

Technology

The adopted amendments for Technology provide \$75,000 GF to study the feasibility of establishing a National Center for the Sensor Sciences in the Hampton Roads region and defers \$3.3 million GF in savings assumed in the first year from operational efficiency at the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) until the second year. The adopted budget also includes a technical amendment which reduces VITA's maximum employment level by 678 positions to reflect the implementation of the Northrop Grumman contract. Language is also included authorizing the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget to transfer funds between executive branch agencies as needed to cover charges from the Virginia Information Technologies Agency.

- **Virginia Information Technologies Agency**

- *Remove Savings Assumed in Current Budget.* Defers \$3.3 million GF savings from the first year to the second year for operational efficiency assumed from the centralization of technology services through VITA.
- *Reduce the Agency's Staffing Level to Reflect Outsourcing.* Reduces the approved staffing levels for VITA by 653.0 FTE positions in the first year and an additional 25.0 FTE positions in the second year reflecting the implementation of the Northrop Grumman contract, which outsources many of VITA's tasks.
- *Transfer of Funding between Agencies.* Includes language authorizing the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget to transfer funding between executive branch agencies as needed to cover internal service fund charges by VITA. VITA has recently submitted a cost allocation plan for federal approval which may increase technology expenses for some agencies, and lower charges to others. It is expected to be budget neutral overall.
- *Rate Structure for the Virginia Base Mapping Program.* Includes language mandating that VITA, in consultation with effected state agencies, establish an equitable rate structure to be charged for services and products provided by the Virginia Base Mapping Program.

- **Innovative Technology Authority**

- *National Center for Sensor Sciences.* Provides \$75,000 from the general fund in the second year to conduct a study of the feasibility of establishing a National Center for Sensor Sciences in the Hampton Roads region. The Innovative Technology Authority will partner with federal agencies, higher education institutions, and the private sector in the Hampton Roads region in conducting the feasibility study.