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- a. Each appropriating act of the General Assembly shall be subject to the following provisions and conditions, unless specifically exempt elsewhere in this act.
- b. All appropriations contained in this act, or in any other appropriating act of the General Assembly, are declared to be maximum appropriations and conditional on receipt of revenue.
- c. The Governor, as chief budget officer of the state, shall ensure that the provisions and conditions as set forth in this section are strictly observed.
- d. Public higher education institutions are not subject to the provisions of § 2.2-4800, Code of Virginia, or the provisions of the Department of Accounts' Commonwealth Accounting Policies and Procedures manual (CAPP) topic 20505 with regard to students who are veterans of the United States armed services and National Guard and are in receipt of federal educational benefits under the G.I. Bill. Public higher education shall establish internal procedures for the continued enrollment of such students to include resolution of outstanding accounts receivable.
- e. Any public body, including any state, local, regional, or regulatory body, or a governing board as defined in § 54.1-2345 of the Code of Virginia, or any joint meeting of such entities, meeting by electronic communication means under the provisions of § 2.2-3708.2, Code of Virginia, shall make available a recording or transcript of the meeting on its website in accordance with the timeframes established in §§ 2.2-3707 and 2.2-3707.1 of the Code of Virginia; and the governing board shall distribute minutes of such meeting by the same method used to provide notice of the meeting.
- f. To the extent that a public institution of higher education maintains and operates university housing during scheduled intercessions, the institution shall provide access to housing for students eligible under § 23.1-601, Code of Virginia at no cost to the student provided that the student (i) is a registered student for the immediate following term and (ii) meets the definitions and conditions of the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.