2018 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB5002 (Chapter 2)

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Attorney General and Department of Law

Item 56	First Year - FY2019	Second Year - FY2020
Legal Advice (32000)	**$35,281,792**	**$34,488,235**
State Agency/Local Legal Assistance and Advice (32002)	$35,281,792	$34,488,235
Fund Sources:		
General	$21,638,570	$21,638,570
Special	$11,598,833	$11,598,833
Federal Trust	$2,044,389	$1,250,832

Authority: Title 2.2 Chapter 5, Code of Virginia.

A. Out of this appropriation shall be paid:

1. The salary of the Attorney General, $150,000 the first year and $150,000 the second year.

2. Expenses of the Attorney General not otherwise reimbursed, $9,000 each year in equal monthly installments.

3. Salary expenses necessary to provide legal services pursuant to Title 2.2, Chapter 5, Code of Virginia.

B. Out of this appropriation, $738,536 the first year and $738,536 the second year from the general fund is designated for efforts to enforce the 1998 Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement and Article 1 (§ 3.2-4200, et seq.), Chapter 42, Title 3.2, Code of Virginia. The Department of Law shall be responsible for enforcement of Article 1 (§ 3.2-4200, et seq.), Chapter 42, Title 3.2, Code of Virginia and the 1998 Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement. The general fund shall be reimbursed on a proportional basis from the Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Fund and the Virginia Tobacco Settlement Fund for costs associated with the enforcement of the 1998 Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement pursuant to transfers directed by Item 473, paragraphs A.2 and B.2, and § 3-1.01, Paragraph N of this act.

C. Upon notification by the Attorney General, agencies that administer programs which are funded wholly or partially from nongeneral fund appropriations shall transfer to the Department of Law the necessary funds to cover the costs of legal services that are related to such nongeneral funds. The Attorney General, in consultation with the respective agency heads, shall determine the amounts for transfer. It is the intent of the General Assembly that legal services provided by the Office of the Attorney General for general fund-supported programs shall be provided out of this appropriation.

D. At the request of the Attorney General, the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall provide an amount not to exceed $100,000 per year from the Miscellaneous Contingency Reserve Account to pay the compensation, fees, and expenses of (i) counsel appointed by the Office of the Attorney General in actions brought pursuant to § 15.2-1643, Code of Virginia, to cause court facilities to be made secure, or put in good repair, or rendered otherwise safe, and (ii) counsel representing court personnel, including clerks, judges, and Justices in

actions arising out of their official duties.

E.1. Pursuant to Chapter 577 of the Acts of Assembly of 2008, the Office of the Attorney General shall provide legal service in civil matters and consultation and legal advice in suits and other legal actions to soil and water conservation district directors and districts upon the request of those district directors or districts at no charge, inclusive of all fees, expenses, or other costs associated with litigation, excluding the payment of damages.

2. If the Office of the Attorney General is unable to provide legal services to the soil and water conservation districts, and as a result the districts incur costs from retaining other counsel, then the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget shall transfer general fund appropriations from the Office of the Attorney General to the Department of Conservation and Recreation in an amount equal to the cost incurred by the soil and water conservation districts to be used to reimburse the districts for costs incurred.

F. The Attorney General shall prepare and submit a report to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees by November 1 of each year detailing expenditures in the prior fiscal year for special outside counsel by any executive branch agencies. The report shall include the reasoning why outside counsel is necessary, the hourly rate charged by outside counsel, total expenditures, and funding source.