

# Legislative

The amendments, as adopted, for the Legislative Department add \$336,744 GF and reduce nongeneral fund appropriations by \$126,005 the second year. The amendments increase the total biennial general fund appropriation by 0.3 percent.

- **General Assembly of Virginia**
  - *Session Per Diems.* Provides \$138,741 GF the second year to provide the legislative assistants for members of the General Assembly with per diem payments equal to those received by legislators per session day. Currently, these assistants receive per diems equal to 85 percent of the payments received by legislators.
  - *Designation of Legislative Assistants.* Language is included to clarify the designation of the personal assistants to each member as “Legislative,” as opposed to “Administrative,” Assistants.
- **Division of Legislative Services**
  - *Session Summary.* Adds \$15,000 NGF each year to reflect the sales revenue from the distribution of the Session Summary. The Division has reached an agreement through which LexisNexis will publish the summary and the Division will receive the greater of \$15,000 or 15 percent of the total sales revenue.
  - *Chesapeake Bay Commission.* Provides \$30,000 GF the second year to increase Virginia’s contribution to the Chesapeake Bay Commission Compact from \$160,000 to \$190,000, consistent with similar actions by Pennsylvania and Maryland.
  - *Joint Commission on Administrative Rules.* Provides \$20,000 GF the second year for commission expenses.
  - *Commission on Electric Utility Restructuring.* Provides \$15,000 GF the second year for commission expenses.
  - *Disabilities Commission.* Includes \$25,000 GF the second year to support the work of the commission, which involves reviewing services and funding issues concerning Virginians with disabilities.
  - *Virginia Crime Commission.* Provides \$88,000 GF the second year to replace federal grants that will no longer be available.

- *Virginia Housing Study Commission.* Includes \$20,000 GF the second year for member per diems and eliminates a nongeneral fund appropriation that is no longer available.
- *Joint Commission on Health Care.* Includes language directing the commission to study federal funding for HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment.
- **Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC)**
  - *Home and Community Based Services.* Directs JLARC to study the adequacy of Medicaid reimbursement rates for home and community-based care services.
  - *Assisted Living Services.* Directs JLARC to report on the impact of regulatory changes included in House Bill 2512 and Senate Bill 1183 of the 2005 Session on providers of assisted living services and the quality of care provided in these settings.