

Public Safety

The budget, as introduced, for Public Safety for FY 2008 provides an increase of \$3.7 million or 0.11 percent when compared with Chapter 847. Included within this overall total are total reductions of \$47.4 million GF and total increases of \$7.5 million NGF which are associated with the Governor's October 2007 Budget Reduction Plan.

- **Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control**

- *Governor's October 2007 Budget Reductions.* Increases the level of transfers to the general fund by \$3.5 million, by recognizing the additional sales volume resulting from the expansion of store hours in certain locations, and by modifying the discount methodology for alcoholic beverages to increase the return to the Commonwealth.

- **Department of Correctional Education**

- *Governor's October 2007 Budget Reductions.* Includes a series of reductions, including maintaining position vacancies for a savings of \$1.9 million from the general fund.

- **Department of Corrections**

- *Correctional Officer Compensation.* Provides \$1.1 million from the general fund for salary increases for FY 2008 to account for the growth in the number of employees added by opening new and expanded state correctional facilities.
- *Governor's October 2007 Budget Reductions.* Includes a series of reductions totaling \$18.9 million from the general fund, including for example:
 - Reduces equipment purchases for a one-time savings of \$3.6 million;
 - Delays the opening of Phase II at St. Brides Correctional Center in the City of Chesapeake, for a one-time savings of \$8.6 million;
 - Eliminates \$1.2 million in GF for site acquisition for the new prison in Charlotte County, based on the assumption that the site will be included in the financing for the overall project; and,
 - Anticipates \$4.0 million NGF in contract revenues to be received from holding up to 500 federal or other non-state prisoners up to 1,000 federal or other non-state prisoners will be held during the 2008-2010 biennium.
- *Sex Offender Monitoring.* Includes a language amendment which reduces the amounts for sex offender monitoring using global positioning system (GPS) or other tracing devices by \$1.5 million, or 37 percent.

- **Department of Criminal Justice Services**
 - *Governor's October 2007 Budget Reductions.* Includes savings totaling \$11.5 million to implement the October 2007 budget reduction plan. Of this total, \$10.8 million represents a five percent reduction in State Aid to Localities with Police Departments (HB 599) and \$87,869 represents a 7.4 percent reduction in aid for regional criminal justice training academies.
- **Department of Emergency Management**
 - *Governor's October 2007 Budget Reductions.* Includes savings totaling \$462,000 to implement the October 2007 budget reduction plan, including, for example:
 - A reduction of \$125,000 (five percent) in the \$2.5 million grant approved by the 2007 General Assembly for an emergency evacuation facility to be established at the new Virginia State Fairgrounds in Caroline County, and
 - A reduction of \$108,000 (10.3 percent) in the All-Hazards Initiative for the citizen alert network, EMNet for Tidewater and Central Virginia local governments, and continuity of operations planning.
 - *Transfer of Funds.* Adds language that clearly identifies the amount of funding already appropriated to the department's hazardous materials training program from the Fire Programs Fund in the Department of Fire Programs.
- **Department of Forensic Science**
 - *Payments in Lieu of Taxes.* Provides \$218,643 from the general fund for FY 2008 for payments for the central laboratory in Richmond, which is now state-owned.
 - *Governor's October 2007 Budget Reductions.* Includes a series of reductions totaling \$1.7 million, including a reduction of \$752,225 in payments to the Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine by developing more cost-effective training strategies.
- **Department of Juvenile Justice**
 - *Governor's October 2007 Budget Reductions.* Includes a series of reductions totaling \$6.3 million, including a 2.5 percent reduction in state aid for the operation of local and regional juvenile detention homes, Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act grants, and reimbursement of locally-operated court services units. These three reductions in state aid provide a combined savings of over \$1.2 million.
- **Department of State Police**

- ***Increased Gasoline Costs.*** Includes \$2.4 million from the general fund the second year for the increased cost of gasoline for state police vehicles.
- ***Governor’s October 2007 Budget Reductions.*** Includes a series of reductions totaling \$5.0 million, including, for example:
 - Increasing the mileage on state police vehicles before replacement to 130,000 miles, thereby reducing the number of vehicles to be purchased, for a savings of \$1.4 million;
 - Delaying the start of the 115th basic school for new state troopers currently scheduled to begin on February 25, 2008, for a savings of \$1.6 million;
- **Department of Veterans Services**
 - ***Start-up Loan for New Center.*** Increases the amount of the anticipation loan by \$1.4 million due to a delay in opening the new Sitter-Barfoot Veterans Care Center in Richmond. The loan is required to cover expenses until nongeneral fund reimbursement is received to cover the operating costs.