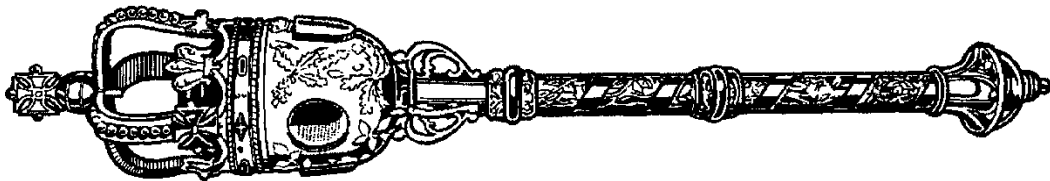


*Report of the
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on

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REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE
on
ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION

Mr. Chairmen and Members of the Committee:

Once again, public education is the top priority of this Committee and the House as a whole. Public education was exempted from any reductions in the introduced budget and even received additional funding. And our Subcommittee is recommending additional funding to address critical gaps in school construction and student testing in the introduced budget.

Just prior to the General Assembly Session last year, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) staff released a report that concluded the State would need to add a billion dollars in new funding to public education just to meet the costs of the current Standards of Quality (SOQ), the so called JLARC Tier 1 recommendations.

This Session JLARC staff provided an update that showed that the General Assembly's actions last year addressed almost half of the Tier I deficiencies by adding \$497 million in SOQ funding.

Specifically, the actions taken by the General Assembly last year completely funded the routine updates to the cost model, completely ended the practice of counting locally generated revenues toward the state share of public education, and funded the majority of the costs of administrative positions accidentally dropped from the state's funding.

To address half of a billion dollar problem is quite an accomplishment even when revenues are strong. But in the worst revenue situation in 40 years, the accomplishment was truly remarkable.

But we cannot rest on our laurels, there is more to do. That is why the Subcommittee is recommending adding \$16.9 million to the Standards of Quality accounts to fund the state's share of increased costs of health insurance premiums. School divisions and school teachers have struggled with these costs which have been increasing dramatically. It is time the state did more to help pay its fair share.

The source of the \$16.9 million for the Health Insurance Premium Supplement was the funding for the proposed Student Achievement Block grant. As you will recall, in the Governor's proposal three programs would have been eliminated and used to establish a new block grant. The new block grant could have been used to expand four other existing programs. The Subcommittee believes that instead of expanding programs and adding a new incentive account, the money should be used for our basic responsibility – adequately funding the Standards of Quality.

School divisions will receive not one dime less than they would have received under the introduced budget from this action. The distribution of these funds will remain the same as the distribution under the old programs.

The Subcommittee is also proud of another major achievement. The introduced budget proposed eliminating \$20.0 million we had set aside last year for an interest rate subsidy program. This funding, given today's favorable interest rates, could have meant that \$200 million in school construction projects would be off the Literary Fund waiting list. It concerned the Subcommittee to see this funding eliminated, especially at a time when localities are searching for ways to pay for new schools.

Therefore, the Subcommittee is recommending \$12.0 million be used for a subsidy program. If interest rates remain favorable, this will mean that \$120 million in school construction projects could come off the Literary Fund waiting list. This represents help for 32 school projects.

The source for the majority of this funding is the global settlement. Since this is one-time funding, the Subcommittee felt the best use would be a one-time use, like the subsidy program. In addition, several bills have been passed by the House that would increase revenue to the Literary Fund. We would propose that the funding be allowed to go to the Literary Fund for the subsidy. And, the actions of our General Government Subcommittee made it possible for us to add another \$2.0 million in funding to the Literary Fund.

In addition to these two major actions, the Subcommittee is recommending restorations of two important testing initiatives proposed for elimination in the introduced budget. We are recommending \$2.9 million to provide separate History tests for the 6th, 7th and 8th grades. We strongly believe that this will lead to even higher scores on the History Standards of Learning tests. In addition, we are recommending restoring the \$425,000 needed for the Algebra Readiness diagnostic test. It does not make much sense to us that you would eliminate the test that tells you which students need remediation through the Algebra Readiness program.

To accomplish these important restorations, ones that will benefit students in all of the Commonwealth's school divisions, the Subcommittee had to make some reductions to programs that do not go directly to our local school divisions.

I now would like for Committee staff to explain the Subcommittee's recommendations in more detail. I hope it will be the pleasure of the Committee to adopt our recommendations.

Budget Amendment Recommendations

Amendment	2002-04 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total

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Department of Education

Restore Separate History Tests	2,834,904		2,834,904
Restore Algebra Readiness Test	425,000		425,000
Balances-Teacher Certification	(462,500)		(462,500)
Plan - Consolidating Deaf/Blind Services	Language		Language
Speech-Language Pathologist Caseloads	Language		Language
Federal Funding Increases:			
Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant	1,100,000		1,100,000
Title VI-A	8,200,000		8,200,000
Title II-A	2,000,000		2,000,000
Title II-D	550,000		550,000
Title IV-B	460,000		460,000
Title IV-A	2,000,000		2,000,000
IDEA - Special Education	979,085		979,085
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Subtotal Department	2,797,404	15,289,085	18,086,489

Direct Aid to Public Education

Restore GF for Teacher Retirement	8,000,000	(8,000,000)	0
Restore \$12 M Subsidy for Construction	Language		Language
Move Grant to SOQ for Health Insurance	Language		Language
Eliminate Other Accounts:			
Project Discovery	(849,060)		(849,060)
Small School Division Grants	(400,000)		(400,000)
SW Education Consortium	(209,950)		(209,950)
Migrant Education	(300,000)		(300,000)
Southside Regional Consortium	(182,750)		(182,750)
William King Arts Center	(97,750)		(97,750)
Western Consortium	(63,750)		(63,750)
Technical:			
Census Count Correction	(4,177,955)		(4,177,955)
Sales Tax Increase/Basic Aid Offset	1,985,562		1,985,562
Balances:			
State Operated Programs	(449,810)		(449,810)
K-3 Reduced Class Size	(69,735)		(69,735)
At-risk Four-Year-Olds	(24,306)		(24,306)
Early Reading	(48,635)		(48,635)
Participation Updates:			
At-risk Four-Year-Olds - Warren	94,031		94,031
Summer School - Winchester	78,331		78,331
Special Ed Homebound - Washington	49,625		49,625
Gov. School for Isle of Wight	19,542		19,542

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	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total
Gov. School for James City/Wmburg	4,232		4,232
SOL Remediation: Accountability	Language		Language
Federal Funding Increases:			
Title III-A		4,000,000	4,000,000
Direct Aid to Public Education (continued)			
Title II-A		50,200,000	50,200,000
Title II-D		10,100,000	10,100,000
Title IV-B		8,750,000	8,750,000
IDEA - Special Education Grant		18,000,000	18,000,000
Transfers			
Global Settlement	Language		Language
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Subtotal Direct Aid	3,357,622	83,050,000	86,407,622
TOTAL HB1400	6,155,026	98,339,085	104,494,111

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							Student Achievement Block Grant	Health Insurance Premium Supplement	
ACCOMACK	5,224	0.2929	25,599,306	14,104	7,073	-	(216,818)	216,818	25,620,483
ALBEMARLE	12,161	0.6220	32,989,638	58,862	29,523	-	(46,100)	46,100	33,078,023
ALLEGHANY	2,802	0.2975	12,489,378	5,887	2,934	-	(61,444)	61,444	12,498,200
AMELIA	1,708	0.3360	7,350,963	4,406	2,214	-	(56,652)	56,652	7,357,583
AMHERST	4,673	0.3034	20,391,126	10,944	5,489	-	(100,366)	100,366	20,407,559
APPOMATTOX	2,300	0.2899	10,511,464	4,807	2,417	-	(22,952)	22,952	10,518,688
ARLINGTON	18,397	0.8000	35,566,365	111,882	56,112	-	(183,117)	183,117	35,734,359
AUGUSTA	10,551	0.3532	41,737,965	28,889	14,505	-	(203,502)	203,502	41,781,360
BATH	763	0.8000	1,585,448	4,548	2,278	-	(5,476)	5,476	1,592,275
BEDFORD	9,863	0.3943	35,430,574	27,622	13,854	-	(153,202)	153,202	35,472,049
BLAND	910	0.3019	4,888,791	1,944	975	-	(37,660)	37,660	4,891,710
BOTETOURT	4,732	0.4256	17,679,189	15,918	7,983	-	(89,933)	89,933	17,703,089
BRUNSWICK	2,318	0.2702	12,117,126	5,042	2,529	-	(93,153)	93,153	12,124,698
BUCHANAN	3,654	0.2452	18,561,767	5,815	2,944	-	(205,696)	205,696	18,570,526
BUCKINGHAM	2,148	0.2709	11,177,093	4,474	2,244	-	(74,086)	74,086	11,183,810
CAMPBELL	8,625	0.2837	35,790,956	18,257	9,156	-	(219,358)	219,358	35,818,369
CAROLINE	3,607	0.3104	15,166,044	7,915	3,985	-	(70,213)	70,213	15,177,944
CARROLL	4,135	0.3123	18,235,153	9,588	4,808	-	(91,620)	91,620	18,249,549
CHARLES CITY	887	0.4370	3,671,720	3,036	1,514	-	(46,293)	46,293	3,676,270
CHARLOTTE	2,159	0.2392	11,058,772	3,527	1,762	-	(55,857)	55,857	11,064,061
CHESTERFIELD	53,939	0.3882	186,756,915	146,696	73,575	-	(501,486)	501,486	186,977,186
CLARKE	2,069	0.5297	6,401,740	7,963	3,994	-	(13,082)	13,082	6,413,697
CRAIG	690	0.3410	3,233,465	2,023	1,014	-	(26,594)	26,594	3,236,503
CULPEPER	6,263	0.3849	23,333,817	18,966	9,512	-	(109,287)	109,287	23,362,294
CUMBERLAND	1,439	0.3203	6,846,794	4,084	2,049	-	(49,846)	49,846	6,852,926
DICKENSON	2,607	0.2624	12,711,850	4,773	2,385	-	(129,223)	129,223	12,719,008
DINWIDDIE	4,518	0.2877	19,364,018	8,463	4,245	-	(77,334)	77,334	19,376,726
ESSEX	1,580	0.4122	6,647,351	5,242	2,625	-	(45,034)	45,034	6,655,219
FAIRFAX	159,620	0.7518	328,281,232	(5,656,035)	477,852	-	(256,522)	256,522	323,103,049
FAUQUIER	10,293	0.5848	28,704,849	46,779	23,462	-	(111,310)	111,310	28,775,090
FLOYD	2,057	0.3470	8,846,659	5,248	2,632	-	(50,148)	50,148	8,854,540
FLUVANNA	3,386	0.3721	13,248,611	7,865	3,945	-	(44,027)	44,027	13,260,421
FRANKLIN	7,203	0.3874	27,585,417	20,599	10,331	-	(87,707)	87,707	27,616,347
FREDERICK	11,118	0.3756	41,172,646	29,348	14,720	-	(127,106)	127,106	41,216,715
GILES	2,576	0.3140	11,027,312	6,160	3,089	-	(39,228)	39,228	11,036,562
GLOUCESTER	6,316	0.3132	26,192,728	14,935	7,491	-	(113,394)	113,394	26,215,154
GOOCHLAND	2,119	0.8000	3,926,262	12,419	6,228	-	(14,092)	14,092	3,944,909
GRAYSON	2,313	0.2912	11,602,725	4,801	2,408	-	(42,866)	42,866	11,609,933
GREENE	2,682	0.3183	12,073,577	6,193	3,106	-	(64,855)	64,855	12,082,876

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GREENSVILLE	1,695	0.2196	8,917,077	2,565	1,286	-	(112,187)	112,187	8,920,928
HALIFAX	5,791	0.2380	30,263,649	10,369	5,201	-	(156,877)	156,877	30,279,219
HANOVER	18,063	0.4756	54,536,452	58,611	29,397	-	(120,628)	120,628	54,624,460
HENRICO	44,333	0.5113	138,212,695	169,298	84,910	-	(446,442)	446,442	138,466,902
HENRY	8,123	0.2930	37,091,117	18,708	9,385	-	(265,247)	265,247	37,119,210
HIGHLAND	266	0.6224	1,064,136	1,493	747	-	(10,033)	10,033	1,066,375
ISLE OF WIGHT	5,026	0.3632	19,707,738	15,039	7,543	-	(100,986)	100,986	19,730,319
JAMES CITY	7,981	0.6228	19,547,788	39,073	19,597	-	(6,609)	6,609	19,606,458
KING GEORGE	3,056	0.3514	11,689,950	7,632	3,828	-	(20,439)	20,439	11,701,411
KING AND QUEEN	880	0.3658	4,428,777	2,482	1,244	-	(40,443)	40,443	4,432,503
KING WILLIAM	1,937	0.3459	8,461,275	4,665	2,340	-	(19,396)	19,396	8,468,280
LANCASTER	1,370	0.6258	3,833,698	6,732	3,371	-	(30,131)	30,131	3,843,801
LEE	3,736	0.1859	21,154,536	5,163	2,603	-	(155,532)	155,532	21,162,303
LOUDOUN	39,676	0.6851	88,480,552	195,119	97,861	-	(157,518)	157,518	88,773,531
LOUISA	4,255	0.6086	11,763,086	20,840	10,452	-	(60,349)	60,349	11,794,378
LUNENBURG	1,745	0.2481	9,224,974	3,451	1,732	-	(84,548)	84,548	9,230,156
MADISON	1,773	0.4150	7,352,994	6,143	3,089	-	(60,855)	60,855	7,362,226
MATHEWS	1,338	0.4786	4,911,739	4,584	2,300	-	(22,659)	22,659	4,918,623
MECKLENBURG	4,928	0.3346	21,573,113	11,339	5,688	-	(182,583)	182,583	21,590,140
MIDDLESEX	1,268	0.5572	4,303,151	5,744	2,887	-	(24,050)	24,050	4,311,782
MONTGOMERY	9,215	0.3875	36,830,629	29,995	15,043	-	(156,207)	156,207	36,875,667
NELSON	1,990	0.4831	7,295,173	8,006	4,023	-	(44,291)	44,291	7,307,202
NEW KENT	2,548	0.4219	9,483,050	8,177	4,101	-	(16,580)	16,580	9,495,328
NORTHAMPTON	1,984	0.3407	9,643,229	5,378	2,697	-	(92,786)	92,786	9,651,304
NORTHUMBERLAND	1,421	0.5972	4,126,872	6,469	3,239	-	(31,657)	31,657	4,136,580
NOTTOWAY	2,348	0.2451	12,001,211	4,498	2,230	-	(62,329)	62,329	12,007,939
ORANGE	3,984	0.4221	14,740,516	13,334	6,688	-	(83,418)	83,418	14,760,538
PAGE	3,580	0.2959	15,901,450	7,413	3,718	-	(90,892)	90,892	15,912,581
PATRICK	2,619	0.2813	11,924,516	5,221	2,614	-	(62,035)	62,035	11,932,351
PITTSYLVANIA	8,687	0.2793	39,702,096	19,251	9,657	-	(290,626)	290,626	39,731,004
POWHATAN	4,005	0.3956	14,621,571	11,469	5,753	-	(50,963)	50,963	14,638,793
PRINCE EDWARD	2,745	0.3108	12,604,488	6,981	3,502	-	(75,682)	75,682	12,614,970
PRINCE GEORGE	6,046	0.2596	26,345,284	10,988	5,510	-	(67,183)	67,183	26,361,782
PRINCE WILLIAM	61,602	0.3895	236,822,140	170,552	85,540	-	(538,997)	538,997	237,078,232
PULASKI	4,985	0.3263	21,123,052	12,519	6,279	-	(89,487)	89,487	21,141,850
RAPPAHANNOCK	1,051	0.7170	2,669,489	6,637	3,329	-	(14,526)	14,526	2,679,455
RICHMOND	1,205	0.3455	4,902,723	2,841	1,429	-	(23,728)	23,728	4,906,994
ROANOKE	14,396	0.4177	51,754,350	46,300	23,222	-	(200,141)	200,141	51,823,872
ROCKBRIDGE	2,810	0.4271	10,773,817	9,097	4,563	-	(57,690)	57,690	10,787,477

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ROCKINGHAM	11,019	0.3516	43,028,789	32,119	16,109	-	(202,453)	202,453	43,077,017
RUSSELL	4,130	0.2548	19,614,252	8,250	4,128	-	(164,841)	164,841	19,626,631
SCOTT	3,741	0.2286	18,764,819	6,092	3,055	-	(109,137)	109,137	18,773,965
SHENANDOAH	5,725	0.3825	22,136,437	16,245	8,147	-	(102,913)	102,913	22,160,828
SMYTH	4,994	0.2498	24,292,929	9,564	4,797	(34,601)	(70,660)	70,660	24,272,690
SOUTHAMPTON	2,743	0.2919	13,600,082	7,122	3,564	-	(66,690)	66,690	13,610,768
SPOTSYLVANIA	22,534	0.3548	85,314,508	57,237	28,708	-	(276,380)	276,380	85,400,453
STAFFORD	25,152	0.3296	92,326,455	56,557	28,366	-	(209,147)	209,147	92,411,377
SURRY	1,090	0.8000	2,286,482	5,778	2,893	-	(21,992)	21,992	2,295,153
SUSSEX	1,338	0.3003	6,491,675	2,654	1,341	-	(69,509)	69,509	6,495,669
TAZEWELL	7,013	0.2678	32,786,970	13,874	6,958	-	(198,412)	198,412	32,807,802
WARREN	5,325	0.3781	19,787,010	14,551	7,298	-	(92,614)	92,614	19,808,860
WASHINGTON	7,108	0.3484	28,238,648	16,155	8,103	-	(199,653)	199,653	28,262,907
WESTMORELAND	1,868	0.3719	7,831,720	5,776	2,887	-	(46,733)	46,733	7,840,383
WISE	6,620	0.2146	32,060,142	10,115	5,076	-	(270,436)	270,436	32,075,333
WYTHE	4,272	0.3125	18,524,407	9,983	4,998	-	(139,391)	139,391	18,539,389
YORK	12,013	0.3792	42,600,638	31,587	15,842	-	(87,283)	87,283	42,648,067
ALEXANDRIA	10,892	0.8000	22,002,171	69,310	34,762	-	(171,678)	171,678	22,106,243
BRISTOL	2,293	0.3748	10,482,790	6,502	3,256	-	(51,695)	51,695	10,492,548
BUENA VISTA	1,069	0.2373	5,366,329	1,825	916	-	(48,124)	48,124	5,369,069
CHARLOTTESVILLE	4,171	0.5710	16,276,511	23,697	11,886	(69,202)	(81,978)	81,978	16,242,892
COLONIAL HEIGHTS	2,797	0.4755	8,973,404	9,779	4,905	-	(15,737)	15,737	8,988,089
COVINGTON	858	0.3407	3,923,707	2,075	1,028	-	(35,033)	35,033	3,926,811
DANVILLE	7,225	0.2927	32,571,820	18,243	9,152	-	(227,593)	227,593	32,599,214
FALLS CHURCH	1,885	0.8000	3,473,304	11,123	5,578	-	(5,531)	5,531	3,490,006
FREDERICKSBURG	2,450	0.7011	5,990,885	12,654	6,346	-	(33,092)	33,092	6,009,885
GALAX	1,333	0.3378	5,361,208	2,569	1,289	-	(29,471)	29,471	5,365,066
HAMPTON	22,795	0.2613	103,362,101	50,071	25,113	4,232	(503,130)	503,130	103,441,517
HARRISONBURG	4,167	0.5286	13,543,237	15,634	7,842	-	(46,535)	46,535	13,566,713
HOPEWELL	3,845	0.2496	18,041,032	7,152	3,579	-	(76,670)	76,670	18,051,763
LYNCHBURG	8,743	0.3833	36,267,817	31,022	15,560	-	(169,807)	169,807	36,314,399
MARTINSVILLE	2,686	0.2990	12,006,714	6,468	3,245	-	(57,043)	57,043	12,016,427
NEWPORT NEWS	31,585	0.2675	140,062,209	74,021	37,126	-	(547,532)	547,532	140,173,357
NORFOLK	34,071	0.2655	165,348,996	74,404	37,320	(69,202)	(771,769)	771,769	165,391,518
NORTON	686	0.3435	3,066,025	1,746	870	-	(29,154)	29,154	3,068,640
PETERSBURG	5,305	0.2196	27,682,015	7,123	3,632	-	(132,685)	132,685	27,692,769
PORTSMOUTH	15,669	0.2164	78,175,501	23,038	11,764	-	(416,684)	416,684	78,210,303
RADFORD	1,531	0.3232	6,238,198	3,197	1,595	-	(32,396)	32,396	6,242,990
RICHMOND CITY	24,249	0.4456	102,728,447	96,139	48,091	(138,403)	(633,132)	633,132	102,734,274

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DIVISION	Unadjusted ADM	Composite Index	Introduced FY 2004 Distribution ^{2,3}	Update Sales Tax Distribution for Corrected Census	Increase Sales Tax Estimate in FY 2004 by \$4.5 Million	Updates for Projected FY 2004 Participation ¹	Move Grant to SOQ		Recommended FY 2004 Distribution ^{2,3}
							Student Achievement Block Grant	Health Insurance Premium Supplement	
ROANOKE CITY	13,082	0.3949	55,650,358	39,016	19,579	-	(337,773)	337,773	55,708,953
STAUNTON	2,629	0.3959	13,199,631	9,676	4,870	(103,802)	(45,648)	45,648	13,110,375
SUFFOLK	13,105	0.3018	57,371,373	31,229	15,663	-	(177,031)	177,031	57,418,266
VIRGINIA BEACH	75,360	0.3394	285,901,092	196,780	98,720	-	(825,816)	825,816	286,196,592
WAYNESBORO	2,921	0.3651	10,992,731	8,180	4,102	-	(22,194)	22,194	11,005,013
WILLIAMSBURG	723	0.8000	2,854,119	4,656	2,335	(34,601)	(80,848)	80,848	2,826,508
WINCHESTER	3,509	0.5587	11,082,171	14,639	7,342	78,331	(34,976)	34,976	11,182,482
FAIRFAX CITY	2,736	0.8000	4,931,522	(127,573)	8,885	-	(870)	870	4,812,833
FRANKLIN CITY	1,368	0.3173	6,836,411	3,056	1,534	-	(22,813)	22,813	6,841,001
CHESAPEAKE CITY	39,643	0.3344	157,791,903	103,694	52,008	-	(640,333)	640,333	157,947,605
LEXINGTON	659	0.4544	2,296,709	1,616	810	-	(4,544)	4,544	2,299,135
EMPORIA	962	0.2889	4,548,764	2,083	1,047	-	(3,445)	3,445	4,551,893
SALEM	3,860	0.4166	13,180,457	11,831	5,906	-	(41,082)	41,082	13,198,193
BEDFORD CITY	974	0.3446	4,127,991	2,388	1,197	-	(1,247)	1,247	4,131,576
POQUOSON	2,505	0.3294	9,234,026	5,567	2,792	-	(17,920)	17,920	9,242,385
MANASSAS CITY	6,597	0.4109	24,880,224	21,022	10,544	-	(65,999)	65,999	24,911,789
MANASSAS PARK	2,441	0.3200	11,043,964	4,924	2,469	-	(34,161)	34,161	11,051,357
COLONIAL BEACH	549	0.2921	2,679,875	995	499	-	(31,067)	31,067	2,681,369
WEST POINT	743	0.2823	3,376,697	1,131	578	-	(19,264)	19,264	3,378,406
			4,212,351,356	(2,795,474)	1,985,562	(367,247)	(16,915,113)	16,915,113	4,211,174,197

Note: This analysis includes state funds for Standards of Quality (Group I), Incentive-Based accounts (Group II), and Categorical accounts (Group 3). Federal funds are not included in this analysis.

¹Updated participation reflects actual contract costs in State-operated programs, actual participation in the Early Reading initiative, to adjust payments to the Governor's Schools for students from James City County, and an adjustment to include Winchester in Summer School payments.

²Estimated distributions are based on projected average daily membership (ADM) and participation rates. Final entitlements will be calculated based on actual March 31 ADM and/or final participation rates.

³Includes VPSA Technology grants from non-general funds.

**Education: Elementary &
Secondary**Department Of Education, Central
Office Operations

Language

Language:

Page 124, after line 58, insert:

"S.1. The Board of Education and the Superintendent of Public Education shall convene a task force to develop a plan for consolidating services for the deaf and/or blind and multi-disabled students served by Virginia's two schools for these students. The task force shall include at least one member of the board of visitors of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind at Staunton, the board of visitors of the Virginia School for the Deaf, Blind, and Multi-Disabled at Hampton, and the Advisory Commission on the Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind; and a parent representative from each school.

2. The plan shall include an examination of appropriate academic programs, staffing requirements, facilities requirements, student transportation requirements, and individual arrangements necessary for all students currently receiving services to continue receiving services. All options for serving students shall be considered. The plan shall also include the steps necessary to achieve consolidation, funding requirements and/or savings, alternative uses of facilities, and a suggested timeline for achieving consolidation.

3. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the task force in its development of the plan, upon request. The task force shall submit its plan to the Governor, the Chairmen of the House Appropriations, House Education, Senate Finance, and Senate Education and Health Committees by November 1, 2003."

Explanation:

(This amendment is self-explanatory.)

**Education: Elementary &
Secondary**

Department Of Education, Central

Language

Office Operations

Language:

Page 124, after line 58, insert:

"S. The Board of Education shall consider the caseload standards for speech-language pathologists as part of its review of the Standards of Quality, pursuant to Section 22.1-18.01, Code of Virginia."

Explanation:

(This amendment would require the Board of Education to consider caseload standards for speech-language pathologists in its current review of the adequacy of the Standards of Quality.)

Elementary & Secondary Education Subcommittee

Item 145 #12h

**Education: Elementary &
Secondary**

Direct Aid To Public Education

Language

Language:

Page 131, line 49, after "147", insert:

"(Basic Aid Payments)".

Page 131, line 51, strike "Student Achievement Grants" and insert:

"Health Insurance Premiums Supplement".

Page 132, line 4, after "Prevention", strike remainder of line.

Page 132, strike line 5.

Page 132, strike line 6 and insert "."

Explanation:

(This amendment would use the funding proposed for a Student Achievement Block Grant in the introduced budget to instead fund increased health insurance premium costs in Basic Aid under the Standards of Quality. Funding inflation for health care insurance premiums was a recommendation of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission report, *Review of Elementary and Secondary School Funding*. A companion amendment in Item 147 establishes the Health Insurance Premiums Supplement.)

Elementary & Secondary Education Subcommittee

Item 147 #26h

**Education: Elementary &
Secondary**

Direct Aid To Public Education

Language

Language:

Page 141, line 15, after "remediation", strike "and".

Page 141, line 16, strike "Standards of Learning remediation".

Page 155, after line 20, insert:

"e. Funds provided through the Standards of Learning Remediation program are subject to the reporting requirements established by § 22.1-199.2, Code of Virginia, and set out in the Board of Education's regulations (8-VAC-20-630)."

Explanation:

(This amendment would remove the provision that allowed Standards of Learning Remediation to be block granted with the Standards of Quality remediation funding school divisions receive, in order to restore reporting requirements on the use of the Standards of Learning Remediation funding.)

Elementary & Secondary Education Subcommittee

Item 147 #27h

**Education: Elementary &
Secondary**

Direct Aid To Public Education

Language

Language:

Page 143, after line 37, insert:

"k. 1) From the amounts transferred to this item from the Dropout Prevention program, the School Health Incentive Payments program, and the Technology Support Payments program, a total estimated at \$16,915,113 the second year from the general fund shall be dispersed to school divisions in the same manner as it would have been paid to school divisions under each of the originating programs. These payments to school divisions shall constitute the state's share of funding for a Health Insurance Premiums Supplement payment for the state share of increased health insurance premium costs experienced by school divisions.

2) Local governments shall match these funds based on the composite index of local ability-to-pay."

Page 156, line 5, after "Item", insert:

"to Basic Aid Payments".

Page 156, line 6, strike "Student Achievement Grants" and insert:

"Health Insurance Premiums Supplement".

Page 156, line 11, after "Payments", strike remainder of line.

Page 156, strike line 12 and insert "."

Page 157, line 29, after "Item", insert:

"to Basic Aid Payments".

Page 157, line 30, strike "Student Achievement Grants" and insert:

"Health Insurance Premiums Supplement".

Page 157, line 35, after "Payments", strike remainder of line.

Page 157, strike line 36 and insert "."

Page 158, strike lines 14 through 52.

Page 159, strike lines 1 through 4.

Explanation:

(This amendment would use the funding proposed for a Student Achievement Block Grant in the introduced budget to instead fund increased health insurance premium costs in Basic Aid under the Standards of Quality. Funding inflation for health care insurance premiums was a recommendation of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission report, *Review of Elementary and Secondary School Funding.*)