2026 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB30 (Chapter 1)

Item 281

	First Year - FY2027	Second Year - FY2028
Community Health Services (44000)	**$341,939,104**	**$341,939,104**
Local Dental Services (44002)	$4,050,573	$4,050,573
Restaurant and Food Safety, Well and Septic Permitting and Other Environmental Health Services (44004)	$47,894,378	$47,894,378
Local Family Planning Services (44005)	$36,104,475	$36,104,475
Support for Local Management, Business, and Facilities (44009)	$96,548,350	$96,548,350
Local Maternal and Child Health Services (44010)	$43,068,267	$43,068,267
Local Immunization Services (44013)	$20,544,760	$20,544,760
Local Communicable Disease Investigation, Treatment, and Control (44014)	$34,107,343	$34,107,343
Local Personal Care Services (44015)	$5,259,193	$5,259,193
Local Chronic Disease and Prevention Control (44016)	$12,181,130	$12,181,130
Local Nutrition Services (44018)	$32,917,064	$32,917,064
Population Health (44019)	$9,263,571	$9,263,571
Fund Sources:		
General	$155,780,696	$155,780,696
Special	$131,861,254	$131,861,254
Dedicated Special Revenue	$3,898,114	$3,898,114
Federal Trust	$50,399,040	$50,399,040

Authority: §§ 32.1-11 through 32.1-12, 32.1-31, 32.1-163 through 32.1-176, 32.1-198 through 32.1-211, 32.1-246, and 35.1-1 through 35.1-26, Code of Virginia; Title V of the U.S. Social Security Act; and Title X of the U.S. Public Health Service Act.

A.1. Notwithstanding § 32.1-163 through § 32.1-176, Code of Virginia, the State Health Commissioner shall charge a fee of no more than $425.00, for a construction permit for on-site sewage systems designed for less than 1,000 gallons per day, and alternative discharging systems not supported with certified work from an onsite soil evaluator or a professional engineer working in consultation with an onsite soil evaluator.

2. Notwithstanding § 32.1-163 through § 32.1-176, Code of Virginia, the State Health Commissioner shall charge a fee of no more than $350.00, for the certification letter for less than 1,000 gallons per day not supported with certified work from an onsite soil evaluator or a professional engineer working in consultation with an onsite soil evaluator.

3. Notwithstanding § 32.1-163 through § 32.1-176, Code of Virginia, the State Health Commissioner shall charge a fee of no more than $225.00, for a construction permit for an onsite sewage system designed for less than 1,000 gallons per day when the application is supported with certified work from a licensed onsite soil evaluator.

4. Notwithstanding § 32.1-163 through § 32.1-176, Code of Virginia, the State Health Commissioner shall charge a fee of no more than $320.00, for the certification letter for less than 1,000 gallons per day supported with certified work from an onsite soil evaluator or a professional engineer working in consultation with an onsite soil evaluator.

5. Notwithstanding § 32.1-163 through § 32.1-176, Code of Virginia, the State Health Commissioner shall charge a fee of no more than $300.00, for a construction permit for a private well.

6. Notwithstanding § 32.1-163 through § 32.1-176, Code of Virginia, the State Health Commissioner shall charge a fee of no more than $1,400.00, for a construction permit or certification letter designed for more than 1,000 gallons per day.

7. Notwithstanding § 32.1-163 through § 32.1-176, Code of Virginia, and starting July 1, 2019, the State Health Commissioner shall charge a fee of $425.00, for a permit to repair an onsite sewage system or an alternative discharging system designed for less than 1,000 gallons per day not supported with certified work from an onsite soil evaluator or a professional engineer working in consultation with an onsite soil evaluator. This fee shall be waived for persons with income below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines as established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services when the application is for a pit privy or for a repair of a failing onsite or alternative discharging sewage system.

8. Notwithstanding § 32.1-163 through § 32.1-176, Code of Virginia, and starting July 1, 2019, the State Health Commissioner shall charge a fee of $225.00, for a permit to repair or voluntarily upgrade an onsite sewage system or alternative discharging system designed for less than 1,000 gallons per day supported with certified work from an onsite soil evaluator or a professional engineer. This fee shall be waived for persons with income below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines as established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services when the application is for a pit privy or for a repair of a failing onsite or alternative discharging sewage system.

9. Notwithstanding § 32.1-163 through § 32.1-176, Code of Virginia, and starting July 1, 2019, the State Health Commissioner shall charge a fee of $150.00, to provide written authorizations pursuant to § 32.1-165 not supported with certified work from a qualified professional.

10. Notwithstanding § 32.1-163 through § 32.1-176, Code of Virginia, and starting July 1, 2019, the State Health Commissioner shall charge a fee of $100.00, to provide written authorizations pursuant to § 32.1-165 supported with certified work from a qualified professional.

11. Notwithstanding § 32.1-163 through § 32.1-176, Code of Virginia, and starting July 1, 2019, the State Health Commissioner shall charge a fee of $1,400.00, for a permit to repair or voluntarily upgrade an onsite sewage system designed for more than 1,000 gallons per day.

B. The State Health Commissioner shall appoint two manufacturers to the Advisory Committee on Sewage Handling and Disposal, representing one system installer and the Association of Onsite Soil Engineers.

C. The State Health Commissioner is authorized to develop, in consultation with the regulated entities, a hotel,

campground, and summer camp plan and specification review fee, not to exceed $40.00, a restaurant plan and specification review fee, not to exceed $40.00, an annual hotel, campground, and summer camp permit renewal fee, not to exceed $40.00, and an annual restaurant permit renewal fee, not to exceed $40.00 to be collected from all establishments, except K-12 public schools, that are subject to inspection by the Department of Health pursuant to §§ 35.1-13, 35.1-14, 35.1-16, and 35.1-17, Code of Virginia. However, any such establishment that is subject to any health permit fee, application fee, inspection fee, risk assessment fee or similar fee imposed by any locality as of January 1, 2002, shall be subject to this annual permit renewal fee only to the extent that the Department of Health fee and the locally imposed fee, when combined, do not exceed the fee amount listed in this paragraph. This fee structure shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources.

D. Pursuant to the Department of Health's Policy Implementation Manual (#07-01), individuals who participate in a local festival, fair, or other community event where food is sold, shall be exempt from the annual temporary food establishment permit fee of $40.00 provided the event is held only one time each calendar year and the event takes place within the locality where the individual resides.

E. The State Health Commissioner shall work with public and private dental providers to develop options for delivering dental services in underserved areas, including the use of public-private partnerships in the development and staffing of facilities, the use of dental hygiene and dental students to expand services and enhance learning experiences, and the availability of reimbursement mechanisms and other public and private resources to expand services.

F.1. Out of this appropriation, $3,000,000 the first year and $3,000,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided for the purpose of maintaining access to long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARC). The Virginia Department of Health shall establish and manage memorandums of understanding with qualified health care providers who will provide access to LARCs to patients whose income is below 250 percent of the federal poverty level, the Title X family planning program income eligibility requirement. Providers shall be reimbursed for the insertion and removal of LARCs at Medicaid rates. As part of the program, the department, in cooperation with the Department of Medical Assistance Services and stakeholders, shall maintain a plan to improve awareness and utilization of the Plan First program and include outreach efforts to refer women who have a diagnosis of substance use disorder and who seek family planning services to the Plan First program or participating providers in the program.

2. The Virginia Department of Health shall report on metrics to measure the effectiveness of the program such as impacts on morbidity, reduction in abortions and unplanned pregnancies, and impacts on maternal health such as an increase in the length of time between births, among others. In addition, the department shall collect data on the number of women served who also sought treatment for substance use disorder. The department shall submit a report to the Governor, the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, and the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, that describes the program, and metrics used to measure results, actual program expenditures, and projected expenditures by September 1 of each year.

3. Out of this appropriation, $1,000,000 the first year and $1,000,000 the second year from the general fund shall be made available to supplement the funding provided under paragraph F.1. of this Item to maintain access to FDA-approved contraceptives, that are not long-acting reversible contraceptives. The Virginia Department of Health shall establish and manage memoranda of understanding with qualified health care providers who have existing contracts pursuant to paragraph F.1. of this Item or to new ones if funding is available. Providers shall be reimbursed for the cost of the contraceptives, as provided under this paragraph, at Medicaid rates.

4. The appropriation as described under paragraphs F.1. and F.3. of this Item shall be used to maintain access to both LARC and non-LARC contraceptives and the Virginia Department of Health is authorized to use funds in either paragraph to supplement the funds in the other paragraph for the purposes described.

G. Out of this appropriation, $1,000,000 the first year and $1,000,000 the second year from the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant shall be provided to the Department of Health for the operation of the Resource Mothers program.

H.1. The Department of Health, in cooperation with the Department of Environmental Quality, shall work with the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission to initiate a three-year pilot program to analyze an engineered septic unit that houses and treats all sewage effluent in a vertically elevated, self-contained unit suitable for areas with high water tables and flooding in Coastal Virginia. Such vertically elevated septic system, including holding tank and treatment unit, shall have no physical contact with land; shall be vertically elevated on columns, piers, or other structures that provide for the flow of surface water underneath the septic unit; shall be elevated above the storm surge and flood inundation levels; and shall be designed to meet pollution removal standards of the Department of Health and Department of Environmental Quality. The treated sewage discharge from the vertically elevated septic system may include surface, engineered wetland, or other appropriate discharge approaches that comply with regulations for alternative onsite sewage systems (12VAC5-613 et seq.). Such vertically elevated septic system shall be installed in an upland location in the Middle Peninsula outside of any designated Resource Protection Area or floodplain.

2. By December 1 of each year, the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission shall submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly with the following information: (i) the feasibility of elevating the parts of septic systems vulnerable to rising sea levels; (ii) optimal system design, or range of designs, for vertically elevated septic systems capable of withstanding sea level rise and chronic flooding that meets effluent standards; (iii) recommendations for legal or regulatory changes, if any, to authorize the use of vertically elevated septic systems; (iv) recommendations for amending current septic system permit requirements to allow for the use of vertically elevated septic systems; (v) recommendations for financing the installation of vertically elevated septic systems; (vi) the expected date of completion of the pilot program; (vii) installation and projected average annual maintenance costs for a vertically elevated septic system over 10 years; and (viii) any other pertinent information.

I. The Virginia Department of Health shall prepare a request for funding the state share of new or escalated rent increases at local health departments and submit the request for inclusion in the Governor's introduced budget annually.

J. Out of this appropriation, $3,200,000 the first year and $3,200,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to support Community Health Worker positions at Virginia's local health districts. The agency shall prioritize supporting Community Health Worker positions at local health districts that serve localities with the highest rates of maternal mortality.

K. Out of this appropriation, $600,000 the first year and $600,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the Department of Health to provide grants to organizations offering preventative care, including STI testing and cancer screening.

L. Out of this appropriation, $2,159,836 the first year and $2,159,836 the second year from the general fund and $578,702 the first year and $578,702 the second year from nongeneral funds shall be provided for eight community health services positions.