2026 Special Session I

# Budget Bill - HB30 (Enrolled)

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Department of Education, Central Office Operations

| Item 120 | First Year - FY2027 | Second Year - FY2028 |
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| **School and Division Assistance (18500)** | **$10,820,021** | **$10,820,021** |
| School Improvement (18501) | $4,749,096 | $4,749,096 |
| School Nutrition (18502) | $5,510,321 | $5,510,321 |
| Pupil Transportation (18503) | $560,604 | $560,604 |
| Fund Sources: | | |
| General | $5,530,348 | $5,530,348 |
| Special | $31,010 | $31,010 |
| Federal Trust | $5,258,663 | $5,258,663 |

Authority: School Improvement: § 22.1-253.13:1 et seq., Code of Virginia; P. L. 107-110, Federal Code.

School Nutrition: §§ 22.1-24, 22.1-89.1, and 22.1-207.3, Code of Virginia; P.L. 79-396, P.L. 89-642, P.L. 95-627, as amended, P.L. 108-265, Federal Code.

Pupil Transportation: Title 22.1, Chapter 12, and Title 46.2, Code of Virginia; P. L. 103-272 and P.L. 109-20, Federal Code.

A. This appropriation includes $1,100,183 the first year and $1,100,183 the second year from the general fund for contractual services related to assisting schools that do not meet the Standards of Accreditation as prescribed by the Board of Education.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 2.2-1502.1, Code of Virginia, the Board of Education, in cooperation with the Department of Planning and Budget, is authorized to invite a school division to participate in the school efficiency review program described in § 2.2-1502.1, Code of Virginia, as a component of a division level academic review pursuant to § 22.1-253.13:3, Code of Virginia.

C. Out of this appropriation, $1,922,461 the first year and $1,922,461 the second year from the general fund is provided to the Office of School Quality to assist low performing schools.

D. The Department of Education shall develop and submit a detailed plan for the state's school improvement program by November 15, 2026 to the Board of Education and the chairs of the House Appropriations, House Education, Senate Finance and Appropriations, and Senate Education and Health Committees.

E. The Department of Education shall annually develop a status report that includes updates on key school improvement program activities, available and needed resources, program performance, and student and school outcomes. This report shall be submitted annually to the Board of Education and the chairs of the House

Appropriations, House Education, Senate Finance and Appropriations, and Senate Education and Health Committees no later than December 1 each year.

F. The Department of Education, in collaboration with school divisions, shall review participation in the Community Eligibility Provision statewide, including (i) reasons for non-participation among schools with Identified Student Percentages between 25.0 and 40.0 percent with a focus on those with an Identified Student Percentage between 35.0 and 40.0 percent, (ii) a summary of the financial benefits that schools or divisions participating in the Community Eligibility Provision have realized, and (iii) recommendations for encouraging participation, including cost estimates for each option. The Department shall report to the Chairs of the House Committees on Education and Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Education and Health and Finance and Appropriations by March 1, 2027.