

# Technology

The Governor's proposed budget for Technology agencies contains a net decrease of \$1.5 million GF for the biennium when compared to the original appropriation. This total reflects new spending of \$1.2 million, offset by \$2.7 million in reductions.

A series of technical adjustments is included for Technology offices to recognize a total of \$1,881 in savings associated with the suspension of performance indemnity bond premium payments, the suspension of automobile liability insurance payments and the new state telecommunications contract.

In addition to the net general fund decrease, there is a net increase of \$33.1 million in nongeneral funds. Of this amount, \$29.5 million reimburses localities, the Virginia State Police, and commercial radio service providers for costs associated with the E-911 service. Also included is \$1.4 million to supplant an equal amount of general funds appropriated by the General Assembly for grants to localities for basic E-911 wireline emergency telephone services.

- **Secretary of Technology**
  - **Executive Management Savings.** Includes reductions totaling \$787 GF in FY 2001 and \$1,573 GF in FY 2002 for lower costs associated with web-based printing.
  - **Productivity Savings.** Removes \$8,301 GF in the first year and \$8,680 GF in the second year for savings associated with the new telecommunications contract and reduced personal services cost.
- **Department of Information Technology**
  - **Added Positions.** Adds 13.0 FTE positions in the second year to support e-government requirements. Position funding will be supported by current nongeneral fund appropriations within the agency.
- **Department of Technology Planning**
  - **E-911 Payments.** Adds \$30.9 million NGF in FY 2002 to reimburse localities, the Virginia State Police, and commercial radio service providers and to establish a grant program to assist localities in developing E-911 wireline emergency telephone services. Funding is derived from surcharges collected by mobile radio system providers from their customers. A status report to the General Assembly on the implementation of the grant program will be submitted by December 1, 2001.

- **Implement E-Government.** Provides \$2.2 million NGF and 3.0 FTE positions in FY 2002 to implement e-government initiatives. Funding is derived from the savings associated with the new statewide telecommunications contract.
  - **PowerUp Partnership.** Adds \$1.0 million GF in the second year for grants to public or private organizations for staffing and other expenses to support the PowerUp program. The PowerUp program is a public-private teaching partnership that assists young persons in accessing computers, technology, and online resources.
  - **Educational Website.** Provides \$200,000 GF in FY 2002 for additional support in developing the "Commonwealth of Knowledge" website.
  - **Position Technical Adjustment.** Moves 6.0 FTE positions from nongeneral funds to general funds as a technical adjustment to correct the fund source.
  - **Executive Management Savings.** Includes reductions of \$522 GF in FY 2001 and \$1,045 GF in FY 2002 for lower costs associated with web-based printing.
  - **Productivity Savings.** Removes \$21,018 GF in the first year and \$26,436 in the second year for savings associated with the new telecommunications contract, the implementation of e-procurement, the expanded use of the Internet for recruitment, reduced personal services cost, and reduced office space requirements.
- **Innovative Technology Authority**
    - **Executive Management Savings.** Eliminates \$1.0 million in the second year provided by the 2000 General Assembly for the creation of new Technology Innovation Centers and continued support of existing technology centers.
    - **Across the Board Reductions.** Includes other, unspecified reductions of \$376,927 GF in FY 2001 and \$751,207 GF in FY 2002. This represents the application of a 3 percent reduction the first year and 6 percent the second year.
    - **Productivity Savings.** Removes \$262,684 GF in each year to reflect the productivity savings approved in the 2000 Appropriation Act. This includes reducing telephone installation system costs, outsourcing of network management functions, and reducing personal services.