2026 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB30 (Chapter 1)

Department of Military Affairs

Item 465	First Year - FY2027	Second Year - FY2028
Administrative and Support Services (79900)	**$12,149,508**	**$11,949,508**
General Management and Direction (79901)	$9,473,117	$9,273,117
Telecommunications (79930)	$2,676,391	$2,676,391
Fund Sources:		
General	$8,233,547	$8,033,547
Dedicated Special Revenue	$800,999	$800,999
Federal Trust	$3,114,962	$3,114,962

Authority: Title 44, Chapters 1 and 2, Code of Virginia.

A. The Department of Military Affairs shall advise and provide assistance to the Department of Accounts in administering the $20,000 death benefit provided for certain members of the National Guard and United States military reserves killed in action in any armed conflict as of October 7, 2001, pursuant to § 44-93.1.B., Code of Virginia.

B. Included in this appropriation is $80,000 the first year and $80,000 the second year from the general fund to maintain communication equipment for emergency operations.

C. Included in this appropriation is $50,000 the first year and $50,000 the second year from the general fund for a Referral Enlistment Program to qualifying individuals for the referral of applicants for service in the Virginia National Guard which result in enlistment.

D. Included in this appropriation is $150,000 the first year and $150,000 the second year from the general fund for the agency's National Guard Cyber Brigade to conduct cyber security audits of local governments and state agencies.

E. The Adjutant General shall facilitate and coordinate efforts to make Virginia National Guard members aware of the state-sponsored group term life insurance program offered to all members of the Virginia National Guard, to include: (i) allowing program representatives to provide briefings to Virginia National Guard units at least annually, to the extent that it does not directly interfere with required training and other duties; and (ii) referring National Guard members to the program upon their request.

F.1. Included in this appropriation is $1,009,538 the first year and $1,009,538 the second year from the general fund to address increased personnel costs.

2. Taking into account projections provided by the Department during development of the 2026-2028 Biennial Budget, the Department shall develop a plan to ensure its expected funding and operational costs are balanced.

The plan shall include historical information on (i) comparisons of appropriations and expenditures categorized by payroll and nonpayroll including fund source; (ii) the average salary at the Department, categorized by position and funding source; (iii) the number of funded positions organized by function and by funding source; and (iv) any proposed actions to balance its budget, including the use of nongeneral funds. The Department's plan shall not include any reductions associated with the Commonwealth ChalleNGe Youth Academy program. The plan shall be submitted to the Secretaries of Finance and Veterans and Defense Affairs, the Chairs of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, and the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget no later than July 15, 2026. The Secretaries of Finance and Veterans and Defense Affairs shall approve a final plan for the Department to implement.

G. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 44-135.1, Code of Virginia, the Department of Military Affairs may use up to $500,000 of the Armory Control Board Fund to supplement the salary and fringe costs of administrative support personnel.