2026 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB30 (Enrolled)

Department of Education, Central Office Operations

Item 121	First Year - FY2027	Second Year - FY2028
Technology Assistance Services (18600)	**$24,131,043**	**$18,993,043**
Instructional Technology (18601)	$5,875,077	$737,077
Distance Learning and Electronic Classroom (18602)	$18,255,966	$18,255,966
Fund Sources:		
General	$11,241,937	$6,103,937
Special	$105,000	$105,000
Trust and Agency	$12,719,402	$12,719,402
Federal Trust	$64,704	$64,704

Authority: Instructional Technology: §§ 22.1-20.1, 22.1-70.2, 22.1-199.1, 22.1-253.13:1 through 22.1-253.13:8, Code of Virginia; P.L. 107-110, Federal Code.

Distance Learning and Electronic Classroom: § 22.1-212.2, Code of Virginia.

Virtual Virginia Payments

1. From appropriations in this Item, the Department of Education shall provide assistance for the Virtual Virginia program.

2. This appropriation includes $498,000 the first year and $498,000 the second year from the general fund to support the Virtual Virginia full-time program for 200 students in grades nine through 12.

3. This appropriation includes $330,000 the first year and $330,000 the second year from the general fund to support the virtual mathematics outreach program.

4. The local share of costs associated with the operation of the Virtual Virginia program shall be computed using the composite index of local ability-to-pay.

5. The Department of Education shall maintain a plan to support the per-student, per-course fee schedule for local school divisions to participate in Virtual Virginia (VVA) coursework for elementary, middle, and high school students. Such fee schedule plan shall provide (i) an allotment of slots, determined by the Department, per course to a school division free of charge, and (ii) for any slots a school division wishes to use beyond the free slots, a per-course, per-student fee that may include discounts for school divisions based upon the composite index of local ability to pay. The department shall also include in its plan the current student participation enrollment by grade level in each VVA course, the number of students enrolled in VVA courses that a fee of any kind is charged and how such fee is currently paid for in each participating school division.

6.a. Out of this appropriation, $5,138,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the continued implementation of a statewide learning management system (LMS) and resources.

b. The Department of Education shall establish a workgroup to explore long-term funding options to support school division usage, Virtual Virginia activities, and professional learning support. The workgroup should consist of representatives from participating school divisions, Virtual Virginia, and the Virginia Community College System to review impacts to dual enrollment and two-year matriculation, equitable access to high school and college credit courses along with viable funding possibilities. The workgroup shall consider a funding model whereby a fee schedule is developed for school divisions to subscribe to LMS services through a statewide contract administered through Virtual Virginia. The workgroup 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 December 1, 2026.