRGINIA STATE BUDGET

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2008 Session

## Budget Bill - HB30 (Chapter 879)

Bill Order » Office of Public Safety » Item 408

Department of Forensic Science

Item 408	First Year - FY2009	Second Year - FY2010
<b>Law Enforcement Scientific Support Services (30900)</b>	<b>\$37,209,975</b>	<b>\$37,209,975</b>
Biological Analysis Services (30901)	\$10,535,958	\$10,535,958
Chemical Analysis Services (30902)	\$8,177,068	\$8,177,068
Physical Evidence Services (30904)	\$9,386,087	\$9,386,087
Training and Standards Services (30905)	\$724,133	\$724,133
Administrative Services (30906)	\$8,386,729	\$8,386,729
Fund Sources:		
General	\$35,703,991	\$35,703,991
Federal Trust	\$1,505,984	\$1,505,984

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Authority: §§ [9.1-1100](#) through [9.1-1113](#), Code of Virginia.

A. Out of this appropriation, \$219,000 the first year and \$219,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to fund payment in lieu of taxes made to the City of Richmond for the agency's central laboratory.

B. The Forensic Science Board shall ensure that all individuals who were convicted due to criminal investigations, for which its case files for the years between 1973 and 1988 were found to contain evidence possibly suitable for DNA testing, are informed that such evidence exists and is available for testing. To effectuate this requirement, the Board shall prepare two form letters, one sent to each person whose evidence was tested, and one sent to each person whose evidence was not tested. Copies of each such letter shall be sent to the Chairman of the Forensic Science Board and to the respective Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice. The Department of Corrections shall assist the Board in effectuating this requirement by providing the addresses for all such persons to whom letters shall be sent, whether currently incarcerated, on probation, or on parole. In cases where the current address of the person cannot be ascertained, the Department of Corrections shall provide the last known address. The Chairman of the Forensic Science Board shall report on the progress of this notification process at each meeting of the Forensic Science Board.