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Auxiliary Enterprise Investment Yields

Item 3-4.01

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A. 1. The educational and general programs in institutions of higher education shall recover the full indirect cost of auxiliary enterprise programs as certified by institutions of higher education to the Comptroller subject to annual audit by the Auditor of Public Accounts. The State Comptroller shall credit those institutions meeting the requirement with the interest earned by the investment of funds of their auxiliary enterprise programs.

2. The University of Virginia's College at Wise is authorized to suspend the transfer of the recovery of the full indirect cost of auxiliary enterprise programs to the educational and general program for the 2020-2022 biennium.

3. Institutions of higher education shall have the authority to reduce the recovery of the full indirect cost of auxiliary enterprise programs to the educational and general program for the 2020-2022 biennium as a result of the significant financial impact on auxiliary enterprise programs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

4. a. Institutions of higher education shall have the authority to use available fund balances from other fund sources, to include educational and general program reserves, to support operations, increased costs or revenue reductions, for auxiliary enterprise programs for the 2020-2022 biennium. However, with the exception of transfer payments, educational and general program reserves may not be used to directly support intercollegiate athletics.

b. Any use of available fund balances pursuant to these temporary provisions shall be subject to approval by the Board of Visitors of the institution, provided that the Board has also reviewed the measures of financial status included in the most recent Auditor of Public Account Higher Education Comparative Report. Prior to any transfer, the institution shall provide the approval resolution to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees.

B. No interest shall be credited for that portion of the fund's cash balance that represents any outstanding loans due from the State Treasurer. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the capital projects authorized under Items C-36.21 and C-36.40 of Chapter 924, 1997 Acts of Assembly.