



Report of the Subcommittee on  
General Government

(Senate Bill 800, As Introduced)

Senate Finance Committee  
Virginia General Assembly

February 7, 1999

Mr. Chairman:

The General Government Subcommittee has met several times during the session to consider the two broad areas for which it has responsibility. The challenge before us has been one of finding a way to improve the operation of the courts, and maintain the competitiveness of compensation for our state employees, while providing modest adjustments for essential programs and services. In the process of our deliberations we have worked closely with the chairmen of the other subcommittees, notably those of the Special Subcommittee on Job Class Regrades and the Subcommittee on Transportation.

We are pleased to recommend to you a package that fully addresses these top priorities -- the court system and compensation.

Let me briefly address our recommendations.

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Most of the subcommittee's recommendations for General Government are limited in scope, in keeping with the emphasis the Finance Committee has placed on other areas. Among these are such items as the provision of 48.8 new positions for operation of the District Courts and the Magistrate System, 50 new positions for operation of Circuit Court Clerks, 33 new positions for operation of local treasurers and directors of finance and the provision of \$2.1 million to provide additional support for public broadcasting.

Now, let me address compensation.

### **COMPENSATION**

As we have stated often, our state employees are valued and dedicated to providing quality services to the public. It is the hard work of our state employees that causes state programs to function effectively. We are keenly aware that the compensation of our state employees has fallen below that provided in the private sector.

State and state supported local employees will receive salary increases averaging 6.25 percent under our proposals.

The total cost of this compensation program is \$39 million.

Special salary regrades for eleven job classes are covered in the report of the Special Subcommittee on Job Class Regrades.

We believe that our recommendations reinforce the courts, and the compensation of our state and state-supported local employees. It is our hope it will be your pleasure to adopt them.

Respectfully Submitted,

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The Honorable Benjamin J. Lambert III, Chairman

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The Honorable Charles J. Colgan

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The Honorable Richard J. Holland

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The Honorable R. Edward Houck

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The Honorable Kevin G. Miller

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The Honorable Warren E. Barry

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The Honorable Malfourd W. Trumbo

**SUBCOMMITTEE  
SPREADSHEET  
(SB 800)**

## 1999 Session Subcommittee Recommendations

	<u>1998-99</u>	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>FTE</u>
<b>Part 1. OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
0 5s : Joint Rules-Reallocation of Balances	Language	0	0.00
CompBd: Projected Balance	Language	0	0.00
<b>LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT</b>			
<b>General Assembly Of Virginia</b>			
Eliminate Funds for FY 1998 Office Allowance	(910,000)	(910,000)	0.00
Eliminate Funds for FY 1998 Per Diem Increase	(320,000)	(320,000)	0.00
Office Expenses and Per Diem Increase	0	507,500	0.00
1 3s : Senate Clerk's Unbudgeted Costs	55,640	55,640	0.00
<b>Division Of Legislative Services</b>			
2 1s : Joint Rules-Redistricting & Committee Support	0	315,000	1.00
<b>Virginia Code Commission</b>			
4 1s : Joint Rules-Code Commission Correction	Language	Language	0.00
<b>Virginia State Crime Commission</b>			
9 2s : Joint Rules - Correction, Crime Commission	2,027	1,466	0.00
<b>Virginia Commission On Youth</b>			
10 2s : VJCCA Evaluation	0	Language	0.00
<b>Council on Minority Affairs</b>			
12.1 1s : Council on Minority Affairs (SB 1000)	0	75,000	0.00
<b>Division Of Legislative Automated Systems</b>			
15 1s : Joint Rules-Offset Subscription Decline	52,100	0	0.00
<b>Joint Legislative Audit And Review Commission</b>			
16 5s : JLARC Fiscal Impact Staff	0	216,670	3.00
<b>Auditor Of Public Accounts</b>			
17 1s : Joint Rules-APA Base Adjustment	(400,000)	0	0.00
<b>Virginia Commission On Intergovernmental Cooperation</b>			
18 1s : Joint Rules-Conference Fees	38,000	8,079	0.00
<b>Division Of Capitol Police</b>			
19 1s : Joint Rules-Capitol Police Regrade	0	CA	0.00
<b>Legislative Department Reversion Clearing Account</b>			
21 2s : Joint Rules-Balances to Leg. Cont.	1,465,658	0	0.00
21 3s : Study of S&L Tax Structure (SJR 401)	0	250,000	0.00
<b>JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT</b>			
<b>Supreme Court</b>			
22 2s : Video Arraignment for Red Onion/Wallen's Ridge	0	106,000	0.00
22 4s : Frame Relay Operating Expense	0	417,483	0.00
<b>Court Of Appeals Of Virginia</b>			
28 1s : Court of Appeals Travel Language	0	Language	0.00
<b>Circuit Courts</b>			
29 3s : Crim Fund Offset - C'ville Pub Defender	0	(150,000)	0.00
<b>General District Courts</b>			
30 2s : General District Court Positions	0	352,208	15.40
<b>Juvenile And Domestic Relations District Courts</b>			
31 1s : J&DR Court Positions	0	354,958	16.00
Eliminate Vacant J&DR Judgeship (25th District)	0	(148,952)	(1.00)
<b>Combined District Courts</b>			
32 1s : Combined District Court Positions	0	148,475	7.40
<b>Magistrate System</b>			
33 1s : New Magistrates - 10 FTE	0	280,340	10.00
33 4g : Correct Effective Starting Date-Magistrate Salary	0	(295,000)	0.00
<b>Virginia State Bar</b>			
<b>ITEM 35 - Regulation of Professions and Occupations</b>			
35 1s : Eliminate Restrictive Language	0	Language	0.00
<b>ITEM 36 - Legal Defense</b>			
36 4s : Rappahannock Legal Services	0	40,778	0.00
<b>Public Defender Commission</b>			
38 1s : C'ville/Albemarle Public Defender	0	150,000	4.00

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<b>EXECUTIVE OFFICES</b>			
<b>Attorney General And Department Of Law</b>			
45 1s : Computer Crime Unit	0	300,000	4.00
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>			
<b>Secretary Of Administration</b>			
53 1s : Relocate Funding for Public Broadcasting	8,656,166	7,327,416	0.00
<b>Department Of Employee Relations Councilors</b>			
Hearing Officer Pilot	Study	(61,752)	0.00
<b>Compensation Board</b>			
<b>ITEM 70 - Administrative and Support Services</b>			
70 1s : Online Budgeting System	0	10,600	0.00
70 2s : Transition from City to Town	Language	0	0.00
70 3s : VCC Offense Codes for LIDS Data	Language	0	0.00
70 xs : LIDS Auditor	0	75,000	0.00
<b>ITEM 72 - Sheriffs</b>			
Transfer Sheriffs' Deputies' Increase to CA	0	(20,113,465)	0.00
72 1s : Master Deputy Program	0	51,258	0.00
72 2s : Law Enforcement Deputies	0	680,762	0.00
72 3s : Closed Jail	Language	0	0.00
<b>ITEM 73 - Commonwealth's Attorneys</b>			
73 6s : Part-time to Full-time Asst. Comm. Attys.	0	502,279	0.00
<b>ITEM 75 - Treasurers</b>			
75 1s : Treasurers' Positions	0	325,500	0.00
75 2s : Treas. Career Development Plan	Language	0	0.00
<b>ITEM 76 - Clerks</b>			
76 1s : Clerks Positions	0	979,704	0.00
76 5s : Clerks' Technology Fund	Language	0	0.00
<b>ITEM 77 - Jail Costs</b>			
77 1g : Reduces Funding to Jails	0	(470,000)	0.00
77 xs :Delayed Jail Opening	(1,214,753)	0	0.00
77 xs :LIDS Auditor Per Diem Savings	0	(500,000)	0.00
77 xs :Federal Prisoner Recoveries for Small Jails	0	Language	0.00
77 xs :Report to DOC on Contract Inmates	0	Language	0.00
77 xs :Jail Contract Bed Program with DOC (100 to 288 beds)	0	960,980	0.00
<b>ITEM 78 - Management Savings</b>			
Eliminate Management Savings	0	4,011,751	0.00
<b>FINANCE</b>			
<b>Department Of Accounts</b>			
284 1s : Line of Duty Payments	Language	0	0.00
<b>Department Of Taxation</b>			
293 2s : Administrative appeals of local taxes	0	441,747	8.00
293 3s : Implement SB 829	0	79,740	1.00
<b>Department Of The Treasury</b>			
297 1s : Unclaimed Property National Database	0	NGF	0.00
<b>Treasury Board</b>			
Delayed Jail Opening	0	(897,796)	0.00
<b>Internal Auditor</b>			
Information Systems Auditor	0	(68,282)	(1.00)
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>			
<b>Secretary of Technology</b>			
Technology Fund	Strike Language	0	0.00
<b>Department Of Information Technology</b>			
513.6 1s : Relocate Funding for Public Broadcasting	(3,649,050)	(3,149,050)	0.00
513.6 2s : Instructional TV	0	500,000	0.00
513.7 1s : Community service Grants for Public TV	0	500,398	0.00
513.7 2s : WVPT-TV Capital Grant	0	250,000	0.00
513.7 3s : Relocate Funding for Public Broadcasting	(5,007,116)	(4,178,366)	0.00
513.7 4s : WHRO-TV Capital Grant	0	250,000	0.00

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513.7 5s : WNVT-TV Capital Grant	0	250,000	0.00
513.7 6s : WBRA Capital Grant	0	250,000	0.00
513.7 7s : Community Service Grants for Public Radio	0	99,750	0.00
Eliminate Excess Positions	0	0	(16.00)
<b>CENTRAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>			
<b>Compensation Supplements (State)</b>			
Technical Transfers from Other Areas	0	36,380,644	0.00
Technical Adjustment	0	(83,863,478)	0.00
SFC Salary Increase 12/1/99 (SFC)	0	21,961,747	0.00
1999-00 Step Increase	0	14,574,694	0.00
Retired Judges Per Diem Increase (\$50)	0	315,415	0.00
546 4s : Local Social Services Pay Plan	0	2,061,476	0.00
546 8s : Lottery Employees	Language	0	0.00
<b>Economic Contingency</b>			
547 5g : Virginia Voter Registration System	Language	0	0.00
547 6s : Major League Baseball	Language	0	0.00
<b>Reversion Clearing</b>			
Health Care Credit "Premium Holiday"	(1,350,188)	(8,101,127)	0.00
Va. Power Rate Reduction	0	(3,000,000)	0.00
<b>INDEPENDENT AGENCIES</b>			
<b>Virginia Retirement System</b>			
567 2s : DROP Program Implementation	0	NGF	0.00
567 3s : Retiree Health Insurance	Language	0	0.00
567 4s : Deferred Comp Investment Options	Language	0	0.00
567 5s : Retirement Credit	Language	0	0.00
<b>State Lottery Department</b>			
Authorization for "Cash Out" of Annuities	Language	0	0.00
<b>Part 2. CAPITAL PROJECT EXPENSES</b>			
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>			
<b>Department Of General Services</b>			
Transfer Old State Library to VDOT	0	Language	0.00
Old Finance Building	0	(645,784)	0.00
<b>Department Of Veterans' Affairs</b>			
C-11.4 1s : 2nd Veterans' Cemetery	0	650,000	0.00
<b>Part 3. MISC. PROVISIONS</b>			
Atty Gen: Revert Special Fund Balance	Language	0	0.00
Property, Boiler and Machinery Excess Balances	Language	0	0.00
<b>Part 4. GENERAL PROVISIONS</b>			
4-1.03 1s : Cities Reverting to Town Status	Language	0	0.00
<b>POSITIONS AND EMPLOYMENT</b>			
<b>Employee Benefits</b>			
4-6.03 1s : VRS Eligibility	Language	0	0.00
<b>Employee Compensation</b>			
Agency Heads Salaries	Strike New Language	0	0.00
4-6.01 4g : Dir-Employee Relations Counselors Salary	Language	0	0.00
Property, Boiler and Machinery Excess Balances	Language	0	0.00
<b>SEVERABILITY</b>			
Proper Enrolling of the Budget	Language	0	0.00