

# Independent

The Governor does not propose any funding amendments for the four independent agencies, leaving funding at the amounts in Chapter 899. However, a language amendment would require the State Corporation Commission to discontinue certain consumer education programs. In addition, amendments in Part 3 transfer selected agencies' budget reductions to the general fund. Independent agencies have been exempted from the Governor's proposed information technology reform initiative.

- **State Corporation Commission**
  - ***Consumer Education Program.*** A proposed language amendment would require the State Corporation Commission to suspend all consumer education program activities for electricity deregulation and defer all initiating any additional education activities for the biennium. A companion amendment in Part 3 would transfer \$2.0 million in the first year and \$6.5 million in the second year to the general fund.
- **State Lottery Department**
  - ***Across-the-Board Reductions.*** A proposed amendment in Part 3 provides for a transfer of \$964,226 NGF the first year and \$1,443,875 NGF the second year to the Lottery Proceeds Fund as part of a 10 and 15 percent reduction in administrative expenses.
- **Workers' Compensation Commission**
  - ***Line of Duty Payment.*** A language amendment in Part 3 provides for the transfer of \$475,000 NGF from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund to reimburse the general fund for the FY 2003 Line of Duty appropriation.
- **Virginia Retirement System**
  - ***VRS Administrative Cost Savings.*** An amendment in Central Appropriations proposes to capture \$2.6 million GF for the biennium from reductions in the VRS administrative budget. Budget language in Part 3 of the Bill transfers \$2.9 million NGF the second year to the general fund from savings in the administrative reductions. The savings will be captured entirely in the second year from a reduction in the VRS employer contribution rates.