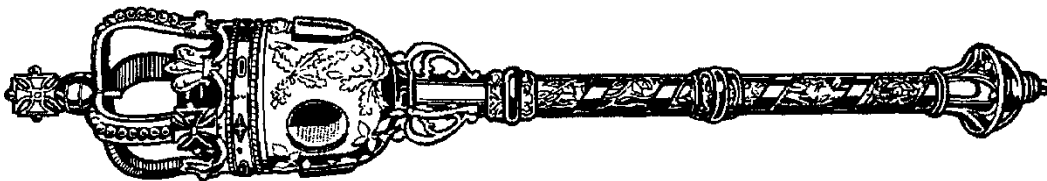


*Report of the  
House Appropriations  
Subcommittee*

*on*

*General Government &  
Independent Agencies*



*House Bill 29  
&  
House Bill 30*

*February 20, 2000*

**Respectfully Submitted by the House Appropriations Subcommittee  
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# **REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE**

## **on**

# **GENERAL GOVERNMENT/INDEPENDENT**

Mr. Chairmen and Members of the Committee:

As you know, the General Government Subcommittee has responsibility for a broad span of government operations -- the Legislature, the Judiciary, Administration, Finance, Independent Agencies, and the Executive Offices -- as well as such cross-cutting issues as information technology.

Much of the Subcommittee's focus this session has been on identifying revenues and other budget adjustments which could free-up funds for the Committee's spending priorities. In contrast, the spending recommendations of the Subcommittee are modest -- if we discount the required \$60 million deposit to the Rainy Day Fund. In the main, our recommendations are directed toward the court system.

At the start of the session, the Supreme Court alone presented budget requests approaching \$30 million for additional personnel and equipment. Many of the computers in your local courts, for example, are more than a decade old, and the clerks offices in many areas are simply overwhelmed with a sea of filings and hearings.

The Subcommittee recommendations begin to address these shortfalls, providing about \$6 million to improve court automation, and another \$2 million for personnel in the circuit and district court clerk's offices. In addition, our report provides funding for the three new judgeships we created this year, and funds for a modest increase in the fees paid to attorneys for indigent defense. Lawyers on the Committee will be interested to know that we have gone along with the State Bar's request for additional expenditure authority, based on their planned dues increase.

In addition to these proposals, our Subcommittee report also includes small adjustments which provide training opportunities for local voter registrars and electoral board members, career development ladders for the deputies in several local and regional jails, funds to support redistricting, and additional staffing for specialized units in the Office of the Attorney General.

Finally, we have worked this session in conjunction with several of the other Subcommittees to develop recommendations which provide greater focus for the Technology initiatives included in the introduced budget. Our recommendations for the Higher Education Technology Competitiveness Fund, for example, increase support for the initiative by requiring matching funds and more specifically define the program areas the initiative is intended to support. Similarly, our recommendations regarding geographic information systems will more closely tie the program to existing state and local GIS efforts involving the Planning District Commissions. To address the "Digital

Divide” issue our recommendations support technology initiatives involving local libraries and a pilot program to promote universal access.

We commend this report to you for your approval. The details are contained in the attachments, and staff will review them with you at this time.

## Budget Amendment Recommendations

<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT Amendment</b>	<b>BIENNIAL TOTAL</b>		
	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Nongeneral Fund</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>			
Medicaid Fraud Recoveries	160,000		
Tax Fraud (Nicolet case) Recoveries	2,106,953		
GF/NGF Y2K Loan Apportionment	4,500,000		
Lum Sum Lottery Cash Outs (FY 01)	3,000,000		
Treasury Revenue Bond Overhead	90,000		
Legislative Agency Balances Forward	1,687,266		
Treasury Management Fees - NGF	2,000,000		
Federal Audit Reimburse Ins. Resrv.	6,000,000		
Reimburse Treasury Mailing Costs	24,380		
HB 29 Treasury Mgt. Fees - NGF	500,000		
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<b>Revenues Subtotal</b>	<b>20,068,599</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>
<b><u>HB 29</u></b>			
APA-Jt. Rules Adjustments	(451,000)		
AG Vacancy Savings/Carryforward	(71,668)		
AG Vacancy Savings/Carryforward	(114,210)		
GAB Broadcast Studio Renovation	50,000		
Recalculate Jail Per Diem Payments	(1,036,000)		
WNVT NoVa. Relocation to MWC	(225,000)		
CIT Venture Capital Fund (1996)	(500,000)		
Increase ABC Payments to Localities	1,224,300		
Treasury Unclaimed Property Auditors		16,250	3.00
§ 3-1.01 Treasury Management Fees	Language		
Cen. Acct. Redistricting Costs	500,000		
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<b>HB 29 Subtotal</b>	<b>(623,578)</b>	<b>16,250</b>	<b>3.00</b>
<b><u>HB 30</u></b>			
<b>General Assembly</b>			
GA-Rules Recommendations	1,432,382		
American Legislative Exchange	50,000		
<b>Auditor Of Public Accounts</b>			

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	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Nongeneral Fund</b>	<b>FTE</b>
APA-Jt. Rules Adjustments	(1,074,531)	(498,559)	(15.00)
<b>Division Of Capitol Police</b>			
Capitol Police Salary Correction	Language		
Capitol Police-Jt. Rules Adjustments	195,698		
<b>Division Of Legislative Services</b>			
DLAS-Jt. Rules Recommendations	(1,600)		
<b>Division Of Legislative Automated Systems</b>			
Leg. Services-Jt. Rules Recommendation	196,095		1.00
<b>Chesapeake Bay Commission</b>			
Bay Commission-Jt. Rules Recommend	(599)		
<b>Freedom of Information Council</b>			
Freedom of Information Commission	385,000		2.00
<b>Joint Commission Health Care</b>			
Health Care-Jt. Rules Recommendation	12,635		
<b>Virginia Code Comm</b>			
Code Comm.-Jt. Rules Recommendation	15,154		
Code Commission Reviews	28,000		
<b>Virginia Commission on Youth</b>			
Youth Commission-Jt. Rules Recomm	(599)		
Youth Commission Healthy Communities	29,000		
<b>Virginia Housing Study Commission</b>			
Housing Study-Jt. Rules Recommend	(599)		
<b>Joint Legislative Audit and Review</b>			
JLARC-Jt. Rules Recommendations	(1,148)		
JLARC Distribution Center Study	Language		
<b>Virginia Commission Intergovernmental Affairs</b>			
Intergovernmental-Jt. Rules Recom	254,120		
<b>Legislative Reversion Clearing</b>			
Correct Base Cal. Error/Tax Study	(250,000)		
Legislative Contingency-Jt. Rules	165,000		
Legislative Carryforward-Jt. Rules	1,687,268		
Redistricting Funds Sum Sufficient	500,000		

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	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Nongeneral Fund</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<b>Legislative Subtotal</b>	<b>3,621,276</b>	<b>(498,559)</b>	<b>(12.00)</b>
<b>Supreme Court of Virginia</b>			
Court Automation	6,000,000		
Fairfax Small Claims Mediation	56,000		
Indigent Defense-(HB1312)	1,888,000		
New Circuit Judgeships-2 (HB 724)	810,400		2.00
District Court Judges' Salary	Language		
District Court Positions	488,178		7.50
J&DR Court Judges' Salary Correct	Language		
Juvenile Court Positions	486,758		7.70
HB 755 New J&D Judgeship	368,354		1.00
Combined District Court Positions	128,823		2.05
<b>Virginia State Bar</b>			
State Bar/LSCV Report		Language	
Virginia State Bar-Dues Increase		1,912,813	6.00
<b>Judicial Subtotal</b>	<b>10,226,513</b>	<b>1,912,813.00</b>	<b>26.25</b>
<b>Attorney General</b>			
AG Sexual Predator Unit Delay	(359,270)		
AG Elderly Crime Prevention Unit	208,000		2.00
AG Money Laundering Unit	131,559		1.00
AG Medicaid Fraud Unit	120,100		4.00
<b>Executive Subtotal</b>	<b>100,389</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7.00</b>
<b>Public Broadcasting Board</b>			
Public Broadcasting Staffing	50,000		0.50
Community Service Public Radio	150,000		
Allegheny Mountain Public Radio	Language		
Radio Reading Service	68,000		
<b>Compensation Board</b>			
Recalculate Jail Per Diem Payments	(4,025,000)		

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	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Nongeneral Fund</b>	<b>FTE</b>
Sheriff's Website Development	15,000		
Peninsula Jail Master Deputy Prog	92,700		
Master Deputy Program 9 Counties	181,890		
Add Circuit Clerk Positions (24)	974,400		
Fed. Per Diem Payments Restore Old Language			
<b>Department of General Services</b>			
Encourage Electronic Procurement Language			
Service Charges for VPA (HB1144)	9,578,000		
Surplus Property-Federal Acquisition Language			
HB 828 Risk Management from DGS		(6,277,737)	(15.00)
Elections Board Training	150,000		
Registrar Full-time/Part-time Language			
<b>Department of Personnel &amp; Training</b>			
Reduce IHRIS Support	(300,000)		
Name Change Legislation Language			
<b>Administration Subtotal</b>	<b>6,934,990</b>	<b>(6,277,737)</b>	<b>(14.50)</b>
<b>Department Of Accounts</b>			
Rainy Day Fund Payment	59,700,000		
Increase ABC Payments to Localities	2,914,560		
HB 77: Line of Duty Payments	200,000		
Contingency: Line of Duty Health Ins. Language			
<b>Department Of Taxation</b>			
Partnership Info Technology Positions	1,100,000		
<b>Department Of the Treasury</b>			
Unclaimed Property Auditors		390,000	3.00
Risk Management to Treasury		6,235,737	15.00
<b>Treasury Board</b>			
Carrier Integration Debt Service	3,081,016		
VPBA Debt Service (HB 32)	5,066,500		
<b>Finance Subtotal</b>	<b>72,062,076</b>	<b>6,625,737</b>	<b>18.00</b>



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	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTE
<b>Secretary of Technology</b>			
Technology Conference	200,000		
<b>Department of Technology Planning</b>			
Trans. Intern Tuition Assist to Higher Ed	(1,134,000)		
Infopowering/Grants Pgm. Study- Transfer \$ to Library Aid	(8,200,000)		
Trans. GIS Spacial Library to PDCs	(1,300,000)		
GIS Maps-Pilot Project First	(2,000,000)		
<b>Department of Information Technology</b>			
Agency Reorganization			(10.00)
<b>Innovative Technology Authority</b>			
Higher Ed Research + Match	(5,000,000)	15,000,000	
Higher Ed Research Define Purposes	Language		
<b>Technology Subtotal</b>	<b>(17,634,000)</b>	<b>15,000,000</b>	<b>(10.00)</b>
<b>Central Appropriations</b>			
Major League Baseball Authority	500,000		
Major League Baseball Authority	Language		
Electric Deregulation Savings Yr. 2	(1,100,000)		
<b>Finance Subtotal</b>	<b>(600,000)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>§3-1.01</b>			
Treasury Management Fees	Language		
Reimbursement of Treasury Mailing Costs	Language		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54,019,067</b>	<b>16,778,504</b>	<b>17.75</b>