

Technology

The adopted 2004-06 biennial appropriation for Technology agencies provides \$15.8 million GF and \$66.2 million NGF. This reflects reduced appropriations for the Innovative Technology Authority and supplanting general funds with internal service fund charges for the Virginia Information Technology Agency (VITA). The appropriation for the Innovative Technology Authority reflects a reduction of \$3.8 million GF the second year to implement the phase-out of general fund support for the Center for Innovative Technology by FY 2008.

- **Innovative Technology Authority**
 - *Reduce GF Support for CIT in FY 2006.* The appropriation for the Innovative Technology Authority reflects a \$3.8 million GF reduction the second year to implement the phase-out of general fund support for the Center for Innovative Technology by FY 2008. This represents a reduction of 50 percent in the second year compared to FY 2004 funding levels.
- **Virginia Information Technologies Agency**
 - *Efficiency Savings.* Creates a reversion clearing account to capture savings achieved by VITA in the areas of technology enhancements, operational efficiencies or other cost-containment measures. The general fund portion of the savings achieved by VITA initiatives is projected to be \$1.6 million in FY 2006. Such savings would be transferred to VITA. A related item in Part 3 transfers the anticipated \$3.5 million nongeneral fund portion of VITA generated savings as well.
 - *E-911 Network Improvements.* Provides an increase of \$1.0 million NGF each year from the E-911 Fund to be used to increase network responsiveness and support new technologies and wireless data services. This increase is to remain unallotted until the expenditure has been approved by the Wireless E-911 Services Board.
 - *VITA Exclusions.* Two amendments exempted certain agencies or portions thereof from consolidation with the Virginia Information Technologies Agency. The Virginia Port Authority is entirely excluded from VITA oversight, and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services is exempt to the extent that it would adversely impact the provision of services to mentally disabled clients.

- ***VITA Consolidation Schedule.*** Language was included in the appropriation act providing the Information Technology Investment Board (ITIB) the authority to postpone the implementation of any state agency into VITA.
- ***Delegation of ITIB Responsibilities.*** Includes language clarifying that the Information Technology Investment Board shall not delegate duties to the Chairman of the Board and shall utilize the Chief Information Officer to arrange Board and committee meetings and develop agendas.
- ***DHRM Review of VITA Compensation Actions.*** The Department of Human Resources Management is directed to review compensation action for employees of VITA and, no later than November 1 of each year, report its findings to the ITIB and the General Assembly.