2022 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB30 (Chapter 2)

Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security

Item 392	First Year - FY2023	Second Year - FY2024
Administrative and Support Services (79900)	**$1,223,977**	**$1,223,977**
General Management and Direction (79901)	$1,223,977	$1,223,977
Fund Sources:		
General	$1,223,977	$1,223,977

Authority: Title 2.2, Chapter 2, Article 8, and § 2.2-201, Code of Virginia.

A. The Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security shall present revised six-year state and local juvenile and state and local responsibility adult offender population forecasts to the Governor, the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, and the Chairs of the House Courts of Justice and Senate Judiciary Committees by October 15 of each year. The secretary shall ensure that the revised forecast for state-responsible adult offenders shall include an estimate of the number of probation violators included each year within the overall population forecast who may be appropriate for alternative sanctions.

B. The secretary shall continue to work with other secretaries to (i) develop services intended to improve the re-entry of offenders from prisons and jails to general society and (ii) enhance the coordination of service delivery to those offenders by all state agencies. The secretary shall provide a status report on actions taken to improve offender transitional and reentry services, as provided in § 2.2-221.1, Code of Virginia, including improvements to the preparation and provision for employment, treatment, and housing opportunities for those being released from incarceration. The report shall be provided to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees no later than November 15 of each year.

C. Included in the appropriation for this item is $500,000 the first year and $500,000 the second year from the general fund for the Commonwealth's nonfederal cost match requirement to accomplish the United States Corps of Engineers Regional Reconnaissance Flood Control Study for both the Hampton Roads and Northern Neck regions as authorized by the U.S. Congress. Any balances not needed to complete these studies may be used to conduct a comparable study in the Northern Virginia region.

D. The Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, or his designee, shall convene a work group to examine the costs and feasibility of the implementation of Senate Bill 134, 2022 Session of the General Assembly. The work group shall include representatives from the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Office of the Executive Secretary, Court Service Units, Juvenile Detention Centers, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Department of Planning and Budget, appropriate staff from the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, and other appropriate stakeholders. The work group shall develop cost estimates and the associated efforts necessary to implement the provisions of Senate Bill 134, to include the state and local fiscal impact and any cost savings realized by reducing the number of individuals in the adult criminal justice system. In conducting this assessment, the work group shall review the experience of other states that have implemented similar legislation. The Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security shall submit a report of the work group's findings to the Governor and the

Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by October 1, 2022.