

# Legislative

The budget, as adopted, for the Legislative Department for the 2008-10 biennium includes a net increase of \$2.4 million GF or 1.8 percent compared to the adjusted base budget. The adopted changes include actions to update maintenance and operating costs for the General Assembly Building and the Capitol, and to address manpower and other requirements for the Division of Capitol Police.

- **General Assembly of Virginia**
  - *Operating and Maintenance Costs.* Includes \$559,610 GF each year to update the estimate by the Department of General Services of the costs of operating and maintaining space allocated to the Senate, the House of Delegates, the Division of Legislative Services, the Division of Legislative Automated Systems, and the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission in the General Assembly Building and the Capitol.
  - *Joint Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education.* Includes language directing the Joint Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education Funding to study the Commonwealth's use of the prevailing salary and cost approaches to funding the Standards of Quality currently used and alternative approaches as well as review the methodology for the "federal revenue deduct".
- **Auditor of Public Accounts**
  - *Position Level.* Reduces the position level to eliminate 15.0 FTE positions which are currently not funded.
- **Division of Capitol Police**
  - *Staffing Requirements.* Includes \$669,267 the first year and \$682,922 the second year from the general fund to fully fund the current position level; provide additional wage positions for increased security during the General Assembly session; fund increased rent charges; and support participation of the Capitol Police in the enhanced City of Richmond police radio system.
- **Division of Legislative Services**
  - *Bicentennial Commission on the War of 1812.* Provides \$8,640 each year from the general fund to support the direct costs for the Bicentennial Commission on the War of 1812, pursuant to the enactment of Chapters 740 and 409 of the 2008 Acts of Assembly (HB1391 and SB383).

- **Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission**
  - *Examination of VITA.* Directs JLARC to examine the services provided by the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA).
  
- **Legislative Department Reversion Clearing Account**
  - *Transfer to Capitol Police.* Provides an increase of \$82,350 the first year and a decrease of \$43,995 the second year from the general fund, in order to transfer a net of \$38,355 for the biennium from the reversion clearing account to the Division of Capitol Police to fully fund the authorized position level and other essential agency requirements.
  - *Agency Balances.* Authorizes the Committee on Joint Rules to revert \$1.0 million GF in legislative agency balances on or before June 30, 2009.