



Report of the Subcommittee on  
Economic Development and  
Natural Resources

(Senate Bills 29 and 30,  
as Introduced)

Senate Finance Committee  
Virginia General Assembly

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**REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Mr. Chairmen and Members of the Committee:

I am pleased to report the recommendations of the Economic Development and Natural Resources Subcommittee. Tumbling state revenues weighed heavily on our deliberations. The recommendations we bring to you today respond to economic reality. They are measured. They focus on the core of state services in the areas of economic development and natural resources.

The scope of our task was made more challenging by a budget bill, which included across-the-board cuts of \$20.0 million for economic development agencies and almost \$11.0 million for natural resources agencies. These cuts were undefined. As presented, the impact on citizens and services was unknown.

In addition, targeted cuts in the introduced budget bill were proposed for programs the Subcommittee has championed in recent years, including actions to promote economic growth in rural Virginia, develop a more skilled workforce, preserve open space, and protect water quality.

In concert with the entire Committee, we requested that across-the-board cuts have identity and be explained. To that end, the Subcommittee reviewed the budget reduction plans you asked the Governor to have developed by the agencies. Our recommendations ameliorate those reduction strategies that would cause, in our estimation, more harm to the economy. Our amendments put the across-the-board reductions into the agencies' budgets so that Virginians can fully understand the budget situation.

Our recommendations recognize that state services will have to be reshaped and become more flexible to do the job. Our package

pushes greater use of nongeneral funds and the reorganization of programs to maximize scarce general fund dollars.

There is no call for new state spending in our amendments. This is a package that comprises over \$74.5 million in spending reductions. It is a package that reflects difficult choices and decisions. Here are the highlights.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

We recommend \$4.0 million to mitigate the across-the-board reductions to the Departments of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Housing and Community Development, and Forestry.

We recommend no cuts to Virginia's homeless programs.

We recommend a reconstituted \$4.0 million program of workforce services managed by the Regional Partnerships and accompanied by measurable expectations.

We recommend a \$2.0 million program for industrial site development in rural Virginia.

#### **NATURAL RESOURCES**

We oppose the diversion of Game Protection Funds to support state park operations or the Marine Patrol. Our amendments restore \$12.3 million to state parks and another \$2.0 million to the Marine Resources Commission. The transfer of general fund revenue to the Game Protection Fund is reduced, but our amendments give the Game Department more management tools.

We recommend the use of interest generated by the Water Quality Improvement Fund (\$2.0 million) to support agricultural best management practices.

For DEQ, we recommend \$1.0 million for the TMDL program and \$850,000 for groundwater research.

Most importantly Mr. Chairman, we strongly endorse the parks and recreational bond package and the “jump start” bond package. These packages will provide \$50 million to preserve and acquire open space through new state park lands and state Natural Area Preserves.

This is a tough but honest budget. We believe in Virginia’s future, and believe our recommendations will best position us for that day.

## Economic Development Amendments to SB 29

<b>AGENCIES</b>	<b>General Fund Recommendations FY 2002</b>
<b>Economic Dev. Partnership</b>	
VASCIC	(7,000,000)
<i>Total</i>	(7,000,000)
<b>Virginia Tourism Authority</b>	
Northern VA Visitors' Consortium	(500,000)
<i>Total</i>	(500,000)
<b>Central Appropriations</b>	
Gov's Development Opportunity Fund	(4,000,000)
Visitors' Technology Program	(927,000)
Civil War Movie	language
<i>Total</i>	(4,927,000)
<b>Part 3 - Miscellaneous Transfers</b>	
Economic Dev. Revolving Loan Fund	1,000,000
Disadv. Bus. Capital Access Fund	100,000

## Natural Resources Amendments to SB 29

<b>AGENCIES</b>	<b>General Fund Recommendations FY 2002</b>	<b>NGF FY 2002</b>	<b>FTEs</b>
<b>Conservation and Recreation</b>			
Chesapeake Bay License Tags		444,243	
<i>Total</i>	0	444,243	0
<b>Environmental Quality</b>			
Emergency Regulations	language		
<b>Game and Inland Fisheries</b>			
Motorboat Registration Fees	language		
Repayment of Big Survey in Wythe Co.	language		
<b>Miscellaneous Provisions</b>			
Small Bus. Environ. Compliance Fund	800,000		

## Economic Development Amendments to SB 30

AGENCIES	General Fund Recommendations			NGF	FTEs
	FY 2003	FY 2004	Biennium	Biennium	FY 04
<b>Secretary of Commerce &amp; Trade</b>					
SB 30, as introduced	632,106	633,725	1,265,831	0	7
Across-the-board cuts	(44,132)	(50,436)	(94,568)	0	0
Business Incentives Study language					
<i>Total</i>	632,106	633,725	1,265,831	0	7
<b>Housing &amp; Community Dev.</b>					
SB 30, as introduced	35,731,070	35,731,070	71,462,140	132,195,868	126
Across-the-board cuts	(2,312,125)	(2,642,428)	(4,954,553)	0	(4)
Mitigate cuts	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000	0	0
Homeless Programs: TANF-HHR Sub.	0	0	0	9,200,000	0
Industrial Site Development Program	(850,000)	1,350,000	500,000	0	0
Regional Partnerships/Workforce Trng	2,000,000	2,000,000	4,000,000	0	0
Regional Competitiveness Act	(7,500,000)	(7,500,000)	(15,000,000)	0	0
<i>Total</i>	28,068,945	29,938,642	58,007,587	141,395,868	122
<b>VA Economic Dev. Partnership</b>					
SB 30, as introduced	17,539,131	31,539,131	49,078,262	0	0
Across-the-board cuts	(1,199,445)	(1,370,795)	(2,570,240)	0	0
Carrier Integration Center	0	(14,000,000)	(14,000,000)	0	0
VA Commercial Space Flight Auth.	(404,200)	(404,200)	(808,400)	0	0
Additional Reductions	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)	(4,000,000)	0	0
<i>Total</i>	13,935,486	13,764,136	27,699,622	0	0
<b>Business Assistance</b>					
SB 30, as introduced	18,581,134	18,781,134	37,362,268	6,667,639	52
Across-the-board cuts	(457,622)	(522,996)	(980,618)	0	0
VA-Israel Advisory Board	45,000	(130,000)	(85,000)	0	0
Info. Technology Grant Program	0	(200,000)	(200,000)	0	0
Small Business Incubators	(300,000)	(300,000)	(600,000)	0	0
Workforce Training Services	(4,444,984)	(4,444,984)	(8,889,968)	0	0
Workforce Training Services language					
VA Procurement Pipeline	(185,000)	(185,000)	(370,000)	0	0
Economic Development Funds language					
Small Business Dev. Centers language				0	0
<i>Total</i>	13,238,528	12,998,154	26,236,682	6,667,639	52
<b>Minority Business Enterprise</b>					
SB 30, as introduced	391,999	392,718	784,717	2,071,714	21
Across-the-board cuts	(27,434)	(31,353)	(58,787)	0	(1)
<i>Total</i>	364,565	361,365	725,930	2,071,714	20

### Labor and Industry

## Economic Development Amendments to SB 30

AGENCIES	General Fund Recommendations			NGF	FTEs
	FY 2003	FY 2004	Biennium	Biennium	FY 04
SB 30, as introduced	7,623,308	7,632,820	15,256,128	10,293,120	195
Across-the-board cuts	(521,798)	(596,341)	(1,118,139)	0	(10)
<i>Total</i>	7,101,510	7,036,479	14,137,989	10,293,120	185
<b>Professional &amp; Occupational Reg.</b>					
SB 30, as introduced	0	0	0	21,770,693	134
Transition Costs (Chapter 832)	0	0	0	(72,124)	0
<i>Total</i>	0	0	0	21,698,569	134
<b>Board of Accountancy</b>					
SB 30, as introduced	0	0	0	1,172,000	4
Transition Costs (Chapter 832)	0	0	0	72,124	0
<i>Total</i>	0	0	0	1,244,124	4
<b>Agriculture &amp; Consumer Services</b>					
SB 30, as introduced	25,578,608	25,579,753	51,158,361	40,192,224	527
Food Supply Security	200,000	200,000	400,000	0	0
Food Establishments Inspections	(222,000)	(222,000)	(444,000)	726,000	0
Across-the-board cuts	(1,790,510)	(2,046,298)	(3,836,808)	0	(11)
Mitigate cuts	0	1,600,000	1,600,000	960,344	0
<i>Total</i>	23,766,098	25,111,455	48,877,553	41,878,568	516
<b>VA Agricultural Council</b>					
SB 30, as introduced	0	0	0	680,668	0
No amendments					
<i>Total</i>	0	0	0	680,668	0
<b>Milk Commission</b>					
SB 30, as introduced	0	0	0	1,511,602	10
No amendments					
<i>Total</i>	0	0	0	1,511,602	10
<b>Mines, Minerals &amp; Energy</b>					
SB 30, as introduced	13,932,348	17,536,257	31,468,605	30,647,446	250
Across-the-board cuts	(787,296)	(899,767)	(1,687,063)	0	(6)
Solar Photovoltaic Grants	(2,700,000)	(3,600,000)	(6,300,000)	0	0
<i>Total</i>	10,445,052	13,036,490	23,481,542	30,647,446	244
<b>VA Employment Commission</b>					
SB 30, as introduced	86,762	86,762	173,524	965,082,054	1,001
Across-the-board cuts	(6,073)	(6,941)	(13,014)	0	0
Customer Contact Centers	0	0	0	(5,158,325)	0
Nurse Staffing Shortage					
	language				



## Economic Development Amendments to SB 30

AGENCIES	General Fund Recommendations			NGF	FTEs
	FY 2003	FY 2004	Biennium	Biennium	FY 04
Workforce Investment Act		language			
Virginia's Work Skills Centers		language			
Education for Independence Pgm.		language			
<i>Total</i>	80,689	79,821	160,510	959,923,729	1,001
<b>Forestry</b>					
SB 30, as introduced	15,727,403	16,448,100	32,175,503	18,923,106	340
Across-the-board cuts	(954,779)	(1,091,176)	(2,045,955)	0	(5)
Mitigate cuts	0	400,000	400,000	0	0
Tree Nurseries & State Forest	0	0	0	369,780	5
<i>Total</i>	14,772,624	15,756,924	30,529,548	19,292,886	340
<b>VA Racing Commission</b>					
SB 30, as introduced	0	0	0	6,706,202	10
Virginia Horse Center		language			
<i>Total</i>	0	0	0	6,706,202	10
<b>VA Tourism Authority</b>					
SB 30, as introduced	17,971,413	17,971,692	35,943,105	0	0
Across-the-board cuts	(1,243,980)	(1,421,691)	(2,665,671)	0	0
Tourism Advertising	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(2,000,000)	0	0
Cooperative Advertising Program	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(2,000,000)	0	0
Cooperative Advertising Program ROI		language			
Sam Snead Golf Trail		language			
America's Aviation Adventure		language			
"See Virginia First" Campaign		language			
Civil War Museum		language			
<i>Total</i>	14,727,433	14,550,001	29,277,434	0	0
<b>Central Appropriations</b>					
Virginia Horse Center	(1,260,000)	(1,264,000)	(2,524,000)		
Governor's Film Fund		language			
Semiconductor Education Grant	(1,500,000)	0	(1,500,000)	0	0
Semiconductor Performance Grants	0	(6,720,000)	(6,720,000)	0	0
<i>Total</i>	(1,500,000)	(6,720,000)	(8,220,000)	0	0
<b>CIT</b>					
SB 30, as introduced	12,506,723	12,506,723	25,013,446	0	0
Across-the-board cuts	(875,471)	(1,000,538)	(1,876,009)		
Restructure	(2,000,000)	(3,000,000)	(5,000,000)	0	0
Land and Property Study		language			
<i>Total</i>	9,631,252	8,506,185	18,137,437	0	0

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<b>AGENCIES</b>	<b>General Fund Recommendations</b>			<b>NGF</b>	<b>FTEs</b>
	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>Biennium</b>	<b>Biennium</b>	<b>FY 04</b>
<b>Treasury Board</b>					
Worker Training Center of Excellence	(450,000)	(450,000)	(900,000)		
<b>Miscellaneous Provisions</b>					
VEC Special Fund	100,000				
<b>Commerce &amp; Trade - Amends</b>	(26,706,378)	(39,116,406)	(65,822,784)	6,097,799	
<b>Commerce &amp; Trade - Grand Total</b>	127,133,036	133,267,192	260,400,228	1,222,313,566	2,511

## Natural Resources Amendments to SB 30

AGENCIES	General Fund Recommendations			NGF	FTEs
	FY 2003	FY 2004	Biennium	Biennium	FY 04
<b>Secretary of Natural Resources</b>					
SB 30, as introduced	553,631	554,574	1,108,205	0	6
Across-the-board cuts	(38,687)	(44,213)	(82,900)	0	0
Permit Fee Study	language				
<i>Total</i>	514,944	510,361	1,025,305	0	6
<b>Environmental Quality</b>					
SB 30, as introduced	38,684,401	37,504,401	76,188,802	206,265,872	857
Across-the-board cuts	(2,322,097)	(2,559,425)	(4,881,522)	0	0
Nontidal Wetlands Permitting	0	300,000	300,000	472,000	5
Groundwater Research	0	850,000	850,000	0	0
Elizabeth River Project	(450,000)	(450,000)	(900,000)		
Elizabeth River Sediment Cleanup	31,000	0	31,000	0	0
Elizabeth River Monitoring	100,000	100,000	200,000	0	0
TMDLs	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,331,000	0
Smith Mountain Lake Monitoring	(36,500)	(36,500)	(73,000)	0	0
Izaak Walton League Water Project	(25,000)	(25,000)	(50,000)	0	0
Emergency Regulations	language				
Nitrogen Oxides Emissions	language				
James River CSOs	language				
Chesapeake Bay Foundation	200,000	200,000	400,000	0	0
<i>Total</i>	36,181,804	36,883,476	73,065,280	208,068,872	862
<b>Chippokes Plantation</b>					
SB 30, as introduced	254,946	254,946	509,892	157,888	2
Across-the-board cuts	(17,846)	(20,396)	(38,242)	0	0
<i>Total</i>	237,100	234,550	471,650	157,888	2
<b>Historic Resources</b>					
SB 30, as introduced	3,160,967	3,137,210	6,298,177	2,063,690	49
Across-the-board cuts	(221,514)	(251,399)	(472,913)	0	(2)
Confederate Graves (SB 675)	890	890	1,780	0	0
Technical Amendment	language				
<i>Total</i>	2,940,343	2,886,701	5,827,044	2,063,690	47
<b>Conservation and Recreation</b>					
SB 30, as introduced	30,355,501	28,913,326	59,268,827	46,520,060	415
Across-the-board cuts	(1,828,681)	(2,089,921)	(3,918,602)	0	(1)
Virginia Outdoors Foundation	200,000	200,000	400,000	0	0
State Parks Restoration	6,133,316	6,133,316	12,266,632	(12,266,632)	0
Rappahannock River Basin Comm.	30,000	0	30,000	0	0
Norfolk's Pretty Lake	100,000	0	100,000	0	0
Best Management Practices	0	0	0	2,179,000	0

## Natural Resources Amendments to SB 30

AGENCIES	General Fund Recommendations			NGF	FTEs
	FY 2003	FY 2004	Biennium	Biennium	FY 04
Tributary Strategy Plan Funding	language				
Conservation Resources Fund	language				
James River State Park	language				
SWCD Carryforwards	language				
<i>Total</i>	34,990,136	33,156,721	68,146,857	36,432,428	414
<b>Game and Inland Fisheries</b>					
SB 30, as introduced	0	0	0	84,203,084	472
Across-the-board cuts	0	0	0	(3,920,732)	0
Repayment of Big Survey in Wythe Co.	language				
"Hunters for the Hungry"	language				
Motorboat Registration Fees	language	0	0	1,973,724	0
<i>Total</i>	0	0	0	82,256,076	472
<b>Marine Resources Commission</b>					
SB 30, as introduced	8,728,423	9,088,772	17,817,195	11,346,938	154
Across-the-board cuts	(331,447)	(378,796)	(710,243)	0	0
Marine Patrol Restoration	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000	(2,000,000)	0
Elizabeth River Derelict Vessels	100,000	0	100,000	0	0
Oyster Habitat Mitigation	65,000	0	65,000	0	0
Blue Crab Study	20,000	0	20,000	0	0
Chesapeake Bay Foundation	(269,950)	(269,950)	(539,900)	0	0
Technical Amendment	language				
<i>Total</i>	9,312,026	9,440,026	18,752,052	9,346,938	154
<b>Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance</b>					
SB 30, as introduced	2,647,477	2,650,401	5,297,878	0	21
Across-the-board cuts	(105,278)	(120,318)	(225,596)	0	0
<i>Total</i>	2,542,199	2,530,083	5,072,282	0	21
<b>Natural History Museum</b>					
SB 30, as introduced	2,279,831	2,279,831	4,559,662	769,202	38
Across-the-board cuts	(159,588)	(182,386)	(341,974)	0	0
<i>Total</i>	2,120,243	2,097,445	4,217,688	769,202	38
<b>Miscellaneous Provisions</b>					
GF Transfer to Game Protection Fund	(4,566,537)	(4,827,919)	(9,394,456)		
Unrefunded Marine Motor Fuel Tax	1,000,000				
Sale of Surplus DOC Property	language				
<b>Natural Resources Amendments</b>	2,173,618	3,355,902	5,529,520	(12,231,640)	2
<b>Natural Resources - Operating</b>	88,838,795	87,739,363	176,578,158	339,095,094	2,016

**Commerce And Trade**

Secretary Of Commerce And Trade

Language

**Language:**

Page 66, line 8, before "It", insert "A."

Page 66, after line 21, insert:

"B. The Secretary shall report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Committees on Appropriations and Finance by October 30 of each year, on the use and efficacy of state incentives in creating investments and jobs in Virginia. The two-part report shall identify, by planning districts, the following items using the most recent data available: (1) the number of companies receiving business incentives; (2) the dollar amounts received by each company for each incentive; and (3) the number of jobs to be created, average salary, and the amount of investment agreed upon by the state and the company as a condition for receiving the incentives. For the purposes of this report, the incentives to be reviewed in the study are those incentives included in the Virginia Economic Development Partnership publication, "Virginia Business Incentives 1997-98" as well as business incentive programs authorized and funded by the General Assembly since the 1999 Session. This portion of the study shall not identify by name the companies participating in the state's incentive programs. In the second part of the report, the Secretary shall include the actual number of jobs created, average salary, and level of investments made by each company awarded incentives in FY 1999. For the second part of the study, the information shall be organized by planning district. If not prohibited by state law or by memorandum of agreement or understanding between the Commonwealth and the company, the names of the companies awarded incentives in FY 1999 shall be included."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Office of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade to prepare a study for the General Assembly concerning the efficacy of state business incentives.)

**Commerce And Trade**

Department Of Agriculture And  
Consumer Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 70, after line 12, insert:

"C. Financial assistance for the Meat and Poultry Inspection Program shall not be unallotted nor be reduced to a service level below the appropriation included in Chapter 1073 of the 2000 Acts of the Assembly."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment prohibits the unallotment and reduction of funds appropriated for the Meat and Poultry Inspection Program below the level set by the 2000 Session. A companion amendment restores the reductions proposed in the introduced budget bill.)

**Commerce And Trade**

Department Of Business Assistance

Language

**Language:**

Page 71, after line 46, insert:

"F. The Department may not require that, as a condition of financial assistance from state or federal sources, the Commonwealth approve any lawful personnel decisions or appointments made by independent Small Business Assistance or Development Authorities or Corporations. Any Small Business Assistance or Development Authority or Corporation previously denied state or federal financial assistance due to an imposition of such a condition shall be entitled to consideration for full funding or at least at funding levels prior to such denial of financial assistance."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment is self-explanatory.)

**Commerce And Trade**

Department Of Business Assistance

Language

**Language:**

Page 71, after line 46, insert:

"F. To meet changing financing needs of small businesses, the Executive Director of the Virginia Small Business Financing Authority with the approval of the Director of the Department of Business Assistance may transfer moneys between funds managed by the Authority. These include the Virginia Small Business Growth Fund (§ 2.2-2310 of the Code of Virginia); the Virginia Export Fund (§ 2.2-2309 of the Code of Virginia); and the Insurance or Guarantee Fund (§ 2.2-2290 of the Code of Virginia). The Executive Director of the Virginia Small Business Financing Authority shall report, by fund, the transfers made by January 1 and July 1 of each year to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides flexibility for the Department of Business Assistance to manage several economic development loan funds.)



**Commerce And Trade**

Department Of Business Assistance

Language

**Language:**

Page 71, after line 46, insert:

"F. In the event the total awards to businesses eligible for reimbursement under the Industrial Employee Training Program are greater than the appropriation provided, the Department may either prorate the amount of reimbursement each business receives or request the Governor to transfer such sums as necessary from the Governor's Development Opportunity Fund to this Item. The Secretary of Commerce and Trade shall notify the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees 30 days prior to the transfer of moneys from the Governor's Development Opportunity Fund."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment permits the Department of Business Assistance to prorate reimbursements made under the workforce services training program and to request the Governor to use moneys from the Governor's Development Opportunity Fund to meet these expenses.)

**Commerce And Trade**

Department Of Forestry

Language

**Language:**

Page 72, after line 46, insert:

"H. Financial Assistance for the Reforestation of Timberland Program shall not be unallotted nor be reduced the first year to a service level below the appropriation included in Chapter 1073 of the 2000 Acts of the Assembly."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment prohibits the unallotment and reduction of funds appropriated for the Reforestation of Timberland Program below the level set by the 2000 Session. A companion amendment restores \$400,000 for the program in the second year.)

<b>Commerce And Trade</b>	<b>FY 02-03</b>	<b>FY 03-04</b>	
Department Of Housing And Community Development	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 74, line 16, strike "\$52,729,703" and insert "\$54,729,703".

Page 74, line 16, strike "\$52,729,703" and insert "\$54,729,703".

Page 76, strike lines 25 through 49 and insert:

"G. Included in this Item shall be \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year from the general fund for a workforce services program. Regional Partnerships qualified under the provisions of §§ 15.2-1306 through 15.2-1310, Code of Virginia, may apply for the funds under an application process prescribed by the Department of Housing and Community Development. In evaluating the applications, the Department shall consider the number of program participants; the availability of jobs within the region for the specific workforce services provided; the median income and the unemployment rate of the region; the participation and contributions of local governments, local Workforce Investment Boards, the private sector, and others in proposed workforce services projects; and other related factors."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$4.0 million for workforce services programs managed by the state's 19 Regional Partnerships. A companion amendment deletes \$15.0 million from the Regional Competitiveness Act program.)

**Commerce And Trade**

Virginia Employment Commission

Language

**Language:**

Page 85, strike lines 19 through 26 and insert:

"C. Education for Independence and Virginia's Skills Center Programs previously funded through the 1990 Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education and Applied Technology Act and through Social Services Block Grants or other available federal funds shall be funded and supported through the Workforce Investment Act and the One-Stop Career System."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment restores legislative intent to continue the spending authorization for services provided by the Education for Independence and Virginia's Skills Center programs. Under the Workforce Investment Act, VEC is responsible for these special programs through the Virginia Workforce Council.)

**Commerce And Trade**

Virginia Employment Commission

Language

**Language:**

Page 85, after line 26, insert:

"D. The Virginia Workforce Council shall develop a Workforce Investment Act Plan to identify the funding amount needed and the funding source to train nurses. The plan shall be submitted to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Joint Commission on Health Care prior to September 1, 2002."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Virginia Workforce Council to prepare a funding plan to train nurses in order to address the shortage of trained nurses in Virginia. This is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care.)

**Commerce And Trade**

Virginia Employment Commission

Language

**Language:**

Page 85, after line 26, insert:

"D. Unexpended funds appropriated by the General Assembly for the use of local Workforce Investment Boards and returned to the Commonwealth shall be reappropriated to the Virginia Community College System. The reappropriated funds shall be allocated to the community colleges located in the Workforce Investment Areas where the funds were unspent. The funds shall be used for high-priority education programs, including allied health professions, plumbing, tractor-trailer driver training, industrial maintenance, heavy equipment operator training, automotive technician training, industrial machinist training, and high-skills manufacturing. The Commissioner of the Virginia Employment Commission and Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System shall report to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees by November 1 of each year on the amount and uses of any funds transferred to the Virginia Community College System."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment expresses legislative intent to require the transfer of unexpended and reverted Workforce Investment Act funds to the VCCS for high-priority education programs in the Workforce Investment Board districts where the funds were originally appropriated.)

**Commerce And Trade**

Virginia Tourism Authority

Language

**Language:**

Page 89, after line 4, insert:

"K. Out of the amounts for Tourist Promotion shall be provided \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year from the general fund for the Tredegar National Civil War Center, a national comprehensive museum and education center in the City of Richmond."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$500,000 in the 2002-2004 biennium to support the Tredegar National Civil War Center. The Center will focus on three major stories: the federal defense of Union, the African-American struggle for Freedom, and the Confederate war for Home and Nationhood.)

**Commerce And Trade**

Virginia Tourism Authority

Language

**Language:**

Page 87, line 26 delete "2." and insert "2.a."

Page 87, after line 30, insert:

"2.b. Out of the amounts provided for the cooperative advertising program, \$110,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided to support the "See Virginia First" cooperative advertising program operated by the Outdoor Advertising Association of Virginia."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment allocates \$110,000 to the Outdoor Advertising Association of Virginia as part of the "See Virginia First" advertising campaign. The source of funding is the Cooperative Advertising Program.)



**Commerce And Trade**

Virginia Tourism Authority

Language

**Language:**

Page 89, after line 4, insert:

"K. Upon completion of the Sam Snead Golf Trail, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Virginia Tourism Corporation shall seek funds to specifically market and promote the Golf Trail. To that end, the Sam Snead Golf Trail shall consist of at least six courses with a capital investment of at least \$65,000,000 made in Virginia."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Virginia Tourism Authority to promote and market the Virginia Sam Snead Golf Trail contingent upon certain conditions.)

**Commerce And Trade**

Virginia Tourism Authority

Language

**Language:**

Page 87, line 26, strike "2" and insert "2.a."

Page 87, after line 30, insert:

"b. Out of the amounts provided for the cooperative advertising program, \$200,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided to the "See Virginia First" cooperative advertising program operated by the Virginia Association of Broadcasters."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$200,000 for the portion of the "See Virginia First" advertising program managed by the Virginia Association of Broadcasters.)

**Commerce And Trade**

Virginia Tourism Authority

Language

**Language:**

Page 87, after line 35, insert:

"4. Out of the amounts provided for the cooperative advertising program, up to \$50,000 the first year and up to \$50,000 the second year shall be provided to America's Aviation Adventure to promote tourism associated with the 2003 centennial of the Wright Brothers first flight and the opening of the National Air and Space Center Annex, notwithstanding the provisions of § 2.1-548.60, Code of Virginia, regarding marketing and promotion of attractions solely within the territorial limits of the Commonwealth. The grant from the cooperative advertising program must be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis."

Page 87, line 36, strike "4." and insert "5."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment authorizes the Virginia Tourism Authority to participate in a matching grant project to promote a network of Virginia's aviation related sites and attractions, without limiting collaboration by the Wright Brothers National Memorial or the National Air and Space Center. Current law limits use of such funds exclusively to Virginia sites and attractions, without regard for any benefits leveraging of visitation to nearby national sites might have on Virginia tourism.)

**Commerce And Trade**

Virginia Tourism Authority

Language

**Language:**

Page 87 after line 38, insert:

"5. The Virginia Tourism Authority shall report by November 6 of each year to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees on the Commonwealth's "return on investment" from the cooperative advertising program. The analysis shall address the return on investment from each grant award as well as the overall statewide impact of the advertising program."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment requires the Virginia Tourism Authority to report to the General Assembly on the economic benefits the Commonwealth derives from the tourism grants provided through the cooperative advertising grant program.)

**Natural Resources**

Secretary Of Natural Resources

Language

**Language:**

Page 290, line 8, before "The", insert "A."

Page 290, after line 25, insert:

"B. The Secretary of Natural Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality shall develop a long-term plan to adequately fund the department's water, waste and hazardous waste regulatory programs. In developing the plan, the Secretary shall include representatives from local governments, private sector organizations and the public. The plan's objective is to develop a financial strategy for the programs that will protect the public and maintain state primacy in environmental matters delegated to Virginia by the federal government. The plan shall address, but not be limited to these factors: (1) the likelihood of additional general fund resources for environmental activities; (2) projected workloads in the various environmental regulatory programs; (3) cost containment strategies in regulatory management through increased reliance upon technology; and (4) changes to federal environmental policies and funding practices. The plan shall be submitted to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees by November 6, 2002."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Secretary of Natural Resources and DEQ to develop a funding plan for the General Assembly that ensures state primacy in environmental programs delegated by the federal government to Virginia.)

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Subcommittee

Item 380 #14s

**Natural Resources**

Department Of Conservation And  
Recreation

Language

**Language:**

Page 292, after line 29, insert:

"E. The June 30, 2003, and June 30, 2004, unexpended general fund balances in Assistance to Soil and Water Conservation Districts are hereby reappropriated."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment authorizes the reappropriation of unexpended general fund balances from SWCD programs.)

**Natural Resources**

Department Of Conservation And  
Recreation

Language

**Language:**

Page 294, after line 8, insert:

"K. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 10.1-202, Code of Virginia, the Department is authorized to utilize more than twenty five percent of revenues deposited into the Conservation Resources Fund for the operation of state parks. The amount utilized shall be approved by the Secretary of Natural Resources and shall be reported on a quarterly basis to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment is required to implement the department's budget reduction plan which calls for greater use of Conservation Resource Funds for operating expenses.)

**Natural Resources**

Department Of Environmental  
Quality

Language

**Language:**

Page 294, line 30, before "Notwithstanding", insert "A.".

Page 294, after line 37, insert:

"B. The Department of Environmental Quality shall work with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the City of Lynchburg and the City of Richmond to identify any expenditures, loans, or in-kind services that can be used to match federal grants available to these cities for the Combined Sewer Overflow projects."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the department to work with EPA and Lynchburg and Richmond to permit the two cities to use city-expenditures and loans from the Virginia Wastewater Revolving Loan Fund to match federal grants for the CSO projects.)



**Natural Resources**

Department Of Environmental  
Quality

Language

**Language:**

Page 295, after line 9, insert:

"The State Air Pollution Control Board may promulgate emergency regulations to implement an emissions trading program to achieve and maintain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, under the federal Clean Air Act."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional time to review the Commonwealth's plan to achieve and maintain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. It also allows the Commonwealth to meet the July 1, 2002 deadline set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency with respect to this plan.)

**Natural Resources**

Department Of Environmental  
Quality

Language

**Language:**

Page 295, after line 9, insert:

"The Department of Environmental Quality may auction the NOx emissions credits allocated under the NOx SIP call and any revenue generated shall be deposited to the general fund of the state treasury."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment authorizes the department to auction the "set aside" of nitrogen oxides emissions estimated at 1,878 tons. The set asides are "units" of pollution that are not under state permit but are legally available to industry for expansion purposes. The budget language permits the department to auction these units and requires the moneys to be deposited to the general fund. The estimated revenue from this transaction is \$8.8 million in FY 2004.)

**Natural Resources**

Department Of Game And Inland  
Fisheries

Language

**Language:**

Page 298, after line 13, insert:

"The Department shall study the feasibility of establishing a checkoff on hunting license applications to allow a voluntary and tax deductible contribution to pay for the administration of the "Hunters for the Hungry" program. The completed study shall be submitted by December 9, 2002, to the Secretary of Natural Resources and to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to study the feasibility of permitting hunters to contribute to the administration of the "Hunters for the Hungry" program. In 1998, Virginia hunters provided over 150,000 pounds of deer meat to foodbanks and other charities. The potential exists to make 250,000 pounds or more available each year.)

Economic Development - Natural Resources  
Subcommittee

Item 391 #3s

**Natural Resources**

Department Of Game And Inland  
Fisheries

Language

**Language:**

Page 298, after line 13, insert:

"It is the intent of the General Assembly that the repayment of a Treasury Loan authorized in Item C-108.10 of Chapter 1072, 2000 Acts of Assembly, for the acquisition of the Big Survey property in Wythe County begin in FY 2005."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment delays until the 2004-2006 biennium the repayment to the state treasury of a loan made to the department for the purchase of the Big Survey property in Wythe County. There is a companion amendment in SB 29.)

Economic Development - Natural Resources  
Subcommittee

Item 392 #1s

<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>FY 02-03</b>	<b>FY 03-04</b>	
Department Of Game And Inland Fisheries	\$986,862	\$986,862	NGF

**Language:**

Page 298, line 14, strike "\$4,539,027" and insert "\$5,525,889".

Page 298, line 14, strike "\$4,539,027" and insert "\$5,525,889".

Page 298, after line 20, insert:

"The Department shall prepare an analysis comparing the revenue derived from boat registration fees to the costs of implementing the programs and activities authorized under the state's Boating Laws. If the costs exceed the revenues, the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries, at its discretion, is authorized to increase motorboat registration fees by an amount not to exceed nine dollars per certificate."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment permits the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries to increase boat registration fees, at the Board's discretion, if the department determines that the costs to implement Virginia's Boating Laws exceed the fees. A nongeneral fund appropriation of \$2.0 million is provided if the Board decides to pursue the option.)

**Technology**

Secretary Of Technology

Language

**Language:**

Page 334, after line 7, insert:

"The Secretary of Technology shall prepare a report on the land and property owned or controlled by the Innovative Technology Authority or its nonstock corporation or foundation. The focus of the report shall be threefold: (1) assess the value of the land and property in terms of dollar values and of current use and potential uses including economic development; (2) identify obstacles to these potential uses; and (3) determine if the mission of CIT can be fulfilled elsewhere in Northern Virginia or in another setting outside of Northern Virginia. The report shall be submitted by November 6, 2002, to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and to the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. To that end, the Innovative Technology Authority, the Department of Planning and Budget, and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership shall cooperate with the Secretary in developing the report."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Secretary of Technology to assess the value of the CIT land and property and to determine if CIT can carry out its programs in another location.)

**Central Appropriations**

Central Appropriations

Language

**Language:**

Page 370, line 8, after "repaid", delete the remainder of the line.

Page 370, delete lines 9 through 12.

Page 370, line 13, delete "state treasury."

Page 370, line 8, after "repaid", insert:

"and deposited to the general fund of the state treasury."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes the authorization to divert \$200,000 in loan repayments from the general fund to the Governor's Motion Picture Opportunity Fund. Under state law, repayments for loans issued through the Governor's Development Opportunity Fund are to be deposited to the general fund.)