

Higher Education

The budget as adopted for higher education provides a net increase of \$157.3 million GF, an increase of 5.3 percent over the adjusted base budget. The budget also provides equipment allocations of \$99.1 million from the Higher Education Equipment Trust Fund; a \$13.0 million Technology Research Fund to encourage research at Virginia’s public colleges and universities; and a \$5 million contribution to the Commonwealth Health Research Fund. Nongeneral funds of \$5.4 billion also are recommended for higher education, an increase of 6.1 percent.

| Major GF Spending Items | |
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| | <u>(\$ in mil.)</u> |
| Faculty Salaries | \$59.7 |
| Enrollment Growth | 13.0 |
| Facilities Maintenance | 12.4 |
| Institution-Specific Initiatives | 74.7 |
| Nongeneral Fund Revenue Offset | (16.5) |
| Student Financial Aid | 2.0 |
| Tuition Assistance Grants @ \$2,850 and \$3,000 | <u>12.0</u> |
| Total General Fund | \$157.3 |
| Other Higher Education Initiatives: | |
| Equipment Allocations | \$99.1 |
| Technology Research Fund | \$13.0 |
| Health Research Fund | \$5.0 |

Major institution-specific initiatives include \$15.5 million GF at George Mason University for instructional technology and equipment and to improve academic programs; \$9.0 million GF at the Virginia Community College System for workforce training activities, equipment for new facilities, and additional

faculty; \$6.7 million GF at Norfolk State University for upgrades to the telecommunications network and for academic program improvements; \$7.1 million GF at Virginia State University for academic program improvements, endowment matching funds, and cooperative extension programs; and \$6.4 million GF at Virginia Commonwealth University for life sciences programs, library improvements, the School of Engineering, and other initiatives.

The budget includes an additional \$12.0 million GF to increase the Tuition Assistance Grant from \$2,700 per student to \$2,850 the first year and to \$3,000 the second year, based on projected private college enrollments. Funding of \$2.0 million GF the first year is provided for undergraduate financial aid for students at Virginia's public colleges and universities.

- **Faculty Salaries.** Provides \$59.7 million GF to maintain faculty salaries at the 60th percentile of each institution's respective peer group in fiscal year 2001. The objective of bringing faculty salaries to the 60th percentile was achieved in fiscal year 2000. Increases range from 3.0 to 4.6 percent, with an average of 3.4 percent. Part-time faculty, graduate teaching assistants, and administrative faculty salary increases are funded at 3.0 percent. All increases are provided in the first year only.

| Faculty Salaries | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| | <u>GF</u> | <u>Percent Increase</u> |
| CWM | \$ 3,314,114 | 4.3% |
| UVA | 9,576,092 | 4.6 |
| VPI | 10,043,877 | 4.4 |
| VPI-E | 2,412,541 | 4.4 |
| VCU | 6,969,964 | 3.0 |
| ODU | 3,200,947 | 3.0 |
| GMU | 4,643,556 | 3.0 |
| CNU | 837,742 | 3.0 |
| JMU | 2,878,348 | 3.0 |
| LC | 593,334 | 3.0 |
| MWC | 1,005,211 | 3.7 |
| NSU | 1,233,721 | 3.0 |
| RU | 1,403,444 | 3.0 |
| UVA-W | 311,917 | 3.9 |
| VMI | 457,612 | 3.1 |
| VSU | 686,237 | 3.0 |
| VSU-E | 11,947 | 3.0 |
| VCCS | 9,583,281 | 3.0 |
| RBC | 136,448 | 3.0 |
| VIMS | <u>409,362</u> | 4.3 |
| Total | \$59,709,695 | 3.4% Avg. |

- Enrollment Growth.** Provides \$13.0 million GF and \$13.6 million NGF to fund enrollment increases. The methodology used to calculate the additional funding provides 50 percent of the average total instructional funding per full-time-equivalent student, based on the institutional type (doctoral, comprehensive, two-year, or community colleges). Estimated tuition and fee revenue from enrollment growth is subtracted from the marginal funding required to arrive at the general fund cost.

General fund appropriations are provided based on projected growth in FY 2001 over FY 2000 enrollment. No additional general fund support is provided for growth in FY 2002, pending the development of new enrollment growth funding guidelines.

For the community colleges, funding is based on current enrollment rather than projected enrollment growth. The funding for the VCCS also includes \$852,137 GF each year to address a shortfall in funds provided to cover the 20 percent tuition rollback authorized in 1999, because VCCS enrollment was greater than expected this year.

| Enrollment | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>Change FY 00 to 01</u> | <u>Biennial GF</u> | <u>Biennial NGF</u> | <u>All Funds</u> |
| CNU | 75 | \$ 267,414 | \$ 427,442 | \$ 694,856 |
| UVA-W | 15 | 56,070 | 86,850 | 142,920 |
| CWM | (50) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| GMU | 184 | 940,516 | 1,431,408 | 2,371,924 |
| JMU | 25 | 78,858 | 186,634 | 265,492 |
| LC | 183 | 616,930 | 1,056,700 | 1,673,630 |
| MWC | 117 | 386,802 | 622,340 | 1,009,142 |
| NSU | (5) | 0 | 126,900 | 126,900 |
| ODU | 174 | 849,830 | 1,352,875 | 2,202,705 |
| RU | 118 | 500,722 | 501,511 | 1,002,233 |
| UVA | 48 | 189,792 | 398,184 | 587,976 |
| VCU | 86 | 416,350 | 553,831 | 970,181 |
| VMI | (7) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VPI | (3) | 0 | 252,560 | 252,560 |
| VSU | 100 | 442,200 | 529,564 | 971,764 |
| RBC | 6 | 19,230 | 27,936 | 47,166 |
| VCCS | <u>2,629</u> | <u>8,264,576</u> | <u>6,016,834</u> | <u>14,281,410</u> |
| Total | 3,695 | \$13,029,290 | \$13,571,569 | \$26,600,859 |

- **Higher Education Equipment Trust Fund.** Provides an allocation of \$99.1 million from the Higher Education Equipment Trust Fund for new instructional and computing equipment in the 2000-02 biennium. The \$13.6 million in general fund lease payments, which support equipment bonds, are reflected in the Treasury Board budget. Debt service payments assume a four-year payback to reflect the shorter useful life of most new computing equipment. In prior years, lease-purchase payments were spread over five years. The total Equipment Trust Fund allocation is based, in part, on a nine-year replacement cycle for equipment.

**Higher Education
Equipment Trust Fund**

| | <u>Biennial Allocation</u> |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| VCCS | \$ 24,526,820 |
| VPI | 15,874,460 |
| UVA | 15,198,160 |
| VCU | 11,994,760 |
| GMU | 6,463,240 |
| ODU | 5,900,040 |
| JMU | 3,999,360 |
| CWM | 2,887,940 |
| NSU | 2,156,720 |
| RU | 1,987,200 |
| VSU | 1,730,220 |
| MWC | 1,512,620 |
| LC | 1,155,220 |
| CNU | 1,089,180 |
| VMI | 909,940 |
| VIMS | 848,400 |
| RBC | 505,500 |
| UVA-W | <u>404,420</u> |
| Total | \$ 99,144,200 |

The budget transfers \$44.6 million GF and \$4.8 million NGF earmarked for Equipment Trust Fund lease payments from the base budgets of the institutions of higher education to the Treasury Board to facilitate actual debt service payments.

- **Operation and Maintenance of New Facilities.** Provides \$12.4 million GF for the biennium to support the additional costs of lighting, heating, cooling, and maintaining new facilities that are scheduled to open during the 2000-02 biennium.

| Operation and Maintenance Of New Facilities | |
|--|------------------------|
| | Biennial GF |
| CWM | \$255,843 |
| UVA | 442,767 |
| VPI | 633,174 |
| ODU | 179,839 |
| VCU | 1,559,392 |
| JMU | 3,247,893 |
| RU | 371,833 |
| UVA-W | 69,000 |
| VCCS | 5,162,780 |
| SWV HE Ctr. | <u>494,026</u> |
| Total | \$ 12,416,547 |

- **Financial Aid.** Provides \$2.0 million GF the first year to allow each institution to meet at least 42 percent of undergraduate unmet student aid need. Funds are allocated among those eleven institutions that are currently below 42 percent.

| Financial Aid | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| | GF Year 1 |
| CNU | \$ 49,160 |
| CWM | 59,500 |
| GMU | 213,870 |
| JMU | 152,260 |
| LC | 37,790 |
| NSU | 166,090 |
| ODU | 194,510 |
| RU | 102,280 |
| VCU | 241,850 |
| VMI | 43,390 |
| VPI | <u>739,300</u> |
| Total | \$ 2,000,000 |

- **Tuition Offset.** Reduces the general fund within the institutions' appropriations by \$8.3 million each year and provides a nongeneral fund increase in an equal amount. An additional \$8.5 million in tuition revenue is applied to classified salary and benefit increases and reflected in Central Appropriations. These revenue figures were based on an assumed 2 percent tuition increase for graduate and non-resident students in each year of the biennium.

| General Fund/Tuition Offset | |
|--|----------------------|
| | <u>Biennial Amt.</u> |
| CNU | \$ 49,076 |
| CWM | 1,303,812 |
| GMU | 1,469,536 |
| JMU | 1,253,152 |
| LC | 53,306 |
| MWC | 364,288 |
| NSU | 434,960 |
| ODU | 1,028,098 |
| RBC | 3,040 |
| RU | 395,198 |
| UVA | 4,653,946 |
| UVA-W | 14,732 |
| VCU | 1,826,544 |
| VMI | 267,030 |
| VPI | 3,047,210 |
| VSU | <u>348,326</u> |
| Total | \$16,512,254 |

- **Commonwealth Technology Research Fund.** Provides \$13.0 GF and \$13.0 NGF the second year to create the Commonwealth Technology Research Fund. The purpose of the fund is to attract public and private research funding for institutions of higher education in order to increase technological and economic development in Virginia.
- **Commonwealth Health Research Fund.** Provides \$2.5 million GF each year for this fund. Earnings on the fund are used to provide grants in support of health research.

Christopher Newport University

- **Increase Full-Time Faculty.** Provides \$300,000 GF, \$50,000 NGF and five faculty positions each year to reduce the number of part-time faculty in general education courses, and to reduce class size. In addition, 20 FTE positions are provided to accompany funding provided for enrollment growth.
- **Restore Computer Implementation Positions.** Provides \$356,800 GF and eight positions each year to restore positions removed from the base budget. The positions are being used to implement new administrative computing systems.

College of William and Mary

- **Implementation of New Computing Systems.** Provides \$650,000 GF each year for a multi-year implementation of new administrative computing systems. The College will enter into a vendor-financed program to cover the costs of software and site licenses. In addition, \$200,000 each year is provided from the Higher Education Equipment Trust Fund for the systems project.
- **Operating Support.** Provides \$150,000 GF and three positions each year to assist with the new computing systems implementation and to address costs of replacing retiring faculty.

Richard Bland College

- **Implementation of New Computing Systems.** Provides \$225,000 GF, \$105,000 NGF, and two positions the first year, and \$264,000 GF, \$102,000 NGF, and two positions the second year for implementation of a new administrative computing system. In addition, \$300,000 the second year is provided from the Higher Education Equipment Trust Fund for equipment related to the systems project.

Virginia Institute of Marine Science

- **Stock Assessment Program.** Provides \$75,000 GF and 1.35 positions the first year, and \$150,000 GF and 2.35 positions the second year to partially replace declining federal funds for monitoring blue crab populations in the Chesapeake Bay.

- **Scallop Research.** Provides \$65,000 GF and one position each year to continue data analysis and coordination of scallop research, which is used by Virginia's commercial fishing industry.
- **State Mandated Research.** Provides \$162,500 GF and three positions the first year, and \$325,000 GF and six positions the second year to support core research on advisory programs required by the Code of Virginia.
- **Port Development Research.** Provides \$100,000 GF and one position each year to research the environmental impact of planned port facilities, highway access, and waterway access in Virginia.

George Mason University

- **Expand Technology in Instruction.** Provides \$5.2 million GF to hire, train, and support faculty in order to add more technology related degrees, improve technology support infrastructure, and provide technology services and support to students.
- **Expand Funding for Academic Quality.** Provides \$5.7 million GF for additional full-time faculty, academic support staff and wage positions to reduce class sizes and provide new degree programs and research, as well as decrease the use of part-time faculty.
- **Expand Funding for Academic Support.** Provides \$1.0 million GF for merit scholarships, advising, counseling and placement services for students.
- **Expand Oracle Partnership.** Provides \$3.3 million GF for a new administrative system to replace GMU's current student, finance and human resources information systems.
- **Equipment for Academic IV.** Provides \$500,000 GF the first year for instructional equipment for the new Academic IV facility. In addition, \$500,000 the first year and \$1.0 million the second year from the Higher Education Equipment Trust Fund is provided for equipment for the new facility.

James Madison University

- **Enrollment Growth in High-Cost Programs.** Provides \$2.0 million GF, \$437,000 NGF, and 20 positions the first year, and \$2.25 million GF, \$567,000 NGF, and 25 positions the second year to support enrollment growth in majors with high personal and nonpersonal

services costs. The funding will be used to hire additional faculty and staff to increase the number of class sections in business, science, media arts and related programs.

- **Equipment for CISAT Building.** Provides \$250,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year from the Higher Education Equipment Trust Fund for equipment for the new College of Integrated Science and Technology (CISAT) Academic 2.

Longwood College

- **Halifax/South Boston Continuing Education Center.** Provides \$75,000 GF and one position each year to support the expanding operations of the Halifax/South Boston Continuing Education Center. The funding will address operating costs associated with the opening of a new facility and provide core staff support.
- **Campus Security.** Provides \$252,000 GF and five positions the first year and \$151,800 GF and five positions the second year to enhance safety and security on the Longwood campus, including the purchase of new surveillance equipment and staff for a police dispatch service.
- **Technology Support.** Provides \$100,000 GF and two positions each year for technology improvements at Longwood College. In addition, \$200,000 each year is provided from the Higher Education Equipment Trust Fund for instructional technology equipment.
- **Tuition Reduction.** Provides \$112,500 GF and a \$112,500 NGF reduction the first year, and \$225,000 GF and a \$225,000 NGF reduction the second year to reduce tuition and required fees by \$25 the first year and by an additional \$25 the second year for in-state undergraduate students. The action continues phasing toward General Assembly policy that an in-state undergraduate student pays no more than 25 percent of the cost of education.

Mary Washington College

- **Staff for James Monroe Center.** Provides \$400,000 GF, \$25,000 NGF, and six positions each year for faculty positions for the James Monroe Center in Stafford County. The positions will support a new Master's of Education program and the re-establishment of the college's MBA program.

- **Faculty and Staff Support.** Provides \$275,000 and six positions the first year and \$250,000 and six positions the second year to enhance academic programs, support services, and facilities.
- **Equipment for Combs Hall.** Provides \$250,000 each year from the Higher Education Equipment Trust Fund to provide instructional equipment for the newly renovated Combs Hall.
- **Staff for Melchers-Monroe Memorials.** Provides \$38,000 GF and one position each year to fund a full-time grounds maintenance position and a part-time security position at Belmont. An additional position is provided for administrative support, with funding from the existing budget.

Norfolk State University

- **Enhance Library Resources.** Provides \$3.1 million GF to upgrade library services and automation. The initiative will include upgrading of collections and equipment.
- **Applied Research Center.** Provides \$461,240 GF to support NSU's partnership in the Applied Research Center facility located in Newport News. The ARC is a collaboration of the College of William and Mary, Old Dominion University, Christopher Newport University, and the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility.
- **Faculty Development/Technology.** Provides \$1.4 million GF to increase the technological skills of faculty and staff. Also provides \$642,000 GF to support the development of new methods and techniques for the delivery of instruction and services.
- **Preventive Maintenance Program.** Provides \$1.0 million GF for development of a preventive maintenance program for the university's facilities.
- **Reversion of Y2K Funding.** Reduces the general fund appropriation by \$81,453 each year to revert funds provided for Year 2000 compliance that are no longer needed.

Old Dominion University

- **TEACHTECH Program.** Provides \$450,000 GF and four positions each year, along with \$200,000 NGF the first year and \$400,000 NGF the second year, for the establishment of TEACHTECH, a program designed to help retain public school teachers in

information technology and to produce new information technology graduate who will become teachers.

- **Technology Support.** Provides \$350,000 GF and five positions each year to improve the ratio of information technology support positions to users, based on industry guidelines.
- **TELETECHNET in Northern Virginia.** Provides \$300,000 GF and three positions each year to support the new TELETECHNET program site in Northern Virginia.

Radford University

- **Technology Education Initiative.** Provides \$375,000 GF, \$257,500 NGF, and four positions each year to support technology education initiatives at Radford University, including degree programs and technology training for faculty and students.
- **Operating Support/Roanoke Center.** Provides \$200,000 GF the first year and \$150,000 the second year to support acquisition of library materials, support faculty development, and provide programs at the Roanoke Higher Education Center.

Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center

- **E-Commerce Business Center.** Provides \$200,000 GF and four positions each year, and \$25,000 NGF the first year and \$35,000 NGF the second year, for creation of an E-Business Development Center to serve as a small business incubator for electronic commerce applications.

University of Virginia

- **Implementation of New Information Systems.** Provides \$1.75 million GF, \$3.725 million NGF, and 30 positions each year to support replacement of finance, human resources, and student information systems. In addition, \$200,000 the first year and \$300,000 the second year is provided from the Higher Education Equipment Trust Fund for hardware and software related to the implementation.
- **Center for Governmental Studies.** Provides \$200,000 GF each year to expand the project on oral histories of Virginia leaders and \$50,000 GF each year to support the Youth Leadership Initiative. Both projects are operated by the Center for Governmental Studies.

- **Blandy Farm.** Provides \$25,000 GF each year to increase the state share of support for the State Arboretum at Blandy Experimental Farm.
- **Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy.** Provides \$350,000 GF the first year and \$450,000 GF the second year to move toward funding of one dollar per citizen for the Foundation.
- **Indigent Care.** Under the Department of Medical Assistance Services, provides \$2.0 million GF the first year to be matched with \$2.15 million NGF in federal Medicaid funds for reimbursement of care provided by UVA Hospitals to indigent patients.

University of Virginia's College at Wise

- **Engineering Program.** Provides \$100,000 GF and three positions each year for the College to create an engineering program and to provide support services for technology.
- **Student Services.** Provides \$325,000 GF and five positions each year to improve services in the areas of admissions, registration, financial aid, development, and college relations.

Virginia Commonwealth University

- **Indigent Care.** Under the Department of Medical Assistance Services, provides \$11.0 million GF the first year to be matched with \$11.0 million NGF in federal Medicaid funds for reimbursement of care provided by MCV Hospitals to indigent patients.
- **Life Sciences Program/Libraries.** Provides \$1.8 million GF and eight positions each year for expansion of the life sciences program to enhance research opportunities for undergraduate students. Funding also will be used for enhancements of the university's libraries.
- **Expand School of Engineering.** Provides \$1.0 million GF for VCU to add approximately 125 students to the engineering program. The funds would be used to reduce the number of course sections taught per professor and reduce the student-to-faculty ratio.

- **Campus Security.** Provides \$125,000 GF and nine positions each year to replace expiring federal grant funding for four campus patrol officers.
- **Shenandoah Valley Family Practice.** Provides \$250,000 GF the first year to expand the Shenandoah Family Practice Residency Program.
- **Centers and Institutes.** Provides an additional \$50,000 GF each year for the Virginia Executive and Commonwealth Management Institutes; \$150,000 GF each year to develop a new entrepreneur curriculum to be used in the public schools system; and \$80,000 GF each year for activities of the Virginia Labor Center.
- **Autism Program.** Provides \$150,000 GF each year for expansion of The Autism Program of Virginia, which operates statewide from Richmond. Language requires development of a plan for expanding funding from non-state sources.
- **Gang Prevention Project.** Provides \$125,000 GF each year for the Gang Prevention Project at the VCU School of Education. The school is to collaborate on the project with the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia.
- **Alzheimer's Research.** Provides \$60,000 GF each year to increase grants available to the Alzheimer's and Related Diseases Research Award Fund, which is administered by the Virginia Center on Aging at Virginia Commonwealth University.
- **Pharmacy Residencies.** Provides \$75,000 GF the first year to fund two residencies for recent pharmacy graduates to practice in underserved areas of the Commonwealth.

Virginia Community College System

- **Faculty Support.** Provides \$1.25 million GF and 20 positions the first year, and \$1.0 million GF and 20 positions the second year to support current enrollment levels within the Virginia Community College System and to reduce dependence on part-time faculty.
- **Occupational and Technical Equipment.** Provides \$3.5 million each year from the Higher Education Equipment Trust Fund for the replacement of obsolete equipment used in occupational and technical programs. In addition, \$1.0 million is provided for equipment for two capital projects at Northern Virginia Community College.

- **Workforce Training.** Provides \$1.0 million GF each year to support three statewide Institutes of Excellence in workforce training and \$650,000 GF and five positions each year to increase the number of workforce training coordinator positions from 18 to 23.
- **Equipment for New Facilities.** Provides \$559,140 GF the first year and \$1.3 million GF the second year for the lease-purchase of approximately \$1.5 million in furnishings and equipment for each of three VCCS facilities that will open in the 2000-2002 biennium.
- **Midlothian Campus of John Tyler Community College.** Provides \$300,000 GF each year in additional operating funds.
- **Support for Training and Education Centers.** Provides \$375,000 GF and four positions each year to support Virginia Western Community College's participation in the Roanoke Higher Education Center and the Greenfield Training Center in Botetourt County. In addition, \$600,000 is provided the first year from the Higher Education Equipment Trust fund for one-time equipment expenditures for the Roanoke center.
- **Equipment Training Program.** Provides \$200,000 GF the first year for a training program for heavy equipment operators at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College.
- **Portsmouth Campus Study.** Provides \$100,000 GF the first year for a study to examine issues regarding relocation of the Portsmouth Campus of Tidewater Community College.
- **Veterinary Technology.** Provides \$75,000 GF and one position each year for a faculty position to serve as coordinator of the Veterinary Technology Distance Education program at Blue Ridge Community College.
- **A.L. Philpott Manufacturing Extension Partnership.** Provides \$350,000 GF the first year to increase the number of workshops, training, and outreach initiatives on advanced manufacturing.
- **Scholarship Program.** Provides \$25,000 GF each year in financial assistance for students who were in foster care or assisted adoptions at the time they completed high school, pursuant to House Bill 980, 2000 Session of the General Assembly.

- ***Undergraduate Education Operating Costs.*** Provides \$1.25 million GF and 17.5 positions each year for additional staffing and library materials and to comply with the Americans with Disabilities and Information Technology Acts.
- ***Alexandria Research Institute.*** Provides \$500,000 GF and 5.5 positions each year to expand the Alexandria Research Institute, which is involved in wireless communications, computer networks, and other technology areas.
- ***Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center.*** Provides \$50,000 each year for the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine.
- ***Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research.*** Provides \$75,000 GF and one position each year for an office of the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research in Abingdon.
- ***Tuition Assistance for Graduate Students.*** Provides \$75,000 each year for tuition assistance to retain students who are at high risk for not advancing their education, especially students from under-represented groups.
- ***Virginia Tech Corp of Cadets.*** Provides \$66,500 GF the first year and \$133,000 GF the second year to fund the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets at a level of \$1,900 per student, based on projected enrollment. Funds for this program are appropriated through Virginia Military Institute.

Virginia Tech - Extension

- ***Plan to Serve Virginia.*** Provides \$400,000 GF and eight positions each year for the Cooperative Extension strategic plan to provide research and extension programs for agriculture and forestry industries.
- ***Commission Support.*** Provides \$100,000 GF and one position the first year and \$50,000 GF and one position the second year to support the work of the Rural Prosperity Study Commission, established in House Joint Resolution 129 and Senate Joint Resolution 140, 2000 Session of the General Assembly. The Commission is to study and recommend what policies and strategies can be instituted to foster economic development in Virginia's rural areas
- ***Seafood Technology.*** Provides \$50,000 GF each year for the Commercial Fish and Shellfish Technology program. The program

provides research-based assistance to the seafood industry in the areas of food quality and safety, marketing and economics, and pathology and health.

Virginia State University

- ***Expand Funding for Academic Quality.*** Provides \$3.4 million GF for the creation of an evening and weekend program in high-demand degree areas. Funds will also be used for instructional technology training for faculty, and to expand library and support services for students.
- ***Campus-wide Communications.*** Provides \$535,000 GF to complete the last phase of a campus-wide communications system.
- ***Expand/Enhance Academic Programs.*** Provides \$1.1 GF to expand three existing undergraduate programs, and create two new programs in computer engineering and manufacturing technology. In addition, \$0.6 million is provided for four new faculty positions to help achieve faculty/student ratios required by accreditation standards.
- ***Match of Federal Funds for Land Grant Institution.*** Provides \$1.2 million GF to the Extension division of VSU for compliance with federal law requiring a 100 percent state match for federal funds provided for land grant institutions created under the 1890 legislation. The funds will be used to set up demonstration projects to educate farmers in the development of alternative farm products.
- ***Accessibility Compliance.*** Provides \$100,000 GF each year to strengthen the university's compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and to expand support services for students.
- ***Endowment Challenge.*** Provides \$100,000 GF each year as a portion of Virginia State University's match required under the U.S. Department of Education Endowment Challenge Program.

Medical College of Hampton Roads

- ***Enrollment Support.*** Provides \$500,000 GF each year to support enrollment of Virginia students at Eastern Virginia Medical School.

Roanoke Higher Education Authority

- **Operating Support.** Provides \$500,000 GF each year to support the operation and maintenance of the new Roanoke Higher Education Center, scheduled to open in August 2000. Language also calls for a progress report on the center's programs, to be provided in 2001.

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

- **Tuition Assistance Grants.** Provides \$4.7 million GF the first year and \$7.3 million GF the second year to increase the grant amount from \$2,700 to \$2,850 the first year and \$3,000 the second year and to keep up with projected enrollment increases.
- **Virtual Library.** Provides \$1.2 million GF the first year and \$1.5 million GF the second year to support and expand the activities of the Commonwealth Virtual Library, a collaborative program of shared library resources for Virginia's public and independent colleges.
- **Regional Printing Institute.** Provides \$55,350 GF the first year for tuition or training grants for Virginia residents to participate in a program sponsored by the Regional Printing Institute.
- **Women's Institute for Leadership.** Reduces funds by \$141,816 GF each year for the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership at Mary Baldwin College to reflect lower than anticipated in-state enrollment.
- **Contract with College of Health Sciences.** Phases-out funding provided for the contract with the College of Health Sciences. In the first year, general funds are reduced \$120,000. In the second year, full funding of \$420,000 is eliminated. Partial funding in the first year completes the agreement between the Commonwealth and the College of providing approximately \$1.0 million in support from the state.
- **Strategic Plan Reports.** Language under the Secretary of Education directs each public college and university to submit a progress report on implementing its strategic plan. The Secretary of Education is directed to report to the General Assembly on the institutions' strategic plans. The report may include a recommendation to the 2001 General Assembly on which institutions should be considered for development of institutional performance agreements, pursuant to the report of the Governor's Commission to Evaluate the Needs and Goals of Higher Education in Virginia in the 21st Century. Such a recommendation shall include a plan for incorporating the funding recommendations of the legislative Joint

Subcommittee on Higher Education Funding Policies into the performance agreement.

- **Report on Institutional Effectiveness.** Language under the State Council of Higher Education directs SCHEV to develop, in consultation with the public colleges and universities, an annual report showing measures of institutional performance and other relevant statistics.
- **Report on Student Financial Aid Programs.** Language directs the State Council of Higher Education to report on state-supported student financial aid programs to ensure compliance with guidelines and law to determine the characteristics of students who are eligible to receive aid.
- **Task Force on Decentralization in Higher Education.** Language directs the Secretary of Finance to convene a task force to develop proposals that provide greater operational autonomy to institutions of higher education, while maintaining appropriate post-audit and reporting procedures, in the areas of capital outlay, real estate and property management, and personnel management.
- **Tuition Policy.** Language continues the freeze on tuition increases for in-state, undergraduate students at Virginia's public colleges and universities, and clarifies that increases in non-educational and general fees to support wage and salary increases must be limited to those salary increases authorized by the General Assembly. Language directs that tuition charges to nonresident students taking courses through Virginia institutions from the Southern Regional Education Board's Southern Regional Electronic Campus must exceed all direct and indirect costs of providing instruction to these students. Language continues the General Assembly's intent that an in-state undergraduate student should pay no more 20 percent of the cost of education at the Virginia Community College System and no more than 25 percent of the cost of education at all other public institutions.