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George Mason University

Item 165	First Year - FY2017	Second Year - FY2018
Educational and General Programs (10000)	\$482,207,650	\$484,983,720
Higher Education Instruction (100101)	\$302,412,935	\$305,189,005
Higher Education Research (100102)	\$8,067,184	\$8,067,184
Higher Education Public Services (100103)	\$1,984,677	\$1,984,677
Higher Education Academic (100104)	\$60,255,054	\$60,255,054
Higher Education Student Services (100105)	\$19,901,002	\$19,901,002
Higher Education Institutional Support (100106)	\$47,156,708	\$47,156,708
Operation and Maintenance Of Plant (100107)	\$42,430,090	\$42,430,090
Fund Sources:		
General	\$134,542,756	\$137,318,826
Higher Education Operating	\$347,664,894	\$347,664,894

Authority: Title 23, Chapter 9.1, Code of Virginia.

A. This Item includes general and nongeneral fund appropriations to support institutional initiatives that help meet statewide goals as described in the Restructured Higher Education Financial and Administrative Operations Act of 2005 (Chapters 933 and 945, 2005 Acts of Assembly).

B. Out of this appropriation, an amount estimated at \$289,614 the first year and \$289,614 the second year from the general fund and \$124,120 the first year and \$124,120 the second year from nongeneral funds are designated for the educational telecommunications project to provide graduate engineering education. For supplemental budget requests, the participating institutions and centers jointly shall submit a report in support of such requests to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia for review and recommendation to the Governor and General Assembly.

C. Out of this appropriation, \$459,125 the first year and \$459,125 the second year from the general fund is designated for the Institute for Conflict Analysis.

D. As Virginia's public colleges and universities approach full funding of the base adequacy guidelines and as the General Assembly strives to fully fund the general fund share of the base adequacy guidelines, these funds are provided with the intent that, in exercising their authority to set tuition and fees, the Board of Visitors shall take into consideration the impact of escalating college costs for Virginia students and families. In accordance with the cost-sharing goals set forth in § 4-2.01 b. of this act, the Board of Visitors is encouraged to limit increases on tuition and mandatory educational and general fees for in-state, undergraduate students to the extent possible.

E. Out of this appropriation, \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the second year from the general fund is designated to support the Potomac Bay Science Center.

F. Out of this appropriation, \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the second year from the general fund is designated to develop a pathway program to attract and train veterans for cyber security careers.

G. The 4-VA, a public-private partnership among George Mason University, James Madison University, the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, Old Dominion University, and CISCO Systems, Inc., utilizes emerging technologies to promote collaboration and resource sharing to increase access, reduce time to graduation and reduce unit cost while maintaining and enhancing quality. Instructional talent across the five institutions is leveraged in the delivery of programs in foreign languages, science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The 4-VA Management Board can expand this partnership to additional institutions as appropriate to meet the goals of the 4-VA initiative. It is expected that funding will be pooled by the management board as required to support continuing efforts of the 4-VA priorities and projects.

H. Out of this appropriation, \$6,040,599 the first year and \$8,810,991 the second year from the general fund is designated to support the goals of access, affordability, quality and increased degrees. Given the increased investment from the general fund during this biennium, it is the expression of the General Assembly that the institution seek to minimize tuition and fee increases for in-state undergraduate students. This language shall be in effect for the 2016-2018 biennium only. The Board of Visitors shall set the tuition rates for the institution, and forward their action to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia within three business days of such action. The Council shall analyze the Board's actions and report such analysis to the Chairmen of House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees within three business days of receipt, at which point, the Board's action shall be final. The Director of the Council shall report the final Board actions to the Chairmen by August 1, 2016 and August 1, 2017.