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# VIRGINIA STATE BUDGET

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2010 Session

## Budget Bill - HB29 (Chapter 872)

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Department of Veterans Services

Item 425 (Not set out)	First Year - FY2009	Second Year - FY2010
<b>Veterans Benefit Services (46700)</b>	<b>\$6,282,901</b>	<b>\$5,832,901</b>
Case Management Services for Veterans Benefits (46701)	\$6,282,901	\$5,832,901
Fund Sources:		
General	\$6,132,901	\$5,682,901
Special	\$150,000	\$150,000

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Authority: Title 2.2, Chapters 20, 24, 26, 27, Code of Virginia.

A. Notwithstanding § 23-7.4:1, Code of Virginia, the department shall provide the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia the information these schools need to administer the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependent Education Program. The department shall retain the responsibility to certify the eligibility of those who apply for financial aid under this program.

B. No child may receive the education benefits provided by § 23-7.4:1, Code of Virginia, and funded by this or similar state appropriations, for more than four years or its equivalent.

C. Out of the amounts appropriated for Case Management Services for Veterans Benefits, \$2,422,078 the first year, \$1,972,078 the second year, and five positions each year from the general fund, and \$150,000 each year in nongeneral funds, is provided for the creation of a "Wounded Warrior" program, to be developed in cooperation with the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services and the Department of Rehabilitative Services, to monitor and coordinate mental health and rehabilitative services for Virginia's veterans, members of the Virginia National Guard, and Virginia residents in the Armed Forces Reserves, pursuant to House Bill 475 and Senate Bill 297 of the 2008 Session of the General Assembly. This program is to facilitate support for covered individuals in order to assure that these individuals receive timely assessments and treatment for stress-related injuries and brain disorders caused by service in combat zones. Included in this appropriation is \$100,000 each year from the general fund for the continued development of the electronic claims system pilot project.