

## Executive

The 2004-06 budget, as adopted, includes a total of \$20.9 million GF the first year and \$21.0 million GF the second year for Statewide Executive Offices, including the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Office for Substance Abuse Prevention, Virginia Liaison Office, and Contributions for Interstate Organizations. This represents a net increase of \$61,484 (0.15 percent) for the biennium when compared to the adjusted appropriation for current operations.

A series of technical amendments provides additional funds for risk management, state employee workers' compensation premiums, and rental charges for office space at the seat of government. Other technical amendments capture savings associated with the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA), and restore funds for certain in-house information technology activities excluded from VITA.

- **Office of the Attorney General**
  - ***Debt Collection.*** Provides \$115,408 NGF the first year and \$125,628 NGF the second year and two (2.0) FTE positions each year to enable the Division of Debt Collection to increase the amount of outstanding receivables collected on behalf of state agencies. In addition, language is included to clarify debt collection procedures, consistent with legislation adopted by the 2004 General Assembly (Chapter 919).
    - These procedures clarify that all revenues generated by the Division, less any cost of recovery, from receivables collected on behalf of state agencies are to be deposited into a new Debt Collection Recovery Fund. Language sets forth the distribution of the amounts in the Fund, including amounts to be returned to the general fund. The Secretary of Finance is authorized to make exceptions, based on a determination that such collections are more appropriately returned to the fund source in which such receivables are due.
    - The threshold below which the Division of Debt Collection is authorized to contract with private collection agents is increased from \$1,000 to \$15,000.