2026 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB30 (Introduced)

Department of State Police

Item 415	First Year - FY2027	Second Year - FY2028
Information Technology Systems, Telecommunications and Records Management (30200)	**$135,665,872**	**$135,661,900**
Information Technology Systems and Planning (30201)	$49,673,041	$49,673,041
Criminal Justice Information Services (30203)	$29,452,214	$29,452,214
Telecommunications and Statewide Agencies Radio System (STARS) (30204)	$21,555,835	$21,555,835
Firearms Purchase Program (30206)	$3,320,113	$3,320,113
Sex Offender Registry Program (30207)	$17,191,929	$17,187,957
Concealed Weapons Program (30208)	$397,650	$397,650
Dispatch and Telecommunications Support (30209)	$14,075,090	$14,075,090
Fund Sources:		
General	$109,953,796	$109,953,796
Special	$19,436,726	$19,432,754
Dedicated Special Revenue	$3,716,561	$3,716,561
Federal Trust	$2,558,789	$2,558,789

Authority: §§ 18.2-308.2:2, 19.2-387, 19.2-388, 27-55, 52-4, 52-4.4, 52-8.5, 52-12, 52-13, 52-15, 52-16, 52-25 and 52-31 through 52-34, Code of Virginia.

A.1. It is the intent of the General Assembly that wireless 911 calls be delivered directly by the Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) provider to the local Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), in order that such calls be answered by the local jurisdiction within which the call originates, thereby minimizing the need for call transfers whenever possible.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 7, Chapter 15, Title 56, Code of Virginia, $3,700,000 the first year and $3,700,000 the second year from the Wireless E-911 Fund is included in this appropriation for telecommunications to offset dispatch center operations and related costs incurred for answering wireless 911 telephone calls.

B. Out of the Motor Carrier Special Fund, $900,000 the first year and $900,000 the second year shall be disbursed on a quarterly basis to the Department of State Police.

C.1. This appropriation includes $9,175,535 the first year and $9,175,535 the second year from the general fund for maintaining the Statewide Agencies Radio System (STARS).

2. The Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, in conjunction with the STARS Management Group and the Superintendent of State Police, shall provide a status report on (1) annual operating costs; (2) the status of site enhancements to support the system; (3) the project timelines for implementing the enhancements to the system; and (4) other matters as the secretary may deem appropriate. This report shall be provided to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees no later than October 1 of each year.

3. Any bond proceeds authorized for the STARS project that remain after the full implementation of the STARS network shall be made available for the STARS equipment needs of the Department of Military Affairs.

4. Any general fund appropriation given for STARS operating and maintenance under the service area 30204, is designated for such purposes. If the Department of State Police cannot expend its STARS appropriation within a given fiscal year, there shall remain an appropriation balance at the end of the fiscal year. The Department may request a discretionary re-appropriation in the subsequent year as provided in § 4-1.05 of this act if necessary for the payment of preexisting obligations for the purchase of goods or services.

D. The department shall deposit to the general fund an amount estimated at $100,000 the first year and $100,000 the second year resulting from fees generated by additional criminal background checks of local job applicants and prospective licensees collected pursuant to § 15.2-1503.1 of the Code of Virginia.

E. Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 19.2-386.14, 38.2-415, 46.2-1167 and 52-4.3, Code of Virginia, the Department of State Police may use revenue from the State Asset Forfeiture Fund, the Insurance Fraud Fund, the Drug Investigation Trust Account – State, and the Safety Fund to modify, enhance or procure automated systems that focus on the Commonwealth's law enforcement activities and information gathering processes.

F. The Superintendent of State Police is authorized to and shall establish a policy and reasonable fee to contract for the bulk transmission of public information from the Virginia Sex Offender Registry. Any fees collected shall be deposited in a special account to be used to offset the costs of administering the registry. The State Superintendent of State Police shall charge no fee for the transfer of any information from the Virginia Sex Offender Registry to the Statewide Automated Victim Notification (SAVIN) system.

G.1. The Virginia State Police shall, upon request, provide to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services any information it possesses as a result of carrying out the provisions of §§ 19.2-389, 37.2-819 and 64.2-2014, Code of Virginia, to enable the Department to make anonymous the data held pursuant to those provisions and link it with other relevant data held by the Commonwealth for the purpose of evaluating the impact of carrying out these provisions on the public health and safety, pursuant to a grant from the National Science Foundation to Duke University and a subcontract with the University of Virginia.

2. The Department of State Police shall, upon request, provide to the Department of Juvenile Justice any information it possesses as a result of carrying out the provisions of §§ 16.1-337.1, 19.2-389, 19.2-389.1, 37.2-819 and 64.2-2014, Code of Virginia, to enable the Department to link the data held pursuant to those provisions with other relevant data held by the Commonwealth, and then to de-identify it, for the purpose of evaluating the impact of carrying out these provisions on the public health and safety, pursuant to a research grant to Duke University and a subcontract with the University of Virginia.

3. The Department of State Police shall, upon request, provide to the Department of Health any information it possesses as a result of carrying out the provisions of §§ 16.1-337.1, 19.2-389, 19.2-389.1, 37.2-819, 19.2-182.2 and 64.2-2014, Code of Virginia, to enable the Department of Health to link the data held pursuant to those provisions with other relevant data held by the Commonwealth. Once received, the Department of Health will provide the linked data to the Department of Juvenile Justice for de-identification and for the purpose of evaluating the impact of carrying out these provisions on the public health and safety, pursuant to a research grant to Duke University and a subcontract with the University of Virginia.

H. Included within this appropriation is $350,200 the first year and $350,200 the second year from the general fund to support maintenance costs of the state's Commonwealth Link to Interoperable Communications (COMLINC) system.

I. Included within this appropriation is $300,000 the first year and $300,000 the second year and four positions to support the COMLINC system.

J. Included within the amounts for this item is $211,947 the first year and $211,947 the second year and three positions from the general fund for the Department to address the recommendation of the Crime Commission to provide a reference to the "Hold File" for criminal history records checks.

K. Included in the amounts appropriated in this item is $1,479,302 the first year and $1,479,302 the second year from the general fund to comply with and implement the provisions of the Community Policing Act pursuant to Chapter 1165 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly.

L. Included in the appropriation for this Item is $19,509,045 the first year and $19,509,045 the second year from the general fund to implement Phase II transformation of select components of the department's information technology in order to comply with § 2.2-2011 of the Code of Virginia and to cover costs arising as systems are brought into the network.

M. Included in the appropriation for this item is $438,464 the first year and $438,464 the second year from the general fund and four positions for the ongoing costs of operating an automatic expungement process pursuant to legislation adopted by the 2021 Session of the General Assembly.

N. Out of this appropriation, $301,194 the first year and $301,194 the second year from the general fund is provided to the Department of State Police for three positions for cold case investigators to support efforts to resolve such cases.

O.1. The department shall coordinate monitoring and verification activities related to registry requirements with other state and local law enforcement agencies that have responsibility for monitoring or supervising individuals who are also required to comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registry.

2. The Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, in conjunction with the Superintendent of State Police, shall report on the implementation of the monitoring of offenders required to comply with the Sex Offender Registry requirements. The report shall include at a minimum: (1) the number of verifications conducted; (2) the number of investigations of violations; (3) the status of coordination with other state and local law enforcement agencies activities to monitor Sex Offender Registry requirements; and (4) an update of the sex offender registration and monitoring section in the department's current "Manpower Augmentation Study." This report shall be provided to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees each year by January 1.

P. Effective July 1, 2015, the Superintendent of State Police shall provide training to all local law enforcement agencies on the proper method to register and re-register persons required to be registered with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry. Should the Superintendent have reason to believe that any local law enforcement agency is not registering sex offenders as required by § 9.1-903, Code of Virginia, the Superintendent shall notify the local law enforcement agency, as well as the Executive Secretary of the Compensation Board and the Director of the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Q. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of State Police shall use its nongeneral fund cash balances, in excess of these funds' operational expenditures, to cover operational costs in other program areas, excluding Federal Trust and Trust and Agency funds.