2026 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB30 (Introduced)

Department of Education, Central Office Operations

Item 123	First Year - FY2027	Second Year - FY2028
Administrative and Support Services (19900)	**$31,040,859**	**$30,040,859**
General Management and Direction (19901)	$5,185,459	$5,185,459
Information Technology Services (19902)	$16,040,394	$15,040,394
Accounting and Budgeting Services (19903)	$6,769,271	$6,769,271
Policy, Planning, and Evaluation Services (19929)	$3,045,735	$3,045,735
Fund Sources:		
General	$26,833,870	$25,833,870
Special	$3,143,825	$3,143,825
Federal Trust	$1,063,164	$1,063,164

Authority: Article VIII, Sections 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, Constitution of Virginia; Title 2.2, Chapters 10, 12, 29, 30, 31, and 32; Title 22.1, 22.1-8 through 20, 22.1-21 through 24; Title 51.1, Chapters 4, 5, 6.1, and 11; Title 60.2, Chapters 60.2-100, 60.2-106; Title 65.2, Chapters 1, 6, and 9, Code of Virginia; P.L. 108-446, P.L. 107-110, Federal Code.

A. Out of this appropriation, $9,000 the first year and $9,000 the second year from the general fund is designated to support annual membership dues to the Southern Regional Education Board. In addition, $5,000 the first year and $5,000 the second year from the general fund is designated to pay registration and travel expenses of citizens appointed as Virginia commissioners for the Southern Regional Education Board.

B. Out of this appropriation $79,000 the first year and $79,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the fees and travel expenses associated with the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, established pursuant to Chapter 187, of the 2009 Acts of Assembly.

C. The Department of Education is authorized to collect proceeds from the sale of educational resources it has developed, such as technology applications, on-line course content, assessments, and other educational content, to out-of-state individuals or entities and to in-state, for-profit entities. The Department of Education is further authorized to deposit such proceeds in a non-reverting special fund account established in its financial records for this purpose. Net proceeds from such sales shall be expended by the Department of Education to further develop existing educational resources or to create new educational resources for the benefit of the commonwealth's public schools and which may also be sold under the provisions of this paragraph. The Secretary of Administration shall authorize any licensing agreements executed by the Department of Education pursuant to this paragraph.

D. Out of this appropriation, $34,625 the first year and $34,625 the second year from the general fund shall be used to provide performance evaluation training to teachers, principals, division superintendents, and other affected school division personnel in support of the transition from continuing employment contracts to annual employment contracts for teachers and principals.

E. Out of this appropriation, $100,000 the first year and $100,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the Board of Education, in consultation with the Standards of Learning Innovation Committee, to continue redesigning the School Performance Report Card so that it is more effective in communicating to parents and the public regarding information about the status and achievements of the schools and school divisions.

F. Out of this appropriation, $300,000 the first year and $300,000 the second year is provided from the general fund for the Department of Education to develop and implement a growth scale for the existing Standards of Learning mathematics and reading assessments. This growth scale should facilitate data-driven school improvement efforts and support the state's accountability and accreditation systems.

G. Out of the amounts in this item, the Department of Education shall develop and administer biennially to individuals holding a license from the Department in each public elementary and secondary school in the Commonwealth a voluntary and anonymous school personnel survey to evaluate school-level teaching conditions and the impact such conditions have on teacher retention and student achievement. Such survey may include questions regarding school leadership, teacher leadership, teacher autonomy, demands on teachers' time, student conduct management, professional development, instructional practices and support, new teacher support, community engagement and support, and facilities and other resources. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall report the results of any school personnel survey to the Chairs of the House Committees on Appropriations and Education and to the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and Education and Health annually before the first day of each General Assembly Regular Session.

H. Out of this appropriation, $132,932 the first year from the general fund and $132,932 the second year from the general fund is provided for the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of General Services, to develop or adopt and maintain a data collection tool to assist each school board to determine the relative age of each public school building in the local school division and the amount of maintenance reserve funds that are necessary to restore each such building. The Department of Education shall transfer these funds or a portion of these funds to the Department of General Services if the Department of Education determines that the Department of General Services shall develop and collect maintenance reserve data from each local school division. The Department of Education shall report the data on an annual basis as part of the Superintendent's Annual Report.

I. The Office of Community Schools shall provide an annual report and make it publicly available on its website that includes: the number of schools that have adopted the Community School framework; the status of these schools in implementing and evaluating the framework; an update and outcome of state grants awarded; and an assessment of the services provided by the Office to support schools.

J. Out of this appropriation, $300,000 the first year and $300,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for staffing and contracted services through the finance office to support activities related to the Joint Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education Funding. These positions may also be used to support the Department's fiscal operations following the conclusion of the Joint Subcommittee's work.

K. In accordance with all applicable Virginia Department of Human Resource Management policies and procedures, the Department of Education shall ensure that any position supported by non-continuous or non-recuring funding sources is identified by the appropriate category or type of state employment, and that all such positions are advertised, recruited, and filled using the appropriate category or type of state employment.

L. Out of this appropriation, $500,000 the first year and $500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for technology and associated costs to establish and maintain a platform for affordable child care subsidy accounts.

M. Out of this appropriation, $1,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided as matching funds to incentivize employer contributions to affordable child care subsidy accounts to support the child care costs of their

employees. State funds must be matched dollar-for-dollar by employers, not to exceed $1,000 per child or $2,500 per family. The Department of Education shall establish additional guidelines and criteria for disbursing these state funds, which shall include a process to verify employer contributions. Any unexpended balance at the end of either fiscal year shall be carried forward and reappropriated to support the same purpose in subsequent fiscal years.