



Report of the Subcommittee on
Health and Human Resources

(Amendments to SB 29
And SB 30 as Introduced)

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REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

It gives me great pleasure to come before you and detail the targeted investments the subcommittee has made in health and human resources.

It goes without saying -- but I'm going to say it anyway -- this is one of the most difficult subcommittees to work on. We wrestle with gut-wrenching decisions every year. And we carefully weigh compelling and competing demands for new programs, additional waiver slots, higher payment rates or expanded services. Once again this year, we rolled up our sleeves, sharpened our pencils, and carefully crafted the spending plan we bring before you today.

The health and human resources budget will look familiar to many of you. **First**, we focused on strengthening our existing programs. **Second**, we addressed gaps in our current system. **Third**, we examined innovative programs and services. And, last but not least, we looked for savings and efficiencies where they could be found.

With regard to the Governor's introduced budget, we fully fund projected increases in Medicaid, CSA, adoption programs, and prescription drugs for the mentally disabled. We endorse the restructuring of the mental health and mental retardation system, but remain concerned about the reduction of beds, especially in our mental health treatment facilities. So we propose funding to address what we saw were gaps in the initial proposal.

Strengthening Existing Programs

Last year we argued that expanding health care services to more children in Medicaid and FAMIS was a false promise if no providers were there to deliver needed care. We persuaded the General Assembly to increase rates for dental services by an unprecedented 30 percent to entice dentists back to our program and ensure dental access for children. It was a prudent investment, and the dividends are beginning to pour in.

In the first six months of this fiscal year, 135 new dentists have enrolled in our dental programs, expanding access to Amelia, Brunswick, Charles City, Madison, and Prince George counties where none existed before. And new children's dental health centers are slated to open in Richmond and Roanoke this year.

Like last year, we made the difficult decision to provide a significant albeit targeted increase to ensure that the services we promise are actually delivered to children enrolled in Medicaid and FAMIS. Accordingly, this budget includes a 15 percent rate increase for pediatric services to ensure that children 21 and younger can be seen by a pediatrician, primary care physician, or nurse practitioner. When combined with the five percent rate increase that will take effect on May 1st of this year, pediatric service rates will increase by 20 percent. It should be clear to us all that primary care is more cost-effective when delivered in a doctor's office than in an emergency room. We do not make the decision to target our resources lightly; we anticipate and **expect** results.

We endorse the Governor's decision to provide additional funding for hospitals, nursing homes, and adult day health care providers. For those providers who in frustration might ask "what about us?" We know more needs to be done. Our system is not viable without sufficient resources to compensate our partners who deliver the care we ask.

Other initiatives designed to strengthen our current system include:

- Funding for home-delivered meals and day programs for the elderly that are provided through local area agencies on aging;
- Enhancing brain injury services provided through centers for independent living;
- Increasing the amount of money a waiver recipient can retain to allow them to live in the community;
- Raising the auxiliary grant rate to allow providers to meet regulations passed last session and deliver quality care; and
- Expanding services provided by community action agencies.

Reform and Innovation

Our subcommittee doesn't talk about reform, we fund reform. From health care to CSA to social services, we must improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our programs and services, and we believe this budget accomplishes that goal. We include funding to:

- Integrate long-term and acute care through the PACE program, which shows promise to restrain the rising cost of health and long-term care;
- Allow localities to create community-based alternatives to high-cost, residential facilities in CSA; and
- Encourage the adoption of electronic health records that should reduce medical errors, avoid duplication, and streamline service delivery.

Mentally Disabled Persons

As I mentioned earlier, this budget endorses the mental health restructuring initiative included in the introduced budget. But it is imperative that we do this right. To get it right, we propose to:

- Expand jail diversion programs that steer individuals away from our overburdened jails, ensure services for those leaving jails, and enhance services provided in jail-based settings;
- Increase mental health services provided through our free clinics and community health centers and test community-based alternatives to inpatient methadone treatment in rural and urban settings; and
- Add 100 developmental disabilities (DD) waiver slots under the Medicaid program for the needs of children with autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy or other illnesses who are currently being cared for at home by some of the most dedicated, hard-working Virginians.

Sexually Violent Predators

One of the most difficult issues we wrestled with this year is the expansion of the sexually violent predator program. There is no question that the most serious sex offenders at risk of re-offending must be civilly committed. But we also see a program that will cost the state upwards of \$110,000 per person at our new and more efficient facility in Nottoway County. Let me remind you, the average general fund cost of an MR waiver is \$31,000. Now you see why we were torn.

When faced with this choice, we had to sharpen our pencils. We put our heads together with the Public Safety Subcommittee, and we also did some poking around in other states. What we found is that the state of Texas, no slouch when it comes to “law and order”, created an outpatient-only sex offender treatment program in 1999. In fact, President Bush signed the bill when he was Governor.

Texas' program not only works – there has been zero recidivism for sex-related offenses -- but the cost of monitoring and treating someone in Texas is one-third the cost of other states' programs. As good stewards of the Commonwealth's resources, we recognize a cost-effective option when we see one.

Building upon Texas' model, Senator Stolle in the Public Safety Subcommittee's report will highlight the creation of an Intensive Community Containment Program. This initiative will not only allow us to conditionally release up to 60 individuals under intensive supervision and GPS monitoring, but it will relieve pressure to build additional beds at the 100 bed inpatient facility planned in Nottoway County.

Conclusion

I will conclude as I began. This subcommittee has a difficult charge. We put our heads and our hearts into this task. When we pieced together this plan, we remember the faces and stories of those who showed up to testify at our public hearings last month. We recall the mother who desperately seeks a waiver slot for her brother, the parent who explains how much early intervention services has meant to his child AND his family, and the child who asks us to expand substance abuse services, so other children don't have to see their grandmother buried prematurely. These are the difficult choices we face. And what I present to you today is the tough decisions we have made.

Health and Human Resources Budget (FY 2006-08)

Senate Subcommittee on Health and Human Resources

	FY 2007 GF	FY 2008 GF	Biennium GF
<u>Secretary of Health and Human Resources</u>			
Long-term Care Information Campaign			Language
<u>Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) for At-risk Youth and Their Families</u>			
Community Development Infrastructure Grants	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 1,500,000
<u>Department for the Aging</u>			
Bay Aging Area Agency on Aging	\$ 390,000	\$ 390,000	\$ 780,000
Increase Home-Delivered Meals for Elderly	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 1,000,000
<u>Department for the Deaf And Hard-Of-Hearing</u>			
Virginia Relay Center			Language
<u>Department of Health</u>			
Restore \$4-for-Life Funding to Conform Language to Statute			Language
Reflect Language Changes Under Motor Vehicle Fees			Language
Office of the Chief Medical Examiners Death Investigators	\$ 195,000	\$ 195,000	\$ 390,000
Reflect Language Changes Under Vital Records Fees			Language
Correct and Remove Duplicate Language			Language
Booster Tdap Vaccine for Children	\$ 22,386	\$ 280,110	\$ 302,496
Establish State Pharmacy Assistance Program (SPAP) for HIV Recipients	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 600,000
Prostate Cancer Awareness Program	\$ 96,940	\$ 96,940	\$ 193,880
Fund the VA Cord Blood Bank Initiatives (SB 370)	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 400,000
Expand Community Health Centers in Virginia	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
Organ and Tissue Donor Registry	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 150,000
Correct CHIP of Virginia Language			Language
Phase II Operating Costs for Our Health	\$ -	\$ 135,000	\$ 135,000
Fund electronic health records initiative at \$1.5 & 2.0 million.	\$ (2,276,620)	\$ (1,276,620)	\$ (3,553,240)

	FY 2007 GF	FY 2008 GF	Biennium GF
Piedmont Access to Health Service (RN)	\$ 79,244	\$ 59,938	\$ 139,182
Advisory Committee on Electronic Health Records			Language
Prenatal, OB and Pediatric Pilot	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ 150,000
Expand Funding for Rx Partnership	\$ 58,000	\$ 63,000	\$ 121,000
Transfer Drinking Water Funding to Dept. of Housing & Community Development	\$ (2,400,000)	\$ (2,400,000)	\$ (4,800,000)
Suffolk Human Services Building - Lease Costs	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Examine Federal Grants for Trauma Centers			Language
<u>Department of Medical Assistance Services</u>			
Involuntary Mental Commitment Reimbursements			Language
Adjust appropriation for Involuntary Mental Health Commitments	\$ (1,000,000)	\$ (1,000,000)	\$ (2,000,000)
Children's Health Insurance (FAMIS Moms Program to 175%)	\$ 1,856,014	\$ 2,482,754	\$ 4,338,768
Medicaid Impact - Increase Auxiliary Grant Payment	\$ -	\$ 1,016,890	\$ 1,016,890
Increase Personal Maintenance Allowance to 180%	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 1,000,000
Medicaid Specialty Drug Program			Language
Medicaid Family Planning Waiver	\$ 72,500	\$ (2,503,667)	\$ (2,431,167)
Reduce clawback payment to reflect federal change	\$ (16,123,099)	\$ (16,123,099)	\$ (32,246,198)
Kidney Disease Testing			Language
Increase Medicaid Pediatric Services Rates by 15%	\$ -	\$ 3,705,710	\$ 3,705,710
Eliminate transfer to Uninsured Medical Catastrophe Fund			Language
Medicaid Buy-In Program	\$ 252,832	\$ 644,552	\$ 897,384
PACE Program Start-up Costs	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000
Revise Day Support Waiver to Include Supported Employment			Language
Phase in Additional 100 Slots for DD Waiver Program	\$ 1,009,553	\$ 1,586,100	\$ 2,595,653
Biennial Rebasing for Nursing Homes			Language
Adjust Appropriation for Supplemental Payment to Licensed ALFs	\$ (212,952)	\$ (212,952)	\$ (425,904)
Prior Authorization Contract Savings	\$ (1,200,000)	\$ (1,200,000)	\$ (2,400,000)
Administrative Staff for Acute and Long-term Care Integration	\$ 76,350	\$ 100,300	\$ 176,650

	FY 2007 GF	FY 2008 GF	Biennium GF
<u>Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services</u>			
Improve Process for Temporary Detention Orders			Language
Mental Health Services for Jail Diversions	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
Celebrating Special Children - <i>Moved to Non-states</i>	\$ (100,000)	\$ -	\$ (100,000)
Greater Richmond ARC - <i>Moved to Non-states</i>	\$ (750,000)	\$ -	\$ (750,000)
Increase Administrative Funding for the Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation	\$ 200,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 500,000
Madison County Mental Health Clinics			Language
Local Zoning Ordinance Report			Language
Career Ladder Program for Direct Care Associates - <i>Moved to Compensation</i>	\$ (148,658)	\$ (811,861)	\$ (960,519)
Community Health Center Behavioral Health Services	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 700,000
Free Clinic Mental Health Services	\$ 335,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 685,000
Alternative Treatment Pilots for Opiate Addiction	\$ 1,068,000	\$ 1,068,000	\$ 2,136,000
Older Adults Mental Health Services			Language
Include Start-up Funding for Day Support Waiver Under the MR Waiver			Language
Clarify Rate Increase for Waiver Services			Language
Trust Fund Reporting Requirements			Language
Clinical Evaluations for Sexually Violent Predators (SB 559)	\$ 253,125	\$ 506,250	\$ 759,375
Out of State Services Authorized			Language
Operating Costs for Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation (SB 559)	\$ -	\$ 4,280,034	\$ 4,280,034
Conditional release funding (Supervision & Treatment) (SB 559)	\$ 39,600	\$ 111,600	\$ 151,200
Global Positioning System (GPS) contract (SB 559)	\$ 101,200	\$ 285,200	\$ 386,400
<u>Department of Rehabilitative Services</u>			
Modify Language for Brain Injury Services			Language
Case Management Services for Individuals with Brain Injuries	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 600,000
Phase II Operating Costs for Our Health	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Centers for Independent Living (Brain Injury Services)	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 1,600,000

	FY 2007 GF	FY 2008 GF	Biennium GF
<u>Department of Social Services</u>			
Federal TANF Reauthorization			Language
Extend TANF Assistance for Children (SB 32)	\$ 178,308	\$ 507,492	\$ 685,800
Salary Study of Local DSS Employees			Language
Temporarily Suspend Assisted Living Regulations			Language
Increase Auxiliary Grant Payments	\$ -	\$ 960,224	\$ 960,224
Replace Adoption Subsidy Program Language			Language
Increase funding for community action agencies	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 1,200,000
Phase II Operating Costs for Our Health - Social Services	\$ -	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000
Reduce funding for Early Childhood Foundation	\$ (3,800,000)	\$ (1,800,000)	\$ (5,600,000)
Tri-County Community Action Agency	\$ 100,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 300,000
Suffolk Human Services Building - Lease Costs	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Putative Father Registry (SB 534)	\$ 132,242	\$ 97,944	\$ 230,186
Fund implementation of 2-1-1 System	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 1,000,000
Increase Coordination for Emergency Assistance	\$ 150,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 350,000
<u>Interfund Transfers</u>			
Technical correction to the vital records fee transfer			Language
TOTAL, Health and Human Resources (SB 30)	\$ (12,820,035)	\$ (440,161)	\$ (13,260,196)
<u>Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission</u>			
Report on Assisted Living Facilities Regulations			Language
Follow-up Study on Trauma Centers			Language
Report on Brain Injury Services			Language

Health and Human Resources Budget (FY 2006 - Caboose)
Senate Subcommittee on Health and Human Resources

	FY 2007 GF	FY 2008 GF	Biennium GF
<u>Department of Medical Assistance Services</u>			
Prior authorization contract savings (50 to 75% federal match)	\$ -	\$ (1,200,000)	\$ (1,200,000)
Adjust Medicaid funding for dental administrative costs	\$ -	\$ (1,979,354)	\$ (1,979,354)
Increase pharmacy rebate revenue to Virginia Health Care Fund	\$ -	\$ (4,500,000)	\$ (4,500,000)
Reduce Medicare Part D "Clawback" Payment	\$ -	\$ (6,717,958)	\$ (6,717,958)
Uninsured Medical Catastrophe Fund	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
<u>Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services</u>			
Reimburse Central VA Training Center for Ambulance Purchase	\$ -	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000
Training for judges, attorneys and staff on SVP changes	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
<u>Department of Social Services</u>			
Adjust Appropriation for Adoptin Subsidy Program	\$ -	\$ (1,000,000)	\$ (1,000,000)
Task Force on Adoptions	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
TOTAL, Health and Human Resources (SB 30)	\$ -	\$ (14,362,312)	\$ (14,362,312)

Legislative Department

Joint Legislative Audit And
Review Commission

Language

Language:

Page 14, after line 37, insert:

"E. The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) shall report on access to brain injury services in the Commonwealth. The report shall include but not be limited to the causes and prevalence of brain injuries, the array of medical and/or rehabilitative services available in Virginia, the cost of treating an individual with brain injuries, the extent to which private insurance pays for brain injury services, and how other states have addressed the needs of brain injured individuals." JLARC shall submit a final report by October 1, 2007."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires JLARC to report on the availability of brain injury services in Virginia including the extent of brain injury, the cost and array of treatment available, and how other states have approached brain injury services.)

Health And Human Resources
Comprehensive Services For
At-Risk Youth And Families

FY 06-07
\$750,000

FY 07-08
\$750,000 GF

Language:

Page 235, line 26, strike "\$264,861,138" and insert "\$265,611,138".

Page 235, line 26, strike "\$285,619,904" and insert "\$286,369,904".

Page 240, after line 12, insert:

"K. Out of this appropriation, \$750,000 from the general fund each year is for the Community Development Infrastructure Grant program. On a competitive basis, the director of CSA shall allocate funding for start-up costs to localities that are interested in developing community-based services for children and adolescents who are placed in out-of-community residential care or are at risk of such placement."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides competitive, start-up funding to localities to create innovative, community-based services that will allow children and adolescents in the CSA program to be served in local communities as opposed to high-cost, residential

facilities outside of these localities. Services may include comprehensive assessment, behavioral aides, crisis intervention and stabilization services, family support, substance abuse services, school-based services, therapeutic day treatment and foster care, intensive in-home services, and respite care.)

Health and Human Resources Subcommittee

Item 293 #17s

Health And Human Resources	FY 06-07	FY 07-08	
Department Of Health	(\$2,276,620)	(\$1,276,620)	GF

Language:

- Page 250, line 38, strike "\$13,735,416" and insert "\$11,458,796".
- Page 250, line 38, strike "\$13,235,416" and insert "\$11,958,796".
- Page 254, line 32, strike "\$3,776,620" and insert "\$1,500,000".
- Page 254, line 33, strike "\$3,276,620" and insert "\$2,000,000".
- Page 254, line 37, strike "\$176,620" and insert "\$50,000".
- Page 254, line 38, strike "\$176,620" and insert "\$50,000".
- Page 254, line 52, strike "\$3,000,000" and insert "\$800,000".
- Page 254, line 53, strike "\$3,000,000" and insert "\$1,800,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces \$2.3 million the first year and \$1.3 million the second year from the general fund for the implementation of electronic health records. The introduced budget included \$3.3 million the first year and \$3.3 million the second year. The initiative will be funded with \$1.5 million the first year and \$2.0 million the second year from the general fund. Budget language is modified to reflect grants to providers of \$800,000 the first year and \$1.8 million the second year and a reduction in funding for administrative costs.)

Health and Human Resources Subcommittee

Item 293 #20s

Health And Human Resources	FY 06-07	FY 07-08	
Department Of Health	\$150,000	\$0	GF

Language:

- Page 250, line 38, strike "\$13,735,416" and insert "\$13,885,416".
- Page 255, after line 20, insert:
 "Q. Out of this appropriation, \$150,000 from the general fund the first year shall be used for start-up costs related to pilot projects in the Northern Neck and Emporia, pursuant to Chapter 926, 2005 Acts of Assembly, to provide alternative arrangements

for prenatal and delivery services in areas where obstetrical departments at community hospitals no longer exist."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds funds to support the start-up and operation of two pilot projects in the Northern Neck and Emporia. The purpose of these pilots is to provide alternative arrangements for prenatal and delivery services in areas where obstetrical departments at community hospitals no longer exist. Funds will support the development of policies and protocols, including evaluation of the pilot projects; establishment of a 501(c)(3) corporation to administer the pilots; identification of options for medical malpractice coverage; and engagement of community partners to explore the feasibility of child-birthing in birth centers. It is expected that matching support from the communities will be obtained to renovate space and a capital fund raising campaign will be undertaken with the goal of having the centers fully operational in the second year.)

Health and Human Resources Subcommittee

Item 294 #1s

Health And Human Resources

FY 06-07

FY 07-08

Department Of Health

(\$2,400,000)

(\$2,400,000) GF

Language:

Page 255, line 21, strike "\$38,822,690" and insert "\$36,422,690".

Page 255, line 21, strike "\$38,822,690" and insert "\$36,422,690".

Page 255, line 51, strike "\$5,000,000" and insert "\$2,600,000".

Page 255, line 52, strike "\$5,000,000" and insert "\$2,600,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces \$2.4 million from the general fund each year for local drinking water projects funded through the Department of Health. The introduced budget included \$5.0 million each year. Of this amount, \$2.6 million was provided to restore a reduction in federal funding for drinking water improvement projects and \$2.4 million to expand the program to communities lacking safe and reliable drinking water. A separate amendment to Item 104 provides \$2.4 million to the Department of Housing and Community Development for drinking water and wastewater improvement projects in the Commonwealth.)

Health and Human Resources Subcommittee

Item 300 #3s

Health And Human Resources

FY 06-07

FY 07-08

Department Of Medical Assistance (\$1,000,000) (\$1,000,000) GF
Services

Language:

Page 257, line 14, strike "\$11,180,391" and insert "\$10,180,391".

Page 257, line 14, strike "\$11,180,391" and insert "\$10,180,391".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces \$1.0 million from the general fund appropriation for the involuntary mental health commitment fund to reflect recent underspending in the program. The fund pays for emergency and psychiatric services associated with temporary detention orders.)

Health and Human Resources Subcommittee

Item 302 #38s

Health And Human Resources

FY 06-07

FY 07-08

Department Of Medical Assistance
Services

\$0
\$0

\$3,705,710
\$4,478,706

GF
NGF

Language:

Page 258, line 32, strike "\$5,325,426,176" and insert "\$5,333,610,592".

Page 270, line 27, strike "three percent;" and insert "fifteen percent.".

Page 270, strike lines 28 through 30.

Page 270, line 31 strike "increased three percent.".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.7 million from the general fund and \$4.5 million from federal matching dollars to increase reimbursement rates for pediatric services by fifteen percent effective July 1, 2007. This increase applies to physicians and practitioners that deliver pediatric services to children age 21 and under served who are enrolled in Medicaid and FAMIS. Language included in the introduced budget that provided an across the board increase for Medicaid physician services is stricken and funding redirected to increase reimbursement rates for services provided to children age 21 and younger.)

Health and Human Resources Subcommittee

Item 304 #1s

Health And Human Resources

FY 06-07

FY 07-08

Department Of Medical Assistance

(\$212,952)

(\$212,952)

GF

Services

Language:

Page 272, line 9, strike "\$1,612,952" and insert "\$1,400,000".

Page 272, line 9, strike "\$1,612,952" and insert "\$1,400,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces \$212,952 from the general fund each year to adjust the program's appropriation to the level of anticipated spending. This program provides a supplemental payment of \$3.00 per day to assisted living facilities that care for individuals receiving auxiliary grants or general relief who need extra assistance. This appropriation adjustment will not affect the level of service provided.)

Health and Human Resources Subcommittee

Item 311 #8s

Health And Human Resources

FY 06-07

FY 07-08

Department Of Mental Health,
Mental Retardation And Substance
Abuse Services

\$1,000,000

\$1,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 276, line 51, strike "\$33,083,876" and insert "\$34,083,876".

Page 276, line 51, strike "\$34,218,119" and insert "\$35,218,119".

Page 280, after line 35, insert:

"V. Out of this appropriation, \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to expand community-based programs that divert individuals with mental illness from jails or for aftercare programs for individuals with mental illness who have been released from jail. The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services shall establish criteria, administer and evaluate the grants provided for this purpose. Beginning October 1, 2007, the Department shall report program information and outcomes data annually to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees and the Joint Commission on Health Care."

Explanation:

(This budget amendment provides funding for community-based programs designed to divert when possible, or otherwise provide services for, individuals with mental illness who are in jail or being released from jail. The programs have been developed at the local level and in most instances include broad-based collaboration

and agreements between such entities as judges and court personnel, sheriffs and jail personnel, community services board staff, nonprofit association personnel, probation, parole and law enforcement officers. The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services (DMHMRSAS) will be responsible for determining the programs that will receive funding and for providing oversight and evaluation of funded programs. Funding is provided to expand and not supplant current funding. DMHMRSAS will report annually to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees.)

Health and Human Resources Subcommittee

Item 311 #14s

Health And Human Resources	FY 06-07	FY 07-08	
Department Of Mental Health, Mental Retardation And Substance Abuse Services	(\$148,658)	(\$811,861)	GF

Language:

Page 276, line 51, strike "\$33,083,876" and insert "\$32,935,218".

Page 276, line 51, strike "\$34,218,119" and insert "\$33,406,258".

Page 280, strike lines 10 through 23.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes funding to implement a developmental career path program for direct care associates that work in state mental retardation training centers and state mental health treatment centers. The program is designed to reduce turnover rates that have exceeded 20 percent annually in the last five years -- twice the statewide average -- in order to improve the continuity of staff and enhance patient care. Full funding for this initiative is included in Item 461 (compensation supplements).

Health and Human Resources Subcommittee

Item 312 #14s

Health And Human Resources	
Grants To Localities	Language

Language:

Page 283, line 40, after the period insert:

"When allocating funds in Health Planning Region II, consideration shall be given to projects that are designed to provide specialized geriatric mental health services that allow individuals to be served in their home communities."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires that funding allocated within Health Planning Region II (Alexandria, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William) be considered for the development of a pilot project geared toward geriatric mental health services.)

Health and Human Resources Subcommittee

Item 317 #2s

Health And Human Resources

Mental Health Treatment Centers

Language

Language:

Page 286, after line 27, insert:

"C. Notwithstanding § 37.2-319 of the Code of Virginia, the Commissioner shall prepare a plan to address the capital and programmatic needs of other state mental health facilities and state mental retardation training centers when considering expenditures from the trust fund. No less than 30 days prior to the expenditure of funds, the Commissioner shall present an expenditure plan to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees for their review and consideration."

Explanation:

(This language amendment requires the commissioner to prepare a plan for spending resources from the Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services Trust Fund with proceeds from the sale of buildings or land at state facilities. Priority must be given to the capital and programmatic needs of other state facilities.)

Health and Human Resources Subcommittee

Item 327 #13s

Health And Human Resources

Department Of Rehabilitative Services

FY 06-07

\$800,000

FY 07-08

\$800,000 GF

Language:

Page 289, line 31, strike "\$89,560,900" and insert "\$90,360,900".

Page 289, line 31, strike "\$89,560,900" and insert "\$90,360,900".

Page 289, line 43, after "B." insert "1."

Page 289, line 43, strike "\$4,214,538" and insert "\$5,014,538".

Page 290, line 1, strike "\$4,214,538" and insert "\$5,014,538".

Page 290, line 2, after the period insert:

"2. Of this appropriation, \$800,000 from the general fund each year shall be used to expand brain injury services provided by centers for independent living."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$800,000 from the general fund each year to expand services for individuals with brain injuries, for example, peer counseling, independent living skills training, advocacy and information and referral, provided by centers for independent living. The expansion of brain injury services provided by centers for independent living may prevent or delay placement in a more costly institutional setting.)

Health and Human Resources Subcommittee

Item 338 #5s

Health And Human Resources

Department Of Social Services

Language

Language:

Page 302, strike lines 50 through 56 and insert:

"O.1. The Department of Social Services, in collaboration with the Virginia League of Social Services Executives, shall perform a comprehensive study and make recommendations on the policies and procedures related to the management of the special needs adoptions subsidy program. The study shall examine the relationship of the special needs adoption program to the Federal Child Welfare review and the Program of Improvement requirements. The focus of the study shall be to examine the causes of recent expenditure growth and make recommendations to moderate expenditure growth while continuing to meet the needs of the affected children. The Department shall not make recommendations to change who is eligible for a subsidized adoption.

2. In making its recommendation, the Department shall examine the services provided under the adoption program, and whether the appropriate levels of ancillary adoptive services and funding options are available to local departments of social services when developing a service plan for an adopted child and adopting family. The study shall make recommendations on (1) the establishment of a list of allowable ancillary adoption services for reimbursement, and (2) make recommendations for policy guidance on the use of alternative funding sources after an examination of the relationship between the adoptions subsidy program and alternative reimbursement sources available to local departments of social services for providing adoption services.

3. Measures to be studied shall include, but not be limited to, setting income guidelines for prospective adoptive parents, utilizing available federal sources such as Medicaid, and setting rates for children's residential facilities.

4. Neither the Commissioner nor the state Board of Social Services shall: (1) issue emergency regulations, (2) issue Departmental Policy, or (3) take other administrative action to alter the funding formula in place for the reimbursement of adoption services without approval of the General Assembly.

5. The Department shall provide a report to the Governor, Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees, and the Department of Planning and Budget on or before June 1, 2007."

Page 303, strike lines 1 through 9."

Explanation:

(This amendment replaces language included in the introduced budget to study recent growth in the special needs adoptions program and recommend options to moderate expenditure growth. New language also requires the Department to study recent growth and recommend options to control spending but includes prohibitions against reducing eligibility and recommending emergency regulations, policy guidance or other administrative action without the approval of the General Assembly.)

Health And Human Resources	FY 04-05	FY 05-06	
Department Of Mental Health, Mental Retardation And Substance Abuse Services	\$0	\$250,000	GF

Language:

Page 110, line 23, strike "\$17,949,500" and insert "\$18,199,500".

Page 110, line 23, strike "Not set out" and insert:

"Q. The Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services shall conduct training sessions for judges and attorneys to inform them of the changes to the laws governing the civil commitment of sexually violent predators pursuant to Senate Bill 559. The training session shall include information about enhancements to the Commonwealth's conditional release programs including the Intensive Community Containment Program option."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$250,000 to the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services to provide training to judges and attorneys about changes to the civil commitment of sexual offenders law as well as improvements to the Commonwealth's conditional release programs.)

Health And Human Resources	FY 04-05	FY 05-06	
Department Of Social Services	\$0	\$200,000	GF

Language:

Page 112, line 30, strike "\$47,654,241" and insert "\$47,854,241".

Page 115, after line 39, insert:

"M. The Commissioner shall convene a task force to review the Commonwealth's current policies on adoptions and foster care and recommend mechanisms to expedite the adoption of children from foster care as well as the children not in the state's care. The Commissioner shall recruit a national expert on the adoption of children to co-chair the task force. The task force shall include the Commissioner, a national expert, local department of social services staff, adoptive parents, and other interested stakeholders. The task force shall report its findings and policy recommendations to the Commission on Youth and the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees no later than June 30, 2006."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires the Commissioner of Social Services to convene a task force co-chaired by a national expert to study the Commonwealth's current adoption and foster care policies and recommend ways to expedite the adoption of children in Virginia. Funding is provided for costs associated with assembling a task force, soliciting national advice on best practices related to expediting adoptions, and providing recommendations to the General Assembly.)