

Executive

The approved 2002-04 budget for Executive offices contains a net increase of \$1.9 million GF for the biennium, compared to the adjusted appropriation for current operations. This total reflects new spending of \$2.3 million, offset by \$458,248 in reductions. Most of the new spending is for rental charges that were previously budgeted to the Department of General Services.

The approved budget also includes a total of \$3.4 million in across-the-board reductions of 7 percent the first year (\$1.6 million) and 8 percent the second year (\$1.8 million) for Executive Offices. These reductions are included in the Central Appropriations for the Executive Department. Actions for achieving these reductions are not specified in the budget.

- **Office of the Attorney General**

- ***Tobacco Enforcement.*** Provides \$148,902 GF and 2.3 FTE positions each year to establish an office to enforce compliance with duties placed on certain tobacco product manufacturers by the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement.
 - The budget document indicates the general fund will be reimbursed for 60 percent of these costs (or about \$95,340) on a proportional basis from the Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Fund (50%) and the Tobacco Settlement Fund (10%) through a Part 3 Transfer.
- ***Legal Services for Tobacco Commission and Foundation.*** Provides \$79,178 NGF and 0.7 FTE position each year for an office to provide legal services for the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission and the Virginia Tobacco Settlement Foundation.
 - The proposed office would bill the commission and the foundation for actual legal services provided.
- ***Debt Collection.*** Provides \$150,000 NGF each year and 2.0 FTE positions to strengthen the debt collection activities of the Office of the Attorney General. These efforts are estimated to result in the collection of an additional \$1.0 million each year on behalf of state agencies, of which the Division of Debt Collection will retain \$150,000 per year. The remaining \$850,000 per year is recorded as general fund revenue.

- ***Domestic Violence Grants.*** Provides \$3,000,000 NGF each year and 4.0 FTE positions for grants for domestic violence programs. A companion amendment transfers these federal funds from the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS).
- ***Civil Commitment of Sexual Predators.*** Includes 6.0 FTE positions the second year to establish an office to deal with the civil commitment of sexual predators.
 - Language was included directing the Attorney General to review the recent decision of the U. S. Supreme Court in the case of *Kansas v. Crane*, concerning this program, and to make a report by September 1, 2002.
- **Secretary of the Commonwealth**
 - ***Notary Fees.*** Includes language directing the Secretary of the Commonwealth to increase the fee from \$25 to \$35 for issuing a commission to a notary for the Commonwealth at large.
- **Office for Substance Abuse Prevention**
 - ***Funding for New Office.*** Provides \$600,000 NGF each year from a federal grant to establish the Office of Substance Abuse Prevention, created by the SABRE legislation enacted by the 2000 General Assembly.