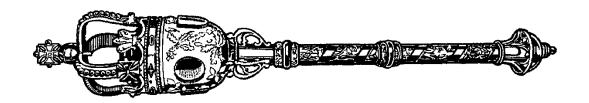
Report of the House Appropriations Subcommittee

on

Public Safety



House Bill 1600

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REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE on PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Chairmen and Members of the Committee:

Crime in Virginia continues to be at record low levels. While many factors, including a strong economy contribute to this fact, the Public Safety Subcommittee feels that community-based crime control efforts initiated in recent years are playing a significant part.

As the demands on our state budget have tightened, Public Safety agencies have been asked to examine all aspects of their operations and to reduce costs without jeopardizing the safety of our citizens. We trust that the public safety agencies, prior to reducing spending, will carefully examine each program to ensure that their core missions are met.

Recognizing that, as a Committee, we are faced with establishing priorities, we feel it is prudent to address several of the proposed reductions and seek your support in restoring them.

You may recall that during the 2000 Session, the Juvenile Justice system was a focus of our attention. We are pleased to report that there have been substantial improvements made to the system since that time. However, one recommendation in House Bill 1600 is the elimination of funding for an alternative sanction boot camp program. The Subcommittee believes that this program is an important part of our system and recommends the restoration of this funding.

Another area of concern is providing adequate educational programs in our adult, as well as juvenile correctional facilities. To that extent, we recommend to you an amendment to restore some of the funding for Correctional Education that was eliminated in House Bill 1600.

The Public Safety Subcommittee has carefully reviewed the reductions recommended for the Department of State Police. We are

concerned that the Department's primary mission of highway patrol and enforcement would be compromised. Therefor, we recommend to you an amendment that will defer implementation of the special division of drug law enforcement that we approved last year. By redirecting the resources that were provided for this new division back to the basic function of highway patrol, we feel the State Police can better work to keep our highways safe. The State Police can continue to perform drug law enforcement, investigation and interdiction through its existing divisions, without compromising its presence throughout the Commonwealth.

The Public Safety Subcommittee is able to support the recommendations that we have outlined through a variety of budget savings, many of which involve level funding in the second year of new initiatives that we approved last year.

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.

Report of the Public Safety Subcommittee

			2000-02 BIENNIAL TOTAL			
			General	Nongeneral		
	<u>Amendment</u>		<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>FTE</u>	
State Crime Commission						
	Study of Transporting Prisoners		Language			
St	ate Compenstaion Board					
	Transportation of Prisoners		Language			
	Adjust Policies for Jail Reimbursement		(1,500,000)			
Department Of Alcoholic Beverage Control						
	ABC Operations Study		Language			
De	epartment Of Correctional Education					
	Restore Correctional Ed. Funding		1,500,000			
	DOC Level Fund SABRE		(2,007,054)			
	Piedmont Regional Jail		Language			
	Prison Family Support Services			20,000		
	Faith-Based Services			100,000		
De	epartment Of Criminal Justice Services					
	Chesterfield/Colonial Heights Drug Court			200,000		
	Portsmouth Drug Court			125,000		
	Computer Crime Investigation Pilot Project		Language			
	Nongeneral Fund Positions				15.00	
	DCJS Level Fund SABRE		(1,000,000)			
	HB 599 Error		(152,845)			
De	epartment Of Juvenile Justice					
	Transfer Office on Youth Funding		(2,018,732)			
	Boot Camp Program		4,500,000			
	DJJ Level Fund SABRE		(1,170,000)			
	Funding for Offices on Youth		Language			
Department Of State Police						
	State Police Primary Mission		Language			
	Land Mobile Radio System		Language			
Part 3/Transfers						
	Restore VASAP Funds		1,000,000			
To	otal for Public Safety		(848,631)	445,000	15.00	

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