

# Legislative Department

<b>Adopted Adjustments</b> (\$ in millions)				
	<b>FY 2017 Adopted</b>		<b>FY 2018 Adopted</b>	
	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>
2016-18 Base Budget, Ch. 665	\$74.5	\$3.0	\$74.5	\$3.0
Increases	5.7	0.2	5.7	0.2
Decreases	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)
\$ Net Change	5.7	0.2	5.7	0.2
<b>Chapter 780 (HB 30, as Adopted)</b>	<b>\$80.3</b>	<b>\$3.2</b>	<b>\$80.3</b>	<b>\$3.2</b>
% Change	7.7%	6.0%	7.7%	6.0%
FTEs	592.50	26.50	592.50	26.50
# Change	11.00	-3.00	11.00	-3.00

The budget, as adopted, for the 2016-18 biennium includes several technical adjustments from Chapter 665 of the 2015 Acts of Assembly, including: distributions from Central Appropriations to the various agencies for health insurance costs; retirement rate changes and the acceleration of the employer retirement contribution phase-in schedule; other post-employment benefit rate changes; salary and compression pay adjustments for state employees in the Legislative Department; adjustments to reflect the cost of the new Cardinal financial accounting system, and adjustments to reflect the cost of workers' compensation premiums.

- **General Assembly of Virginia**

- *Joint Subcommittee to Evaluate Tax Preferences.* Directs the joint subcommittee to review the Neighborhood Assistance Act tax credit program.
- *Joint Subcommittee on Public Education.* Provides \$24,000 GF each year for a two-year study, pursuant to House Joint Resolution 112 of the 2016 Session of the General Assembly, which created a joint subcommittee on the future of public elementary and secondary education.
- *Joint Subcommittee on Higher Education.* Directs the Joint Subcommittee on the Future Competitiveness of Higher Education to review alternative tuition and fee structures and programs to lower costs for in-state undergraduate students.

- *World War II 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration Commission.* Expands the scope of the commission to include the commemoration of the centennial of World War I and provides authority for the commission to appoint an advisory council. The amendment also provides 1 position.
- *Health Insurance.* Includes language clarifying that only one legislative assistant per Member may receive health insurance benefits.
- *Clerk of the House.* Adds \$500,000 GF each year for operational expenses of the Clerk of the House of Delegates.
- *Clerk of the Senate.* Adds \$173,268 GF and 2 positions each year for the Clerk of the Senate, including a systems analyst and a graphics specialist.
- *Senate Leadership Expenses.* Provides \$187,500 GF each year for compensation of one or more secretaries or legislative assistants for the Senate majority and minority leadership, as determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Rules.
- *Interim Compensation.* Includes \$213,065 GF each year to increase legislative compensation for interim meetings from \$200 to \$300 for each day when the General Assembly is not in session. This amount includes \$87,600 for the Senate and \$125,465 for the House of Delegates.

- **Auditor of Public Accounts**

- *Reports on Local Stormwater Charges.* Includes language requiring each locality establishing a utility or enacting a system of service charges to support a local stormwater management program to provide an annual report to the Auditor of Public Accounts on the expected nutrient and sediment reductions for each of these programs. The APA is also directed to include in the specifications for local audits a requirement to ensure that each impacted local government is in compliance with the relevant Code provisions. A companion amendment moves this requirement from the Department of Environmental Quality.

- **Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission**

- *Extension of the Commission.* Includes language to extend the commission through June 30, 2017, in order for the commission to complete its work, including sales of publications and the completion of a commemorative book describing a selection of documents related to the Civil War era which were digitized by the Library of Virginia. The language provides that any unexpended general fund balances as of June 30, 2017, shall be transferred to the general fund. The original enabling legislation provided for the sunset of the commission as of June 30, 2015.

- **Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program**
  - *Salary Range.* Includes language clarifying that the commission may establish a salary range for the executive director.
- **Division of Legislative Automated Systems**
  - *Positions.* Transfers 3 nongeneral fund positions to general fund status.
- **Capitol Square Preservation Council**
  - *Position.* Adds \$50,000 GF each year and 1 position to convert a part-time Administrative and Education Coordinator to full-time status.
- **Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council**
  - *Systems Development.* Provides \$80,000 GF the first year and \$15,000 GF the second year for the development and continuing maintenance costs to upgrade the council’s automated systems to meet current reporting and other requirements.
  - *Positions.* Adds 2 positions to meet the council’s workload.
- **Division of Legislative Services**
  - *Commission Expenses.* Includes \$10,560 GF each year for the costs associated with the Commission on Economic Opportunity for Virginians in Aspiring and Diverse Communities, pursuant to Chapter 650 of the 2016 Acts of Assembly (HB 451).
- **Chesapeake Bay Commission**
  - *Dues Increase.* Adds \$50,000 GF each year for increased dues. For the first time in nine years, the Commission is increasing the dues for the three member states (Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia), which contribute equally to the operation of the Commission.
  - *Evaluation of Bay Clean-up Efforts.* Provides \$38,000 GF the second year for Virginia’s share of the cost of an independent outside evaluator to verify the impact of clean-up efforts in the six-state Chesapeake Bay region.
- **Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission**
  - *Authority to Review Exempt Documents.* Includes language authorizing JLARC to review FOIA-exempt documents at the Virginia Economic Development Partnership as part of the JLARC study of the VEDP Authority, pursuant to House Joint Resolution 7 of the 2016 Session of the General Assembly.

- *Oversight of Economic Development Incentives.* Provides \$250,000 GF the first year and \$300,000 GF the second year and 2 positions to provide oversight of economic development incentives, including tax incentives.
- *Water Resources Planning Study.* Includes language expanding the scope of the previously authorized JLARC study of water resources planning and management to include the identification of water systems and other water dependent facilities that would be affected by changes to the state’s water protection regulations.
- *Salary Range.* Includes language clarifying that the commission may establish a salary range for the director.

- **Division of Capitol Police**

- *Line of Duty Act Premium Adjustment.* Adds \$5,521 GF each year to reflect the increase in premium rates set by the Virginia Retirement System, and the most recent roster of active, covered employees. The Line of Duty Act employer contribution rate for the 2016-18 biennium is \$567.37 per FTE, representing an increase of \$48.53, or 9.4 percent, from the FY 2016 rate of \$518.84 per FTE.