

## Executive Offices

The Governor's recommended amendments result in a net increase of \$1.2 million GF for the biennium, when compared to the original appropriation. This total reflects new spending of \$1.6 million, offset by \$365,131 in reductions.

Recommended amendments include funds to increase the salaries for the next Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General, effective January 12, 2002; salary enhancements for staff attorneys in the Office of the Attorney General; and, funding for a new Office of Substance Abuse Prevention created last year as part of the SABRE program.

Two new positions are recommended for the Office of the Attorney General to address Tobacco Settlement issues and serve the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

A series of technical adjustments is included for the Executive Offices to recognize a total of \$2,896 in savings associated with the suspension of performance indemnity bond premium payments and the new state telecommunications contract.

- **Office of the Governor**
  - ***Increase Next Governor's Salary.*** Includes \$10,644 GF in FY 2002 to increase the salary of the Governor who will take office on January 12, 2002, from the current salary of \$124,855 per year, to a new salary of \$155,000 per year. This increase reflects pay periods between January 12 and June 30, 2002.
- **Office of the Lieutenant Governor**
  - ***Increase Next Lieutenant Governor's Salary.*** Includes \$3,232 GF in FY 2002 to increase the salary of the Lieutenant Governor who will take office on January 12, 2002, from the current salary of \$36,321 per year, to a new salary of \$42,800 per year. This increase reflects pay periods between January 12 and June 30, 2002.
- **Office of the Attorney General**
  - ***Increase Next Attorney General's Salary.*** Includes \$9,784 GF in FY 2002 to increase the salary of the Attorney General who will take office on January 12, 2002, from the current salary of \$110,667 per year, to a new salary of \$138,500 per year. This increase reflects pay periods between January 12 and June 30, 2002.
  - ***Increase Attorneys' Salaries.*** Includes \$373,052 GF and \$133,581 NGF in FY 2002 to increase the starting salaries for Assistant Attorneys General, and to adjust the existing pay plan accordingly.

The intent of this amendment is to make salaries for staff attorneys more competitive with other state and local attorney positions in the Richmond metropolitan area.

- **Legal Services for Tobacco Settlement.** Provides \$117,990 NGF and 1.0 FTE position in FY 2002 for legal services provided to the Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission and the Tobacco Foundation.
- **Legal Services for Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.** Provides \$72,129 NGF and 1.0 FTE position for legal services provided to this agency.
- **Transfer to the General Fund.** Provides a transfer of \$284,471 NGF the second year to the general fund, from excess revenues in the Regulatory and Consumer Advocacy Revolving Fund.
- **Executive Management Savings.** Includes reductions totaling \$164,149 the first year and \$183,298 the second year from the general fund, offset by an increase of \$40,000 NGF each year.

These savings are intended to be achieved by reducing the number of copies of the *Code of Virginia* used in the office, expanding web-based publishing including placing current Attorney General opinions on the Internet, reducing a clerk position, and applying a surcharge to the Division of Debt Collection for administrative overhead.

The increase of \$40,000 NGF each year is provided to pay association dues from nongeneral funds, thereby offsetting a reduction of \$40,000 GF.

- **Productivity Savings.** Includes reductions of \$312 GF the first year and \$994 GF the second year to reflect the productivity savings approved in the 2000 Appropriation Act. This savings is anticipated from a new telecommunications contract.

- **Secretary of the Commonwealth**

- **Increased Fees for Notaries Public.** Includes \$18,750 the first year and \$225,000 the second year in increased general fund revenues, based on an increase in the fee charged for Notaries Public. In 1979, the fee was lowered from \$35 to \$25, and the fee has not been increased since that time. Companion legislation will be introduced to raise the fee to from \$25 to \$30.
- **Support for the Governor's Office and Cabinet.** Provides \$100,000 GF each year to increase support for archiving records and other support services.

- **Executive Management Savings.** Includes reductions of \$2,876 GF the first year and \$5,753 GF the second year, from expansion of web-based publishing.
- **Productivity Savings.** Includes reductions of \$231 GF the first year and \$737 GF the second year to reflect the productivity savings approved in the 2000 Appropriation Act. This savings is anticipated from a new telecommunications contract.
- **Office of Substance Abuse Prevention**
  - **Creation of New Office.** Provides \$500,000 GF and \$200,000 NGF each year for the new Office of Substance Abuse Prevention which was created by the SABRE legislation (proposed by the Governor and adopted by the 2000 General Assembly). The source of the nongeneral funds is federal grant funds.
- **Virginia Liaison Office**
  - **Executive Management Savings.** Includes reductions of \$94 GF the first year and \$188 GF the second year, from expansion of web-based publishing.
  - **Productivity Savings.** Includes reductions of \$99 GF the first year and \$342 GF the second year to reflect the productivity savings approved in the 2000 Appropriation Act. This savings is anticipated from a new telecommunications contract.
- **Interstate Organization Contributions**
  - **Executive Management Savings.** Includes reductions of \$3,054 GF the first year and \$108 GF the second year, from reducing the assessment for the Southern Growth Policies Board and expanding use of web-based publishing.