2026 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB30 (Enrolled)

West Piedmont Higher Education Center

Item 237	First Year - FY2027	Second Year - FY2028
Administrative and Support Services (19900)	**$4,782,454**	**$4,782,454**
Operation of Higher Education Centers (19931)	$4,782,454	$4,782,454
Fund Sources:		
General	$3,185,419	$3,185,419
Special	$1,597,035	$1,597,035

Authority: Title 23.1, Chapter 31, Article 4, Code of Virginia.

A. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the West Piedmont Higher Education Center, the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research, and the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center coordinate their activities, both instructional and research, to the maximum extent possible to best meet the needs of the citizens of the region, to ensure effective utilization of resources, and to avoid unnecessary duplication. The three entities shall report annually by October 1 to the Secretary of Education and the State Council of Higher Education and the Department of Planning and Budget on their joint efforts in this regard.

B. The requirements of § 4-5.05 shall not apply to this appropriation.

C. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, West Piedmont Higher Education Center is authorized to retain the income generated by the rental of space at the Building on Baldwin in Martinsville, VA to outside entities.

D. That at the completion of the reconstitution of New College Institute as West Piedmont Higher Education Center (the Center), the board of directors of the Center, in collaboration with representatives of GO Virginia Region 3, the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research, Patrick & Henry Community College, local school boards, and major regional employers, shall develop a sustainability plan, including a comprehensive strategic plan and customer recruitment and expansion strategy, to provide higher education degree and certification programs in accordance with its mission. The board of directors of the Center shall review options to achieve the goals stated in such plan and shall report on such options to the Governor, the Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, and the Chair of the House Committee on Appropriations no later than August 1, 2027.