2026 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB30 (Enrolled)

Item 334	First Year - FY2027	Second Year - FY2028
Financial Assistance for Supplemental Assistance Services (49100)	**$260,874,823**	**$260,874,823**
General Relief (49101)	$500,000	$500,000
Resettlement Assistance (49102)	$55,522,000	$55,522,000
Emergency and Energy Assistance (49103)	$85,352,823	$85,352,823
Percentage of Income Payment Program (49105)	$119,500,000	$119,500,000
Fund Sources:		
General	$500,000	$500,000
Dedicated Special Revenue	$119,500,000	$119,500,000
Federal Trust	$140,874,823	$140,874,823

Authority: Title 2.2, Chapter 54; Title 56, Chapter 23; Title 63.2, Code of Virginia; Title VI, Subtitle B, P.L. 97-35, as amended; P.L. 104-193, as amended, Federal Code.

A. Out of this appropriation, $119,500,000 the first year and $119,500,000 the second year from nongeneral funds shall be used to fund the Percentage of Income Payment Program (PIPP). This program shall distribute payments to Dominion Energy and Appalachian Power Company on behalf of their qualifying low-income customers participating in PIPP. In addition to PIPP payments, this appropriation includes the full amount of administrative expenditures for Dominion Energy and Appalachian Power Company, as approved by the State Corporation Commission. The maximum cost of the program shall not exceed $125.0 million annually, including a maximum of $5.5 million for program administration for state agencies and local departments of social services.

B. Out of this appropriation, $55,522,000 the first year and $55,522,000 the second year from nongeneral funds shall be used for the refugee assistance program. The department shall report annually on the number of refugees served and types of services provided, along with how much funding was provided for each type of service. The report shall be submitted to the Governor, Chairs of House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations, and Director, Department of Planning and Budget by December 1 each year.

C. The State Board of Social Services (the Board) is authorized to promulgate regulations to allow applications for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program to be submitted over an application period that provides adequate time for individuals to apply and is extended beyond the current application period in effect as of July 1, 2024, provided adequate funding is available to extend such application period. The Board's initial adoption of regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act shall be exempt from the provisions of the Administrative Process Act, except that the Board shall provide an opportunity for public comment on the regulations prior to adoption.