2026 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB30 (Enrolled)

Department of Veterans Services

Item 455	First Year - FY2027	Second Year - FY2028
State Health Services (43000)	**$108,948,575**	**$101,438,790**
Veterans Care Center Operations (43013)	$108,948,575	$101,438,790
Fund Sources:		
General	$7,559,785	$50,000
Special	$54,883,569	$54,883,569
Federal Trust	$46,505,221	$46,505,221

Authority: § Title 2.2, Chapters 20, 24, 26, and 27, Code of Virginia.

A. The Department of Veterans Services is authorized to transfer funds to the Department of Medical Assistance Services to fully fund the state share for the Medicaid supplemental payments made for state government owned nursing homes. The funds to be transferred must comply with 42 CFR 447.272.

B. The Department of Veterans Services shall provide to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees quarterly reports detailing revenues and expenditures.

C. Out of the appropriation in this Item, $7,509,785 the first year from the general fund to operate Puller Veterans Care Center. Of the amounts provided, any unexpended general fund balance at year end shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated.

D.1. There is hereby established a workgroup to evaluate the business plans of Virginia's veterans care centers to identify options for repayment of the working capital advance authorized by Chapter 2, 2022 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I and ensure that the care centers are self-sustaining after start-up funds are exhausted. The workgroup shall be comprised of the Secretary of Finance, or his designee, the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs, or his designee, the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, or his designee, and two experts in financial management of long-term care facilities designated by the Virginia Health Care Association. The workgroup shall report such options to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees no later than November 15, 2026. The workgroup shall include in its report an analysis of the impact of operating the Veterans Care Centers as a system and sharing nongeneral fund revenues between Davis & McDaniel, Sitter & Barfoot, Jones & Cabacoy, Puller, and any future care centers to cover operating expenses.

2. The Department shall prioritize the use of nongeneral fund revenues above its expenses to repay the Working Capital Advance authorized in Chapter 2, 2022 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I.