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Department of Social Services

Item 346	First Year - FY2009	Second Year - FY2010
Administrative and Support Services (49900)	\$72,602,051 \$71,940,936	\$72,602,051 \$72,857,378
General Management and Direction (49901)	\$3,137,003 \$3,087,900	\$3,137,003 \$2,948,259
Information Technology Services (49902)	\$52,017,501 \$51,700,913	\$52,017,501 \$50,483,049
Accounting and Budgeting Services (49903)	\$6,817,876 \$6,736,080	\$6,817,876 \$6,480,508
Human Resources Services (49914)	\$2,616,487 \$2,582,372	\$2,616,487 \$2,830,454
Planning and Evaluation Services (49916)	\$2,612,850 \$2,500,986	\$2,612,850 \$4,878,092
Procurement and Distribution Services (49918)	\$2,690,925 \$2,663,834	\$2,690,925 \$2,497,287
Public Information Services (49919)	\$1,442,842 \$1,433,371	\$1,442,842 \$1,449,081
Financial and Operational Audits (49929)	\$1,266,567 \$1,235,480	\$1,266,567 \$1,290,648
Fund Sources:		
General	\$34,234,427	\$34,234,427 \$34,094,831
Special	\$500,000	\$500,000
Federal Trust	\$37,867,624 \$37,206,509	\$37,867,624 \$38,262,547

Authority: Title 63.2, Chapter 1; § [2.2-4000](#) et seq., Code of Virginia; P.L. 98-502, P.L. 104-156, P.L. 104-193, P.L. 104-327, P.L. 105-33, as amended; P.L. 105-89; P.L. 105-178, Federal Code; Titles IV-A, IV-B, IV-D, IV-E, XIX, XX, XXI of the federal Social Security Act, as amended.

A.1. The Department of Social Services shall own hardware and database management software purchased with funds appropriated to it. The Virginia Information Technologies Agency may charge the Department of Social Services for operations and maintenance of such equipment and products but may not include any portion of the purchase price in the calculation of such charges. The Virginia Information Technologies Agency may not use or sell the excess capacity resulting from these purchases, except pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Departments of Planning and Budget, the Department of Social Services and the Virginia Information Technologies Agency. Any such MOU must provide for appropriate reimbursement to the general fund and any federal grant contributions for the purchases.

2. Recovery of the federal share of the cost of computer equipment in years following the Department's original

purchase with general fund appropriation shall be deposited as revenue of the general fund in reimbursement for general fund expenditures made in prior years.

B. The Department of Social Services shall require localities to report all expenditures on designated social services, regardless of reimbursement from state and federal sources. The Department of Social Services is authorized to include eligible costs in its claim for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Maintenance of Effort requirements.

C. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services shall work with localities that seek to voluntarily merge and consolidate their respective local departments of social services. No funds appropriated under this act shall be used to require a locality to merge or consolidate local departments of social services.

D. The Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with relevant state and local agencies, shall develop proposed criteria for assessing funding requests for addressing space needs among local departments of social services, as well as proposed consolidated human services buildings. The criteria shall include but not be limited to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, access to public transportation, life safety issues, condition of current space and related major building systems, impact on service delivery, and other factors as may be appropriate. The Department shall use the criteria to prioritize local requests for increased state reimbursement for renovating existing space, relocating or constructing new space. *For those jurisdictions that, when applying such criteria, achieve high priority ranking for increased state reimbursement, yet initiate local funding actions to address critical space needs or to consolidate human services, they shall nevertheless retain their ranking on the prioritized list of projects for increased state reimbursement for renovating existing space, relocating or constructing new space.* The Department shall forward a prioritized list of projects to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the Department of Planning and Budget by November 1 of each year for consideration by the Governor in the development of the budget. The Department shall also submit a copy of the list of prioritized projects by November 1 of each year, to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees.

E. The Department of Social Services is authorized to enter into a contractual agreement to finance the conversion of certain Maintaining and Preparing/Producing Executive Reports (MAPPER) software programs to an industry standard web-based programming environment under the following circumstances: a) The conversion project shall not exceed four years commencing on July 1, 2007; b) Financing for the project shall not exceed \$25 million; c) Any debt incurred by the department shall be re-paid over a period of three to five years from savings generated by reductions in annual operational expenditures after project completion; d) Any agreement shall have the prior approval of the Secretary of Technology, Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Secretary of Finance, and Treasury Board.

F. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Gloucester-Mathews Free Clinic, which was unable to participate in the Neighborhood Assistance Program for the period beginning July 1, 2007, because their application was made after the deadline, may use the balance of their allocation of tax credits as of June 30, 2007, for any donations that would otherwise be eligible for a tax credit, made during the period July 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007.

G. The Department of Social Services shall assess the financial and regulatory impact of implementing a screened family day home provider registry for individuals who wish to offer their services as family day home providers in the Commonwealth, and who are not required to be licensed or regulated pursuant to this chapter or regulated by local ordinance pursuant to § 15.2-914, Code of Virginia, and who may wish to voluntarily apply to be included in the registry and may authorize the Department to disclose information contained in the registry. As part of its impact analysis, the Department shall examine the cost to family day home providers for inclusion on the registry. The Department shall submit a copy of this analysis to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees by October 1, 2008.

H. The Department of Social Services shall develop an implementation plan to centralize, web-enable and streamline eligibility determination for benefit programs. The Department of Social Services, in cooperation with system partners and impacted agencies, shall develop the plan, and seek the necessary federal approvals to redesign existing work flow processes and develop an efficient and effective customer self-service web-based automated system. This plan shall also address efficient utilization of local staff and potential for future savings. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall participate in the development of the plan and approve any modifications affecting Medicaid or other DMAS-administered programs. In addition, the Department of Social Services shall staff a steering committee including representatives from the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Virginia Information Technologies Agency, Department of Social Services, League of Social Services Executives, Department of Medical Assistance Services, and Department of Planning and Budget. This committee shall be responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of the plan. Prior to submission of the plan for federal approval, the steering committee shall submit the plan to the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission and the Auditor of Public Accounts for review and comment. The Commissioner of Social Services shall provide an initial report on the development of the plan to the Governor, Secretary of Finance, and Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees on the cost, feasibility, potential for economy of scale at an enterprise level, impact on other state and local agencies, and impact on consumers by October 15, 2009 and an annual progress report on the plan by October 15 of each year thereafter. Implementation of the plan is contingent upon approval of the 2010 General Assembly of the expenditures of state and federal funds for this purpose.