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Budget Bill - HB1500 (Chapter 836)

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Item 230	First Year - FY2017	Second Year - FY2018
Educational and General Programs (10000)	\$70,287,426	\$70,744,975
Higher Education Instruction (100101)	\$38,972,886	\$39,430,435
Higher Education Research (100102)	\$2,110,453	\$2,110,453
Higher Education Public Services (100103)	\$120,448	\$120,448
Higher Education Academic (100104)	\$5,701,161	\$5,701,161
Higher Education Student Services (100105)	\$4,335,982	\$4,335,982
Higher Education Institutional Support (100106)	\$11,897,912	\$11,897,912
Operation and Maintenance Of Plant (100107)	\$7,148,584	\$7,148,584
Fund Sources:		
General	\$33,630,728	\$34,088,277
Higher Education Operating	\$36,656,698	\$36,656,698

Authority: Title 2323.1, Chapter 1327, Code of Virginia.

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

B.1. Out of this appropriation, \$3,790,639 the first year and \$3,790,639 the second year from the general fund is designated for continued enhancement of the existing Bachelor of Science academic programs in Computer Science, Manufacturing Engineering, Computer Engineering, Mass Communications and Criminal Justice, and the doctoral program in Education.

2. Out of this appropriation, \$37,500 the first year and \$37,500 the second year from the general fund is provided to serve in lieu of endowment income for the Eminent Scholars Program.

3. Any unexpended balances in paragraphs B.1. and B.2. in this Item at the close of business on June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017, shall not revert to the surplus of the general fund but shall be carried forward on the books of the State Comptroller and reappropriated in the succeeding year.

C. This appropriation includes \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the second year from the general fund to increase the number of faculty with terminal degrees to at least 85 percent of the total teaching faculty.

D. Out of this appropriation, Virginia State University is authorized to use up to \$600,000 the first year and

\$600,000 the second year from the general fund to address extremely critical deferred maintenance deficiencies in its facilities, including residence halls and dining facilities.

E. 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.

F. Out of this appropriation, \$1,300,000 the first year and \$1,300,000 the second year from the general fund is designated to support the Manufacturing Engineering and Logistics Technology program.

G. Out of this appropriation, \$994,498 the first year and \$1,450,603 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.