2026 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB30 (Enrolled)

Department of State Police

Item 416	First Year - FY2027	Second Year - FY2028
Law Enforcement and Highway Safety Services (31000)	**$428,542,927**	**$457,795,127**
Aviation Operations (31001)	$12,741,664	$12,741,664
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (31002)	$5,961,073	$5,961,073
Counter-Terrorism (31003)	$8,461,759	$8,461,759
Help Eliminate Auto Theft (HEAT) (31004)	$4,588,810	$4,588,810
Drug Enforcement (31005)	$30,832,608	$30,832,608
Crime Investigation and Intelligence Services (31006)	$55,104,169	$55,104,169
Uniform Patrol Services (Highway Patrol) (31007)	$263,361,024	$292,613,224
Insurance Fraud Program (31009)	$10,324,022	$10,324,022
Vehicle Safety Inspections (31010)	$37,167,798	$37,167,798
Fund Sources:		
General	$333,806,483	$363,058,683
Special	$51,237,182	$51,237,182
Commonwealth Transportation	$9,205,530	$9,205,530
Dedicated Special Revenue	$18,986,443	$18,986,443
Federal Trust	$15,307,289	$15,307,289

Authority: §§ 27-56, 33.2-1726, 46.2-1157 through 46.2-1187, 52-1, 52-4, 52-4.2, 52-4.3, 52-8, 52-8.1, 52-8.2, and 52-8.4, Code of Virginia.

A. Included in this appropriation is $810,687 the first year and $810,687 the second year from Commonwealth Transportation Funds for the personal and associated nonpersonal services costs for eight positions. These positions will be dedicated to patrolling the I-95/395/495 Interchange.

B. Included in this appropriation is $4,831,625 the first year and $4,831,625 the second year from the Commonwealth Transportation Fund to support enforcement operations at weigh stations statewide.

C. Included in this appropriation is $1,631,282 the first year and $1,631,282 the second year from Commonwealth Transportation Funds that shall be used to support the personal and associated nonpersonal services costs for trooper positions. These positions will be assigned to the “Highway Safety Corridors" and work to supplement the Department of State Police's enforcement efforts in those corridors.

D. The Department of State Police shall modify the implementation of the division of drug law enforcement established pursuant to § 52-8.1:1, Code of Virginia, and shall redirect, as may be necessary, resources heretofore provided for that purpose by the General Assembly for the purposes of homeland security, the gathering of intelligence on terrorist activities, the preparation for response to a terrorist attack and any other activity determined by the Governor to be crucial to strengthening the preparedness of the Commonwealth against the threat of natural disasters and emergencies. Nothing in this Item shall be construed to prohibit the Department of State Police from performing drug law enforcement or investigation as otherwise provided for by the Code of Virginia.

E. Included within this appropriation is $3,098,098 the first year and $3,098,098 the second year from the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund to support the department's aviation (med-flight) operations.

F. Included within this appropriation is $450,000 the first year and $450,000 the second year from the general fund, which shall be provided to the County of Chesterfield for use in funding the paramedics assigned to the Department of State Police for aviation (med-flight) operations, and for related med-flight expenses.

G. In the event that special fund revenues for this Item exceed expenditures, the balance of such revenues may be used for air medical evacuation equipment improvements, information technology upgrades or for motor vehicle replacement.

H. Included in this appropriation is $110,000 the first year and $110,000 the second year from the general fund to maintain increased traffic enforcement on Interstate 81. These funds shall be used to provide overtime payments for extended and additional work shifts so as to maintain the enhanced level of State Police patrols on this and other public highways in the Commonwealth.

I. Included within this appropriation is $25,500,000 the first year and $25,500,000 the second year from nongeneral funds to be used by the Department of State Police to record expenditures related to law enforcement activity that is performed for other entities and is billed and recorded as revenue, which may not be received until the following fiscal year.

J. Included within this appropriation is $100,000 the first year and $100,000 the second year from the general fund for the Department of State Police to enhance its capabilities in recruiting minority troopers. Funding is to support increased marketing and advertising efforts for recruiting minorities.

K. Included within this appropriation is $116,988 the first year and $116,988 the second year from the Department of Aviation's special fund to support the aviation operations of the Department of State Police.

L.1. Out of the amounts appropriated for this Item, $1,450,000 the first year and $1,450,000 the second year from nongeneral funds and $517,000 the first year and $517,000 the second year from the general fund shall be distributed to the department to expand the operations of the Northern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

2. Pursuant to paragraph H.2 of Item 394, the Northern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force shall provide a report on the actual expenditures and performance results achieved each year. Copies of this report shall be provided each year to the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by October 1.

M. Out of the appropriation for this Item, $3,609,365 the first year and $3,609,365 the second year from the general fund is continued for the ongoing financing costs of purchasing four helicopters through the state's master equipment lease purchase program.

N. Included in this appropriation for this item is $1,129,554 the first year and $1,129,554 the second year from the general fund to establish the second Special Operations Division, which shall serve the Sixth Division. Positions from the Sixth Division that are transferred into the Special Operations Sixth Division shall be backfilled in the Sixth Division.

O. Included in this appropriation is $103,470 the first year and $103,470 the second year from the general fund for the Department of State Police to hire an aviation mechanic for the Fourth Aviation Division in Abingdon.

P. Included in this appropriation is $7,177,484 the first year and $7,177,484 the second year from the general fund as supplemental funding to the base funding for patrol vehicle replacement due to the increased costs associated with new replacement vehicles.

Q. Included in this appropriation is $1,573,157 the first year and $1,573,157 the second year from the general fund to establish the Office of the Gaming Enforcement Coordinator and regional support consistent with the provisions of § 52-54 and § 18.2-340.35, Code of Virginia.

R. Included in this appropriation is $772,760 the first year and $772,760 the second year from the general fund and five positions to support a software database to address organized retail crime in the Commonwealth.

S. Out of the appropriation for this Item, $1,620,857 the first year and $1,620,857 the second year from the general fund for the ongoing financing costs of replacing three airplanes through the state's master equipment lease purchase program. The Department shall deposit 50 percent of the proceeds from the sale of the planes that are being replaced to the general fund.

T.1. The Department of State Police (Department) shall submit information related to its previously projected budget deficit to the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, and Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, including, for each fiscal year from fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2025: (i) a comparison of appropriations and expenditures categorized by payroll and non-payroll including fund source; (ii) the number and rate of vacancies, noting the denominator used to calculate the vacancy rate; (iii) the average salary at the Department, categorized by sworn and civilian positions, and total amounts spent pursuant to the Workforce Transition Act; and (iv) the estimated vacancy savings, including the methodology used to calculate such savings. The Department shall submit the information required by this subparagraph no later than October 1, 2026.

2. Beginning July 1, 2026, the Department shall meet quarterly with the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget, or his designee, the Secretary of Public Safety & Homeland Security, or his designee, and the Staff Directors of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, or their designees, to provide updates that include the following information for the current fiscal year to date: (i) for each paragraph in the Appropriation Act that designates funding for a specific purpose, a detailed description of how the amounts are being spent; (ii) estimated vacancy savings, including the methodology used to calculate such vacancy savings; (iii) hours and amounts spent on overtime, categorized by type of event; (iv) amounts spent pursuant to the Workforce Transition Act; and (v) any remaining projected budget deficit, including actions identified to address the budget deficit, if applicable.

3. From the amounts in this Item, the Department shall transfer necessary amounts to the Department of Planning and Budget for the Department of Planning and Budget to contract with an independent entity to conduct a comprehensive audit of the Department of State Police's budget, identify the causes for the projected budget deficit for fiscal years 2026 through 2028 that was identified in fall 2025, assess current and projected agency spending to determine whether the agency is estimated to have a budget deficit over the six-year forecast, and recommend actions for improving budget execution, internal cost controls, and organizational structure. Based on the result of the audit, the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of Finance, Department of State Police, and the Department of Planning and Budget, shall submit a report describing the actions the Department plans to undertake to avoid future budget deficits to the Governor and the Chairs of the

House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees no later than November 1, 2026. An existing audit conducted within calendar year 2026 may be submitted if such audit meets all the requirements of the audit that are listed in this subparagraph.

4. The Department may not take any action that changes the agency's pay structure, including, but not limited to, increasing compensation for a category of employees, without the approval of the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, who, before approving the requested compensation increase, shall (i) certify that the Department has sufficient funding in its ongoing appropriations to accommodate the salary increase; and (ii) notify the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, or their designees.

5. The Department of Planning and Budget, in consultation with the Department of Accounts and the Auditor of Public Accounts, will examine Department of State Police's spending and programmatic actions in fiscal year 2026 and assess the impact of such actions on budgetary needs for fiscal year 2027 and fiscal year 2028. The Department of Planning and Budget shall submit a report with its findings to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by August 30, 2026.

U. The Department of State Police shall conduct an analysis of its filled and authorized staffing levels and provide options for staffing levels, including an analysis of mission coverage and costs for each staffing level option, and provide the analysis and options to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees no later than December 1, 2026.