

*Report of the
House Appropriations
Subcommittee*

on

Public Safety



*House Bill 29
&
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on Public Safety:**

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REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE

on

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Chairmen and Members of the Committee:

Crime is down in Virginia. While many factors contribute to this fact, the Public Safety Subcommittee continues to feel that community-based crime control efforts initiated in recent years are playing a significant part. Since these programs are paying dividends, we continue to focus on community-oriented strategies and recommend further investment in this area.

Over the past year, the Juvenile Justice system has been in the news and on our minds a great deal. We believe the time is right to make needed improvements in the system -- both in programs and facilities. Our subcommittee recommendations contain several initiatives that improve the way we deal with juvenile offenders.

We appreciate the cooperative efforts of the Capital Outlay Subcommittee in identifying resources to improve our juvenile correctional centers. We think the combination of improving facilities and spreading juveniles out a bit will add stability to the system. Therefore, we recommend funding to open available beds at the Culpeper facility, so that needed relief can be provided to other overcrowded centers. We also recommend increased reimbursement to localities for construction and operation of local juvenile facilities, along with strengthened accountability of community-based programs.

The Public Safety Subcommittee has worked hard to identify substantial budget savings that can be redirected to the priorities mentioned above and to needs in other areas of the budget. Specifically, while the Subcommittee embraces the Governor's Substance Abuse Reduction Effort and recognizes the need for additional state troopers and increased treatment of drug offenders, we believe the

SABRE program should be implemented through a more gradual approach to promote maximum accountability in the use of these resources.

Also, while the Subcommittee supports the 6.6 percent increase in state aid to localities with police departments in fiscal year 2001 and the 6.8 percent increase in fiscal year 2002, we do not feel that a House Bill 29 adjustment is necessary. Localities with police departments already are receiving a substantial increase in funding this fiscal year, and the funds have already been programmed. In our view, the House Bill 29 increase is better directed to other local needs like a teacher salary increase or the various local museums and projects that promote cultural opportunities in our cities and counties across the Commonwealth.

Along these lines, the Commonwealth has an established record of helping localities in time of need. You heard in testimony before the Committee and saw in photographs the enormous devastation that our friends in Franklin, Isle of Wight and Southampton endured this past fall. I am proud to recommend to you, on behalf of the Public Safety Subcommittee, amendments that will allow this area to help itself. Specifically, we propose that \$4.0 million be appropriated to Franklin, in essence to represent a rebate of the two cents of unobligated state sales tax that will be collected in the area in the next biennium.

The Public Safety Subcommittee is able to support the recommendations that I have outlined and still will send over \$37 million to other subcommittees for their priorities. This is accomplished through a variety of budget savings and increased revenues and/or transfers that we have identified.

Mr. Chairmen and fellow Committee members, I will ask staff to take you through our detailed recommendations, and then I hope it will be your pleasure to adopt our subcommittee report.

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<u>Amendment</u>

1996-98 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
General	Nongeneral	
<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>FTE</u>

House Bill 29

Department of Criminal Justice Services

Aid to Localities with Police Departments (\$6,613,471)

Department of Emergency Services

Disaster Relief Adjustment Language

Central Appropriations

Natural Disaster Additions to Balance Language

Transfers

Increase ABC Profits Language

Correctional Education Balance Transfer Language

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Spending Total-House Bill 29	(\$6,613,471)	\$0

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<u>Amendment</u>

2000-02 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
General	Nongeneral	
<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>FTE</u>

House Bill 30

Department of Corrections

Phase in Substance Abuse Treatment	(\$5,514,250)	\$1,070,000
Move Drug Court Program Funding	(\$1,650,000)	\$0
Pittsylvania County Jail	Language	\$0
Loudoun County Jail Language	Language	\$0
Direct Inmate Costs	(\$2,236,500)	\$2,236,500
Food Inventory	(\$3,500,000)	\$0
Prison Family Support Services	\$0	\$36,000
Tidewater Correctional Unit	Language	\$0
Funding for Private Prison	(\$1,160,163)	\$0
Reduce Corrections Special Reserve Fund	(\$2,470,800)	\$0
Agribusiness Best Management Practices	Language	\$0

Department of Criminal Justice Services

Safe Return Program	\$100,000	\$0	
Additional Forensic Scientist Positions	\$725,000	\$0	5.00
Drug Court Programs	\$0	\$5,400,000	2.00
CCCA and PSA Increase	\$4,500,000	\$0	
Substance Abuse Treatment Programs	\$1,102,765	\$0	
School Resource Officers	\$2,000,000	\$0	
Court-Appointed Special Advocates	\$450,000	\$0	
Study Community Corrections Funding	Language	\$0	
Pre- and Post-Incarceration Services	\$800,000	\$0	
Eliminate COPS Match	(\$2,450,000)	\$0	
Youth Gang Initiative	(\$200,000)	\$0	
Aid to Localities with Police Departments	(\$14,763,065)	\$0	

Department of Emergency Services

Southampton Emergency Operations	\$150,000
Franklin Flood Relief	\$4,000,000
Isle of Wight County Flood Relief	\$30,975
Newport News Floodplain Program	\$118,750

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<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>FTE</u>

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Department of Juvenile Justice

Offices on Youth - Base Funding	\$175,638		
DJJ SABRE Phase-in	(\$1,170,000)		
Move Drug Court Program Funding	(\$400,000)		
Juvenile Detention Operations	\$1,200,000		
Juvenile Detention Construction	\$1,303,665		
Shenandoah Detention Home	(\$365,720)		
Virginia Beach Environmental Institute	Language		
Sex Offender Treatment	(\$753,162)	\$753,162	
Culpeper Juvenile Correctional Center	\$4,000,000		120.00
DJJ Psychologists	\$564,000		5.00
Corrections Special Reserve Fund, DJJ	(\$213,276)		

Department of State Police

Automated Fingerprint System/Civil Use	\$380,000		
Radio System Language	Language		
Interstate 44-264 Patrol Center	Language		
State Police Special Operations Division	(\$7,904,245)		
Extend Helicopter Purchase	(\$1,273,600)		

Part III

Camp Pendleton	Language		
Increase ABC Profits	Language		

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Spending Total-House Bill 30	(\$24,423,988)	\$9,495,662	132.00