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Budget Bill - HB30 (Introduced)

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Department of Health

Item 286	First Year - FY2027	Second Year - FY2028
Administrative and Support Services (49900)	**$47,665,967**	**$46,232,620**
General Management and Direction (49901)	$17,783,912	$17,783,912
Information Technology Services (49902)	$15,474,180	$14,040,833
Accounting and Budgeting Services (49903)	$8,724,535	$8,724,535
Human Resources Services (49914)	$3,471,920	$3,471,920
Procurement and Distribution Services (49918)	$2,211,420	$2,211,420
Fund Sources:		
General	$34,682,745	$33,249,398
Special	$11,613,641	$11,613,641
Federal Trust	$1,369,581	$1,369,581

Authority: §§ 3.2-5206 through 3.2-5216, 32.1-11.3 through 32.1-23, 35.1-1 through 35.1-7, and 35.1-9 through 35.1-28, Code of Virginia.

A. The Virginia Department of Health shall conduct a quarterly review of each program area to ensure that projected spending is on track to not exceed its total appropriation. The Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Health shall provide a quarterly update including, no later than 30 days after the end of each quarter, a status report on program spending that indicates whether spending is consistent with the available appropriation to the Director, Department of Planning and Budget and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees.

B. The Virginia Department of Health shall report a detailed accounting, annually, of the agency's organization and operations. This report shall include an organizational chart that shows all full- and part-time positions (by job title) employed by the agency as well as the current management structure and unit responsibilities. The report shall also provide a summary of organization changes implemented over the previous year. The report shall be made available on the department's website by August 15 of each year.

C. Out of this appropriation, $150,000 the first year and $150,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided for agency costs related to onboarding to ConnectVirginia, transition costs to convert the agency's node on ConnectVirginia to the state agency node, and provide support to other state agencies in their onboarding efforts.

D.1. The Emergency Department Care Coordination Advisory Council (ED Council), under the department's governance and direction shall: advise the State Health Commissioner regarding the operation of, changes to, and outcome measures for the Smartchart Network Program for the purpose of improving the quality of patient care

services. The ED Council shall include representatives from the following, as required in the ED Council Bylaws; the Commonwealth, hospitals and health systems, health plans, and providers.

2. Neither the Virginia Department of Health nor its contractor shall be obligated to enhance or expand the program without HITECH Act funds or alternative funds.

3. The Virginia Department of Health, in coordination with the ED Council, shall report annually to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees on progress, including, but not limited to: (i) the participation rate of hospitals and health systems, providers and subscribing health plans; (ii) strategies for sustaining the program and methods to continue to improve care coordination; and (iii) the impact on health care utilization and quality goals such as reducing the frequency of visits by high-volume Emergency Department utilizers and avoiding duplication of health care services.

E. Inpatient hospitals shall report the admission source of any individuals meeting the criteria for voluntary or involuntary psychiatric commitment as outlined in § 16.1-338, 16.1-339, 16.1-340.1, 16.1-345, 37.2-805, 37.2-809, or 37.2-904, Code of Virginia, to the Board of Health. The Board shall collect and share any and all data regarding the admission source of individuals admitted to inpatient hospitals as a psychiatric patient, pursuant to § 32.1-276.6, Code of Virginia, with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

F. The State Health Commissioner shall establish a task force to assist with the promulgation of regulations and the certification process of doulas, as well as to serve as an informational resource for policy related matters for the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). The task force will include private provider organizations such as Birth in Color RVA, Urban Baby Beginnings, Motherhood Collective and any other organization or agency representatives deemed appropriate by VDH.

G. Out of this appropriation, $557,010 the first year and $557,010 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to establish the Office of Grants Administration. The office shall collaborate with Virginia Department of Health programs for the coordination of grant proposals, tracking the status of current grant awards and grant funded positions, providing training on grant administration, and ensuring compliance with federal, state, and local regulations. The Department shall provide a report on the status of current grants, which shall include the grantor and grant name, award amount, duration, expenditure data, number of grant funded positions, and commitment of state funds to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, and the Director, Department of Planning and Budget by October 15 each year.

H. VDH shall (i) identify the causes for problems related to late payments and funding underutilization for VDH-administered nursing incentive programs; (ii) develop and implement a plan to address the causes; and (iii) report to the Joint Subcommittee on Health and Human Resources Oversight on its progress in addressing identified problems, including the percentage of payments made within 30 days and the proportion of available funding that VDH has utilized.

I. The State Health Commissioner shall provide annual written and in-person reports on the agency's progress implementing the recommendations from the Joint Legislative and Audit Review Commission to the Joint Subcommittee on Health and Human Resources Oversight until the Joint Subcommittee is satisfied with the implementation of the recommendations.

J. Out of this appropriation, $300,000 the first year and $300,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to hire at least two full-time positions to support internal audit and information security audit functions.