2026 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB30 (Introduced)

Virginia Community College System

Item 206	First Year - FY2027	Second Year - FY2028
Economic Development Services (53400)	**$94,027,341**	**$94,027,341**
Management of Workforce Development Program Services (53427)	$94,027,341	$94,027,341
Fund Sources:		
General	$11,876,314	$11,876,314
Higher Education Operating	$82,151,027	$82,151,027

Authority: Title 23.1, Chapter 29, Code of Virginia.

A. Out of this appropriation, $125,000 the first year and $125,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to continue planning for the advanced integrated manufacturing technology program at Virginia Peninsula Community College.

B.1. Out of this appropriation, $666,162 the first year and $666,162 the second year from the general fund is designated for the A.L. Philpott Manufacturing Extension Partnership, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth per § 23.1-3101, Code of Virginia, doing business as Genedge Alliance, with Patrick and Henry Community College currently acting as fiscal agent.

2. Out of this appropriation, $1,086,350 the first year and $1,086,350 the second year from the general fund is designated for the A.L. Philpott Manufacturing Extension Partnership, with Patrick and Henry Community College currently acting as fiscal agent, for an ongoing match for a grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce to develop a manufacturer assistance program covering all of Virginia.

C. It is the intent of the General Assembly that noncredit business and industry work-related training courses and programs offered by community colleges be funded at a ratio of 30 percent from the general fund and 70 percent from nongeneral funds. Out of this appropriation, $664,647 in the first year and $664,647 in the second year from the general fund is designated for this purpose. These funds may be combined with funds of $249,243 the first year and $249,243 the second year already included in the Virginia Community College System budget for the "Virginia Works" program. The funds will be allocated by formula to all colleges based on the number of individuals served by non-credit activities.

D.1. As recommended by House Joint Resolution No. 622 (1997), the Joint Subcommittee to Study Noncredit Education for Workforce Training in the Commonwealth, the Virginia Community College System is directed to establish one or more Institutes of Excellence responsible for development of statewide training programs to meet current, high demand workforce needs of the Commonwealth. Out of this appropriation, at least $664,647 the first year and $664,647 the second year from the general fund is available to support the Institutes of Excellence.

2. Under the guidance of the Virginia Board of Workforce Development, authorized in Title 2.2, Chapter 24, Article 24, Code of Virginia, the Virginia Community College System shall submit to the Chairs of the Senate Finance and

Appropriations and House Appropriations Committees by November 4 of each year a report detailing the financing, activities, accomplishments and plans for the Institutes of Excellence and the four workforce development centers, and outcomes of the appropriations for 23 workforce coordinators and for non-credit training. The report shall include, but not be limited to:

a. performance measures to be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the workforce coordinators at all 23 colleges;

b. detailed information on number of students trained, employers served and courses offered; the types of certifications awarded; and the participation by local governments and the public or private sector, and other data relevant to the activities of the four regional workforce development centers;

c. the number of students trained, employers served and courses offered through noncredit instruction, and the amounts of local government, public or private sector funding used to match this appropriation; and

d. the amount or percentage of private and public funding contributed for the institutes' programming and operating needs; the number of private and public partnerships involved in the institutes' programming; the number of faculty and colleges affected by the institutes' programming; and performance measures to be used to evaluate the sharing or broadcasting of information and new/improved/updated curricula to other Virginia Community College campuses.

E. Out of this appropriation, $1,196,820 and 23 positions the first year and $1,196,820 and 23 positions the second year from the general fund is provided for staff who will be responsible for coordinating workforce training in the campus service area. The staff will work with local business and industry to determine training needs, coordinate with local economic development personnel, the local workforce training council, and other providers. It is the General Assembly's intent that the Virginia Community College System maximize these positions by encouraging funding matches at the local level.

F. Out of this appropriation, $470,880 and four positions the first year and $470,880 and four positions the second year from the general fund is provided for four workforce training centers: the Peninsula Workforce Development Center (Virginia Peninsula Community College), $78,480 and one position the first year and $78,480 and one position the second year; the Regional Center for Applied Technology Training (Danville Community College), $156,960 and one position the first year and $156,960 and one position the second year; a Workforce Development Center at Paul D. Camp Community College, $156,960 and one position the first year and $156,960 and one position the second year; and the Central Virginia Manufacturing Technology Training Center in the Lynchburg area, $78,480 and one position the first year and $78,480 and one position the second year. Each center shall provide a 25 percent match prior to the release of state funding.

G. Out of this appropriation, $250,000 the first year and $250,000 the second year from the general fund is designated to continue the pre-hire immersion training program.

H. Out of this appropriation, $460,000 the first year and $460,000 the second year from the general fund is designated to support the veteran's credit for prior learning application.

I. Out of this appropriation, $104,950 the first year and $104,950 the second year from the general fund is designated to support career and technical education at Laurel Ridge Community College's Luray-Page County Center with a focus on healthcare and medical programs.

J. Out of this appropriation, $310,000 the first year and $310,000 the second year from the general fund is designated to support a program between Virginia Western Community College, Botetourt County Public Schools, and local industry partners to meet the demand for mechatronic technicians. The program goal is to prepare 100 Mechatronic Engineering Technicians over five years using established career pathways with Botetourt County Public Schools and Virginia Western Community College and a sustainable faculty preparation program.

K. Out of this appropriation, $300,000 the first year and $300,000 the second year from the general fund is designated to support a program between Virginia Western Community College, Roanoke City Public Schools and local industry partners to create a Career Technical dual track program to allow high school students the opportunity to complete high school with both a diploma and a workforce credential / certificate.

L. Out of this appropriation, $500,000 the first year and $500,000 the second year from the general fund is designated towards supporting a construction pre-hire immersion training program at two community colleges.

M. The Higher Education Operating fund source listed in this Item is considered to be a sum sufficient appropriation, which is an estimate of funding required by the university to cover workforce development program operations.