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Item 44	First Year - FY2025	Second Year - FY2026
Administrative and Support Services (79900)	\$7,522,963	\$7,522,963
General Management and Direction (79901) Fund Sources:	\$7,522,963	\$7,522,963
General	\$7,493,839	\$7,493,839
Federal Trust	\$29,124	\$29,124

Authority: Article V, Constitution of Virginia; Title 2.2, Chapter 1, Code of Virginia.

A. This appropriation includes \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the second year from the general fund to pay the salary of the Governor.

B. Out of the amounts for General Management and Direction, \$75,000 each year is included for the Governor's discretionary expenses.

C. Out of the appropriation for this item \$103,800 from the general fund is provided each year for the Governor's Fellows program. Any balances remaining from the appropriation identified in this paragraph shall be brought forward and made available to support the Governor's Fellows in the subsequent fiscal year. The Department of Planning and Budget is authorized to transfer amounts from the appropriation in this paragraph to applicable state agencies as required to execute the purposes of this paragraph.

D. This item includes \$728,985 the first year and \$728,985 the second year from the general fund and five and a half positions for the Office of the Children's Ombudsman.

E. The Governor shall designate a member of the Executive Branch to be an advisor on Health Workforce Development in Virginia. This advisor may or may not have other duties and responsibilities. The Health Workforce Development advisor shall gather information to evaluate the status of health workforce development in the Commonwealth. The advisor also shall recommend options to improve such workforce development to make Virginia's health workforce the best it can be to maximize the health status of Virginians and the quality of health care provided to Virginians. The advisor shall work with Secretariats and state agencies, with designated boards, with the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority, with regional bodies in Virginia, with private entities involved in health workforce. The advisor shall work with designated persons in the offices of the Secretaries of Labor, Health and Human Resources, Education, and Commerce and Trade. The Health Workforce Development advisor shall produce any reports requested by the Governor to help use the workforce to improve the health of Virginians and the quality of care provided.

F. The Governor shall ensure that Executive Branch rulemakings that are exempt from Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act shall not be subject to the Executive Branch Review process. Furthermore, the

Governor shall ensure that any agencies and regulations with a full or partial exemption from either Article 1 or Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act not be required to comply with any requirements other than those specifically required by the Code of Virginia pertaining to other regulatory activity, including petitions for rulemaking, meeting notices, agendas and minutes, the periodic review of existing regulations, and guidance documents.

G. The Governor shall direct the Director, Department of Human Resources Management to include in the quarterly report required by § 2.2-607, Code of Virginia. the funding amount, including fund sources from the agencies that are covering the payroll for such employee, for state employees that are transferred from one state agency to another without transferring appropriations.