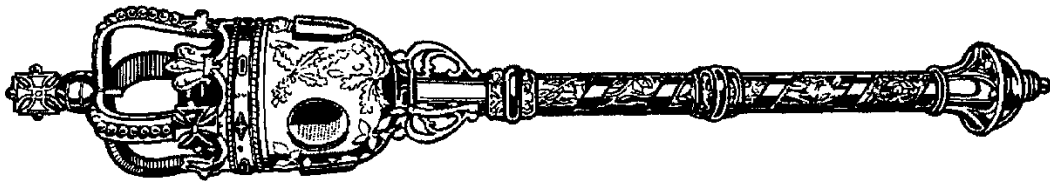


*Report of the
House Appropriations
Subcommittee*

on

Higher Education



House Bill 1500

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REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Higher Education Subcommittee, I am pleased to offer budget recommendations that address the priorities of the Commonwealth's institutions and advance our shared commitment to superior and affordable colleges and universities.

Mr. Chairman, last year we made an historic investment in higher education; this year the Subcommittee's recommendations build on that effort. Our recommendations continue to focus on addressing student enrollment and base operating needs. To that end the higher education budget reflects an additional investment of \$21.4 million over last year. This is \$5.1 million more than the Governor's proposed budget.

By focusing our resources toward enrollment growth and base operating needs, the Subcommittee continues to provide the incentive for colleges and universities to keep the increases to tuition and required fees reasonable. However, some tuition increases will take place this biennium; therefore, the Subcommittee also recommends \$7 million for undergraduate student financial aid to ensure access to and continue to meet student needs at our public institutions. In addition, the Subcommittee has recommended an additional \$3.5 million for the Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG) program. This is \$1.7 million more than the Governor's proposed budget, with the extra funding focused on undergraduate Virginians attending the Commonwealth's private institutions. The increased funding will increase the annualized TAG award for undergraduate students to \$2,800 beginning in the spring of 2006.

In addition to the above recommendations, the Subcommittee is pleased to continue funding the requirements for the Medical Education campus of Northern Virginia Community College. To that end, the Subcommittee recommends \$2.4 million in new general funds to support faculty and staff in training more students to respond to the demands to increase the number of health care professionals.

The Subcommittee also recommends \$2 million and 38 positions to implement the staffing plan of the Virginia Extension program to support research, extension, education and economic development efforts throughout the Commonwealth, especially in rural areas.

The Subcommittee also tackled two significant issues that will begin to chart a new course for higher education. First, the Subcommittee heard testimony regarding the creation of a new public university in Southside Virginia. While the case is compelling that a higher education presence will assist in transforming the region, the Subcommittee supports the recommendations of our State Council of Higher Education that a thorough academic needs assessment is required. The Subcommittee recommends \$100,000 to conduct this assessment and that SCHEV be directed to bring solid recommendations back to this Committee before the 2006 Session.

The House unanimously passed House Bill 2071 which continues the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center as an independent entity, similar to other higher education centers in Virginia. To ensure that the Center is funded equitably, the Subcommittee recommends \$800,000 for the Southern Higher Education Center as well as the transfer of its budget of about \$440,000 from Longwood University.

In addition, Mr. Chairman, the Subcommittee also spent a considerable amount of time examining higher education reforms. The Subcommittee recommended, and the House Appropriations Committee reported, two bills which may be the most significant change to higher education in our history. In order to accomplish the various

tasks envisioned in this reform, SCHEV will need an infusion of resources. Therefore, the Subcommittee recommends nearly \$600,000, including six positions, for the State Council of Higher Education and directs the Council to take its watchdog role seriously and to keep the Legislature informed.

In other education areas, the Subcommittee recommends \$2 million for the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation to support education programs, staffing needs, and promotions to accommodate increased visitation and revenue-generating activities leading up to 2007 and the celebration of 400 years of Virginia history.

Finally, I would like to thank Delegate Tata and the work of his Subcommittee, which enables us to recommend another three percent faculty salary increase effective December 2005.

Mr. Chairman, details of our Subcommittee recommendations are attached, and I hope that it will be the pleasure of the Committee to adopt them.

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2004-06 BIENNIAL TOTAL

<u>General</u>	<u>Nongeneral</u>	<u>FTE</u>
<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>FTE</u>

State Council Of Higher Education For Virginia

TAG Grants	1,700,000	0	0.00
Restore VWIL	150,000	0	0.00
Operating Support for Decentralization Efforts	400,000	0	6.00
Assess Southside Postsecondary Needs	100,000	0	0.00

Christopher Newport University

NGF Technical Adjustment	0	2,500,000	0.00
Remove Graduate Fin Aid	(14,000)	0	0.00

The College Of William And Mary In Virginia

Eliminate New Initiative for Dual Enrollment	(155,802)	0	0.00
Require NGF for Out-of-State Graduate Aid	(146,425)	351,579	0.00

Richard Bland College

NGF Technical Adjustment	0	100,000	0.00
Increase for Base Operating and Enrollment	50,000	0	0.00

Virginia Institute Of Marine Science

Operating Support	190,000	0	0.00
Clean Marina	90,000	0	0.00

George Mason University

Increase for Base Operating and Enrollment	1,886,487	0	0.00
NGF Technical Adjustment	0	13,200,000	0.00
Require NGF for Out-of-State Graduate Aid	(142,719)	447,139	0.00

James Madison University

Increase for Base Operating and Enrollment	500,000	0	0.00
Require NGF for Out-of-State Graduate Aid	(18,000)	136,680	0.00

Longwood University

Increase for Base Operating and Enrollment	1,200,000	60,000	0.00
Transfer of SVHEC Funding	(443,855)	0	(7.00)
Remove Graduate Fin Aid	(14,000)	0	0.00

Southern Virginia Higher Education Center

So. Va. HEC Base Funding and Transfer from Longwoo	1,243,855	400,000	17.00
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University Of Mary Washington

NGF Technical Adjustment	0	600,000	0.00
Remove Graduate Fin Aid	(14,000)	0	0.00

Norfolk State University

Require NGF for Out-of-State Graduate Aid	(18,247)	37,085	0.00
Financial Aid	150,000	0	0.00

Old Dominion University

Increase for Base Operating and Enrollment	650,000	0	0.00
Remove New Initiative for Research Funding	(412,500)	0	0.00
Require NGF for Out-of-State Graduate Aid	(107,356)	753,870	0.00

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Radford University

NGF Technical Adjustment	0	550,000	0.00
Require NGF for Out-of-State Graduate Aid	(18,000)	175,947	0.00

University Of Virginia

State Arboretum	100,000	0	1.00
Center for Politics	50,000	0	0.00
Remove New Initiative for Research Funding	(1,012,500)	0	0.00
Eliminate New Initiative for Nanotechnology	(155,000)	0	0.00
NGF Technical Adjustment	0	1,300,000	0.00
NGF Financial Aid Adjustment	0	350,000	0.00
Require NGF for Out-of-State Graduate Aid	(669,858)	757,005	0.00

University Of Virginia's College At Wise

Increase for Base Operating and Enrollment	650,000	0	0.00
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Virginia Commonwealth University

Center on Aging Alzheimer's Research	80,000	0	0.00
Eliminate New Initiative Harris Institute	(100,000)	0	0.00
Palliative Care Program Support	250,000	0	0.00
Require NGF for Out-of-State Graduate Aid	(402,704)	666,149	0.00

Virginia Community College System

Northern Virginia Medical Education Campus	1,200,000	295,665	22.00
Eliminate New Initiative for Dual Enrollment	(408,750)	0	0.00
Eliminate New Initiative for Industry Certificates	(1,103,288)	0	0.00
Heavy Equipment and Diesel Technician Program	200,000	0	0.00

Virginia Polytechnic Institute And State University

Restore Mobile Chemistry Lab	120,000	0	0.00
Remove New Initiative for Research Funding	(1,075,000)	0	0.00
NGF Technical Adjustment	0	8,500,000	0.00
Require NGF for Out-of-State Graduate Aid	(854,350)	1,033,250	0.00

Virginia Cooperative Extension And Agricultural Experiment Station

Extension Staffing	2,000,000	0	38.00
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Virginia State University

Require NGF for Out-of-State Graduate Aid	(26,245)	39,955	0.00
NGF Technical Adjustment	0	350,000	0.00
Financial Aid	150,000	0	0.00

Eastern Virginia Medical School

Base Operating Support	125,000	0	0.00
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Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation

Public Education Programs	2,000,000	0	21.00
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Jamestown 2007

Jamestown 2007 V-400 Fund	Language	1,000,000	0.00
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The Library Of Virginia

Increase nongeneral fund positions	0	0	3.00
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The Science Museum Of Virginia

Continue Science Museum of Western Virginia	75,000	0	0.00
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Conference Hosting Costs	50,000	0	0.00
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Virginia Museum Of Fine Arts

Service Fee in Lieu of Taxes	158,513	0	0.00
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Central Appropriations

Southside University Planning	(1,500,000)	0	0.00
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Grand Totals

	6,706,256	33,604,324	101.00
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