2026 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB30 (Enrolled)

Virginia Community College System

Item 204	First Year - FY2027	Second Year - FY2028
Higher Education Student Financial Assistance (10800) a sum sufficient, estimated at	**$169,936,971**	**$167,100,971**
Scholarships (10810)	$169,936,971	$167,100,971
Fund Sources:		
General	$131,489,665	$128,653,665
Higher Education Operating	$38,447,306	$38,447,306

Authority: Title 23.1, Chapter 29, Code of Virginia.

A. Out of this appropriation, $150,000 the first year and $150,000 the second year from the general fund is designated for Tidewater Community College to support an apprenticeship program for Virginia's shipyard workers. All general fund amounts appropriated for this apprenticeship program shall be used to provide scholarships to shipyard workers enrolled in the program. The conditions for receiving a scholarship shall be those conditions described in § 23.1-2912, Code of Virginia.

B. Funding in this Item shall be allocated for the Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program, the Commonwealth Award and need-based student financial assistance for industry-based certifications or related programs that do not qualify for other sources of student financial assistance.

C. Up to 15 percent of the funding in this item may be used to support Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program eligible students for (1) priority funding who are enrolled in Data Science and Technology, Science and Engineering, Healthcare and Education programs and (2) as a grant for students in innovative internship programs provided that the institutions has at least one private sector partner and the grant is matched equally by the partner with non-state funding and / or the institution from private funds.

D.1. Out of this appropriation, $34,500,000 the first year and $34,500,000 the second year from the general fund is designated for the Get Skilled, Get a Job, Give Back Program (G3 Program) pursuant to § 23.1-2911.2.

The programs covered under the G3 Program by Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) Codes are as follows:

CIP Code	Description
11.0101	Computer and Information Sciences, General
11.0103	Information Technology
11.0201	Computer Programming/ Programmer, General
11.0701	Computer Science

11.0801 Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design

11.0901 Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications

11.1001 Network and System Administration/ Administrator

11.1003 Computer and Information Systems Security/Information Assurance

12.0500 Cooking and Related Culinary Arts, General

13.0101 Education, General

13.1013 Education/Teaching of Individuals with Autism

13.1501 Teacher Assistant/Aide

13.1202 Elementary Education and Teaching

13.1205 Secondary Education and Teaching

14.0101 Engineering, General

15.0000 Engineering and Engineering-Related Fields

15.0101 Architectural Engineering Technology/Technician

15.0201 Civil Engineering Technology/Technician

15.0303 Electrical, Electronic and Communications Engineering Technology/Technician

15.0305 Telecommunications Technology/Technician

15.0599 Environmental Control Technologies/Technicians, Other

15.0612 Industrial Technology/Technician

15.0613 Manufacturing Engineering Technology/Technician

15.0699 Industrial Production Technologies/Technicians, Other

15.0899 Mechanical Engineering Related Technologies/Technicians, Other

15.0901 Mining Technology/Technician

15.1301 Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General

15.1302 CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician

15.1303 Architectural Drafting and Architectural CAD/CADD

15.1401 Nuclear Engineering Technology/Technician

15.9999 Engineering Technologies and Engineering-Related Fields, Other

19.0707 Family and Community Services

19.0709 Child Care Provider/Assistant

30.0101 Biological and Physical Sciences

41.0101 Biology Technician/Biotechnology Laboratory Technician

43.0102 Corrections

43.0103 Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Administration

43.0104 Criminal Justice/Safety Studies

43.0106 Forensic Science and Technology

43.0107 Criminal Justice/Police Science

43.0203 Fire Science/Fire-fighting

43.0303 Critical Infrastructure Protection

43.0406 Homeland Security, Other

43.9999 Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting and Related Protective Services, Other

46.0000 Construction Trades

46.0302 Electrician

47.0000 Mechanic and Repair Technologies / Technicians

47.0101 Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, General

47.0105 Industrial Electronics Technology/Technician

47.0201 Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/Technician

47.0603 Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician

47.0604 Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician

47.0605 Diesel Mechanics Technology/Technician

47.0607 Airframe Mechanics and Aircraft Maintenance Technology/Technician

48.0000 Precision Production

48.0501 Machine Tool Technology/Machinist

48.0508 Welding Technology/Welder

48.0599 Precision Metal Working, Other

48.0701 Woodworking, General

51.0601 Dental Assisting/Assistant

51.0602 Dental Hygiene/Hygienist

51.0603 Dental Laboratory Technology/Technician

51.0707 Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician

51.0708 Medical Transcription/ Transcriptionist

51.0713 Medical Insurance Coding Specialist/Coder

51.0799 Health and Medical Administrative Services, Other

51.0801 Medical/Clinical Assistant

51.0803 Occupational Therapist Assistant

51.0805 Pharmacy Technician/Assistant

51.0806 Physical Therapy Technician/Assistant

51.0808 Veterinary/Animal Health Technology/Technician and Veterinary Assistant

51.0904 Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)

51.0907 Medical Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiation Therapist

51.0908 Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist

51.0909 Surgical Technology/Technologist

51.0910 Diagnostic Medical Sonography/Sonographer and Ultrasound Technician

51.0911 Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer

51.0912 Physician Assistant

51.0999 Allied Health Diagnostic, Intervention, and Treatment Professions, Other

51.1004 Clinical/Medical Laboratory Technician

51.1005 Clinical Laboratory Science/Medical Technology/Technologist

51.1009 Phlebotomy Technician/Phlebotomist

51.1105 Pre-Nursing Studies

51.1501 Substance Abuse/Addiction Counseling

51.1504 Community Health Services/Liaison/Counseling

51.1508 Mental Health Counseling/Counselor

51.1599 Mental and Social Health Services and Allied Professions, Other

51.1801 Opticianry/Ophthalmic Dispensing Optician

51.2706 Medical Informatics

51.3101 Dietetics/Dietitian

51.3501 Massage Therapy/Therapeutic Massage

51.3801 Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse

51.3899 Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research and Clinical Nursing, Other

51.3901 Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training

51.3902 Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide

52.0901 Hospitality Administration / Management, General

2. a. By December 1 of each year, the Office of Education and Labor Market Alignment within the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority System shall evaluate the skills and training including those provided through high school career and technical education, credentials, certifications, apprenticeships, internships, and other degree and non-degree programs needed for Virginians to fill jobs available in certified

regional council areas.

b. Based on this evaluation, the Office of Education and Labor Market Alignment within the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority System shall make recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly what programs should be offered in each region that qualify for financial assistance under the G3 Program.

c. All additions and changes to the eligible high-demand fields for which programs may be offered pursuant to this item shall be approved by the General Assembly prior to implementation.

3. In order to be eligible for financial assistance under this program at a qualified public institution, an applicant shall:

a. Receive a total household income less than or equal to four hundred percent of the Federal Poverty Level;

b. Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full-time or part-time student at an approved institution in an approved program specific to a high-demand field, as specified in paragraph D.1., and shall be enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours per semester, or in an eligible non-credit program;

c. Have submitted complete applications for federal and state student financial aid programs for which they may be eligible.

4. In order to remain eligible for financial assistance under this program at an approved institution, a participating student shall:

a. Meet standards for Satisfactory Academic Progress and maintain the required grade point average established by federal Higher Education Act of 1965 Title IV requirements;

b. Demonstrate reasonable progress to complete their specific program of study to earn an associate degree in no more than three years;

c. Not exceed 150 percent of required credits of certificate or degree.

5. a. Payments out of this appropriation shall provide (i) grants up to the amount necessary to pay for the last-dollar cost of the enrolled institution's tuition, mandatory fees, and textbook stipend for eligible students after all other qualified federal and state financial aid, and (ii) a Student Support Incentive Grant up to $2,250 per year for eligible students who are enrolled full-time and receive full Federal Pell Grants.

b. Each Student Support Incentive Grant shall be distributed to the eligible students in two equal payments, with the first disbursement after the census date for the enrollment period is reached, and the final disbursement at the end of the term of which the students qualified. Students who withdraw or stop attending during the term shall not receive additional payments and shall be subject to repayment of the funds already received. An eligible student may receive up to $900 per semester and up to $450 per Summer Term.

6. a. Funds for marketing and public awareness efforts to increase participation in the program are contained in Item 203 of this act.

b. The governing boards of Virginia's public associate degree-granting institutions shall ensure that program participation does not exceed budget appropriation.

7. a. No later than September 1 of each year, each Virginia public associate degree-granting institution shall submit to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and the Virginia Community College System a report with data from the previous fiscal year on program participation and completion, including data on what high-demand

fields are supported by students at each institution.

b. The Council and System shall work collaboratively to compile the data provided by each public associate degree-granting institution and report such data, in aggregate and by institution annually, to the Governor, the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, the Senate Education and Health Committee, and the House Education Committee. The report must include student enrollment, retention rates between terms and academic years, wage data including median wages prior to enrollment and one year after completion of a credential or degree, wage rates of students who have not enrolled in over a year and did not complete a credential, and a comparison of demand of jobs and completion rates. The report must disaggregate the information above by program of study, college, and student income level at start of program.