

Legislative

The adopted 2002-04 budget for the Legislative Department contains a net increase of \$7.5 million GF when compared to the adjusted appropriation for current operations. This reflects increases of \$8.2 million offset by \$0.7 million in reductions. In addition, \$2.6 million GF in across-the-board reductions for the Legislative Department are contained in Central Appropriations.

The largest increase is \$6.25 million appropriated to a Senate of Virginia Discretionary Fund for transfer to other departments to supplement indigent health care, as described below. Other increases include a technical adjustment of \$5.2 million to correct the amount of the Legislative Department across-the-board reduction and transfer it to Central Appropriations, pending distribution by the Joint Rules Committee. A targeted reduction of \$591,000 related to consolidation of Commission support is located in the Legislative Reversion Clearing Account.

- **General Assembly of Virginia**

- **Maintenance Charges.** Provides \$162,013 GF each year for the Clerk of the Senate for increased service charges by the Department of General Services for maintenance of the Capitol and the General Assembly Building.
- **Position Regrades.** Provides \$100,000 GF each year for the Division of Legislative Services for the ongoing cost of position regrades approved in April 2000.
- **Redistricting Expenses.** Eliminates \$36,963 GF each year which was originally provided for the cost of redistricting pursuant to the 2000 census.
- **Senate of Virginia Discretionary Fund.** Includes \$2.0 million GF the first year and \$4.25 million GF the second year which is to be transferred for the following purposes:
 - \$2.0 million each year for Medicaid payments to nursing homes;
 - \$2.0 million the second year for Virginia Commonwealth University Health Systems Authority for indigent patient care; and,

- \$0.3 million the second year for the University of Virginia Medical Center for indigent patient care.
- **Legislative Department Reversion Clearing Account**
 - ***Consolidation of Commissions and Support Staff.*** Includes a reduction of \$591,000 GF the second year to reflect a review by the Joint Rules Committee of potential opportunities for consolidation and elimination of existing legislative commissions with fewer than five staff positions.
 - ***Security Staffing.*** Provides \$544,000 GF the first year and \$478,000 GF the second year and 10.0 FTE positions to the Capitol Police for enhanced security at the seat of government. Final allocation of these funds is subject to a review of security staffing requirements by the Joint Rules Committee.