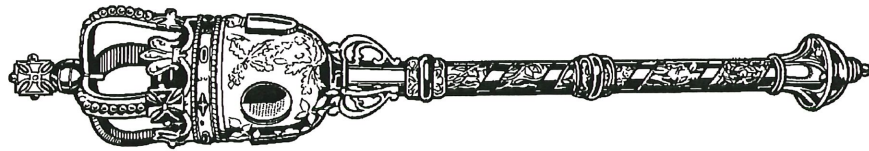


*Report of the
House Appropriations
Subcommittee*

on

Higher Education



*House Bill 29
&
House Bill 30*

February 18, 2018

REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE

on

HIGHER EDUCATION

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Mr. Chairman, the Subcommittee's recommendations today continue to reflect this Committee's consistent goals of increasing access for Virginia students, holding down costs for Virginia families, enhancing the quality of their education and improving their job opportunities.

Now I know the Speaker is a Dallas Cowboy fan and the Chairman is a Green Bay Packers fan, however, instead of Landry or Lombardi, I found wisdom from Nelson County's George Allen, Sr. He once said, "If you want to catch more fish, use more hooks." This year the Subcommittee added a few new hooks that provide innovative solutions to better align our public institutions with the Commonwealth's strategic goals and business and industry. We believe this will provide greater opportunity for our families and students to be successful and achieve economic prosperity. We need to put away our old simplistic funding models and embrace outcome-based approaches.

With that in mind, the Subcommittee recommends \$42.6 million to increase the number of degrees in four key areas – Data Science & Technology, Science & Engineering, Healthcare & Education. Our approach requires institutions to increase degree production in these areas by six percent over the biennium. Each institution's allocation is tied to a specific degree target and we intend to measure progress toward these goals. In financial aid, the Subcommittee recommends \$45.5 million for new undergraduate aid. However, we also provide

flexibility for institutions to use a portion of their entire financial aid program to prioritize awards to students enrolling in the four key areas and to students engaged in internships which include private sector partners. The internships would require the private sector to match the financial aid award. This could significantly increase college affordability for these students.

Mr. Chairman, perhaps our biggest new hook is the \$40 million recommendation for the Commonwealth Cyber Initiative or CyberX. We believe CyberX will serve as an engine for research, innovation and commercialization of cybersecurity technologies and begin to address the need to increase the talent pipeline in the cyber workforce. The network will be anchored by Virginia Tech in the hub at Northern Virginia with a network spokes across the Commonwealth of collaborating institutions and industry partners. Mr. Chairman, we intend to become a world leader in cybersecurity.

Mr. Chairman, the Subcommittee also recommends \$26.4 million in institution-specific funding items for operations and maintenance of new buildings, IT infrastructure upgrades and other operating support. Included in these recommendations is \$2 million for a unique opportunity of collaborative partnership between Old Dominion University, Newport News Shipbuilding and a statewide network of education and training providers in the Virginia Digital Shipbuilding Workforce Program and \$4 million for Focused Ultrasound Research at UVA.

Mr. Chairman, our recommendations also include \$10.3 million for the State Council of Higher education which includes a \$4 million increase to the workforce grant program and a requirement for greater alignment between the program and regional councils of the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Board before allocations are made to eligible institutions. The Subcommittee also recommends a total of \$11.3 million for VIMS, Extension, EVMS and higher education centers.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, the Subcommittee would like to thank you and Mr. Poindexter for your leadership and support in providing a 2% faculty salary increase beginning July 2019. Higher education remains a labor intensive enterprise and these funds along with our other recommendations will provide our institutions with the ability to attract and retain talented faculty.

Mr. Chairman, details of our Subcommittee recommendations are attached. Committee staff will review our report and the attached listing of our recommendations in greater detail and I hope that it will be the pleasure of the Committee to adopt them.

Respectfully Submitted by the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education:



L. Nick Rush, Chair



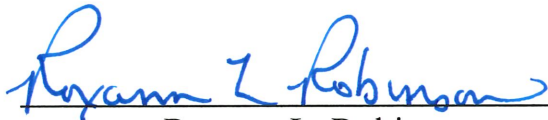
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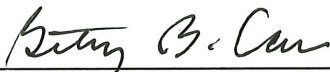
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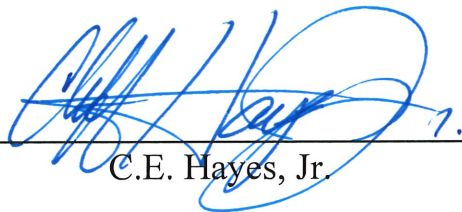
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General Assembly of Virginia

Higher Education Joint Subcommittee

Language

Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission

Review of Prepaid 529 Program

Language

Independent Investment Review

Language

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

Virginia Space Grant Scholarships for Flight Training

\$200,000

Cybersecurity

(\$1,000,000)

Cybersecurity Student Loan Repayment Grant Program

\$1,000,000

Language

Workforce Grants Technical Language

Language

Virtual Library

\$105,000

VIVA Open and Affordable Course Content

\$1,200,000

Excellence and Innovation Fund Technical Changes

Language

Christopher Newport University

O & M for New Buildings

\$900,000

Degree Awards

\$1,001,510

Language

Financial Aid Flexibility

Language

The College of William and Mary in Virginia

O & M for New Buildings

\$150,000

Degree Awards

\$1,832,500

Language

Financial Aid Flexibility

Richard Bland College

APA Audit Recommendations

\$600,000

4.00

Financial Aid Flexibility

Virginia Institute of Marine Science

Repurpose Proposed New Bay Monitoring Program

(\$869,239)

(5.40)

O & M for New Facilities

\$1,250,000

\$196,510

George Mason University

Repurpose Proposed Base Operating Funds

(\$14,000,000)

Expand STEP Program

\$300,000

O & M for New Buildings

\$1,400,000

Language

Degree Awards

\$7,027,980

Language

Innovative Ventures

Language

Financial Aid Flexibility

Language

James Madison University

Degree Awards

\$3,668,880

Language

Financial Aid Flexibility

Language

Longwood University

O & M for New Buildings

\$1,200,000

Degree Awards

\$820,500

Language

Financial Aid Flexibility

Language

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Norfolk State University

Degree Awards	\$1,239,860	Language
Financial Aid Flexibility		Language

Old Dominion University

Repurpose Proposed Base Operating	(\$15,102,171)	
VMASC Digital Shipbuilding	\$2,000,000	
O & M for New Buildings	\$150,000	
Degree Awards	\$5,417,680	Language
Financial Aid Flexibility		Language

Radford University

Degree Awards	\$1,542,690	Language
Financial Aid Flexibility		Language

University of Mary Washington

Career and Professional Development Center	\$750,000	
O & M for New Buildings	\$100,000	
Degree Awards	\$507,830	Language
Financial Aid Flexibility		Language

University of Virginia

Degree Awards	\$3,992,010	Language
Financial Aid Flexibility		Language
Focused Ultrasound	\$4,000,000	

University of Virginia's College at Wise

Financial Aid Flexibility		Language
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Virginia Commonwealth University

Degree Awards	\$6,410,070	Language
Financial Aid Flexibility		Language

Virginia Community College System

College Distance Learning Services Center (Waynesboro)	\$200,000	Language
O & M for New Buildings	\$200,000	
Student Advising		Language
HB 919 Implementation	\$960,000	
Financial Aid Flexibility		Language
Repurpose New Planning Funds	(\$200,000)	
CTE Partnership - Virginia Western CC	\$600,000	Language

Virginia Military Institute

Degree Awards	\$593,610	Language
Financial Aid Flexibility		Language

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Degree Awards	\$7,823,810	Language
Financial Aid Flexibility		Language
Unique Military Activities	\$600,000	

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Virginia Cooperative Extension and Agricultural Experiment Station

Soil Scientists	\$400,000	
O & M for New Buildings	\$1,000,000	

Virginia State University

O & M for New Buildings	\$150,000	
Degree Awards	\$721,070	Language
Financial Aid Flexibility		Language

Gunston Hall

IT Infrastructure	\$200,000	
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Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation

Program Support	\$1,359,155	
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Virginia Commission for the Arts

Repurpose Proposed Increase in Arts Grants	(\$1,750,000)	
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New College Institute

Program Support	\$1,200,000	Language
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Higher Education Research Initiative

Commonwealth Cyber Initiative	\$40,000,000	Language
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Online Virginia Network Authority

Online Virginia Network	\$2,000,000	Language
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Virginia College Savings Plan

Investment Director		Language
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Part 4

Tuition Public Comment		Language
Out-of-State Flexibility		Language
Higher Education Center Financial Aid		Language