



Report of the Subcommittee on  
Economic Development and  
Natural Resources

Senate Finance Committee  
Virginia General Assembly

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SENATE OF VIRGINIA

## Senate Finance Committee

**2018 Report of the Economic Development and  
Natural Resources Subcommittee  
The Honorable Frank M. Ruff, Jr., Chairman  
February 18, 2018**

Chairman Hanger, Chairman Norment and Members of the Committee:

Your Subcommittee has carefully reviewed the Governor's introduced budget for the Secretaries of Agriculture & Forestry, Commerce & Trade, and Natural Resources. The Subcommittee recommends a number of spending reductions as well as some targeted investments in expanding broadband, growing Virginia's economy, and maintaining our commitment to environmental stewardship.

In the area of Economic Development, we endorsed the administration's recommendation to continue funding GO Virginia at \$24.5 million each year, and we propose language granting the GO Virginia Board flexibility to reallocate grant funding to rural regions of the Commonwealth. We recommend other strategic investments in economic development including increasing funding for broadband in unserved areas from \$1 million to \$4 million each year and providing additional marketing dollars for the Virginia Economic Development Partnership.

Your Subcommittee proposes additional funding for the opening of Widewater State Park and Seven Bends State Park. And recognizing recently executed settlement or mitigation agreements that will provide over \$220 million for protection of natural resources, the Subcommittee was able to identify related general fund savings which are included in our recommended amendments to Senate Bill 30.

We hope it will be the pleasure of the Committee to adopt our amendments.

Respectfully Submitted,

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The Honorable Frank M. Ruff, Jr., Chairman

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The Honorable Richard L. Saslaw

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The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger, Jr.

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The Honorable Frank W. Wagner

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The Honorable Mark D. Obenshain

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The Honorable Richard H. Stuart

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The Honorable Rosalyn R. Dance

**Report of the Subcommittee on Economic Development and Natural Resources**  
(Recommended Amendments to SB 29 and SB 30, As Introduced)

Amendment	SB 29	SB 30		
	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	Biennium
<b>1</b>	<b>AGRICULTURE &amp; FORESTRY</b>			
<b>2</b>	<b>Secretary Of Agriculture and Forestry</b>			
3	Reverse Additional Operating Funding		\$ (107,500)	\$ (107,500) \$ (215,000)
<b>4</b>	<b>Department Of Agriculture And Consumer Services</b>			
5	NGF Appropriation for Virginia Cattle Industry Fund (SB 374)		\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000 \$ 1,500,000
6	Beehive Grant Program		<i>Language</i>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Department Of Forestry</b>			
8	Reforestation of Timberlands		\$ 112,000	\$ 112,000 \$ 224,000
9	Remove Enhanced Nursery Capacity		\$ (236,000)	\$ - \$ (236,000)
<b>10</b>	<b>COMMERCE &amp; TRADE</b>			
<b>11</b>	<b>Secretary of Commerce and Trade</b>			
12	Designating Opportunity Zones	<i>Language</i>		
13	Study Consolidating Economic Development Programs and Policies		<i>Language</i>	
<b>14</b>	<b>Economic Development Incentive Payments</b>			
15	Virginia Jobs Investment Program		\$ (1,500,000)	\$ (3,000,000) \$ (4,500,000)
16	Virginia-Israel Advisory Board - VEDP to Staff		\$ (75,000)	\$ (75,000) \$ (150,000)
17	Prioritize Targeting Incentives to Localities in Fiscal Stress		<i>Language</i>	
18	Small Business Jobs Grant Fund - VEDP to Administer		NGF	\$ 325,000 \$ 325,000
19	Small Business Investment Grant Fund - VEDP to Administer		\$ 819,753	\$ 819,753 \$ 1,639,506
20	Authorization for Additional VEDIG Grant Commitments		<i>Language</i>	
<b>21</b>	<b>Department Of Housing And Community Development</b>			
22	Virginia Grocery Investment Fund		\$ (2,500,000)	\$ (2,500,000) \$ (5,000,000)
23	NGF Appropriation for GO Virginia		\$ (1,595,000)	\$ (1,595,000) \$ (3,190,000)
24	Remove New GF Spending for GO Virginia Administration		\$ (637,000)	\$ (637,000) \$ (1,274,000)
25	GO Virginia Regional Allocations		<i>Language</i>	
26	Funding for GO Virginia Administration		<i>Language</i>	
27	Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (Broadband)		\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000 \$ 4,000,000
28	Building Collaborative Communities and Building Entrepreneurial Economies		<i>Language</i>	
29	Enterprise Zone Program		\$ 685,533	\$ 685,533 \$ 1,371,066

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Amendment	SB 29	SB 30		
	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	Biennium
<b>30 Department Of Mines, Minerals and Energy</b>				
31 Reverse New Spending for Solar Development Incentives		\$ (1,000,000)	\$ (1,000,000)	\$ (2,000,000)
32 Reverse New Spending for Energy Storage System Incentives		\$ (120,000)	\$ (120,000)	\$ (240,000)
<b>33 Department Of Small Business and Supplier Diversity</b>				
34 Reverse New Spending for Dashboard Upgrades		\$ (250,000)	\$ -	\$ (250,000)
35 Remove NGF Appropriation for Small Business Jobs Grant Fund		\$ (325,000)	\$ -	\$ (325,000)
36 Remove Small Business Investment Grant Fund		\$ (819,753)	\$ (819,753)	\$ (1,639,506)
37 Small Business Certification Portal (SB 318)		\$ 54,000	\$ -	\$ 54,000
<b>38 Fort Monroe Authority</b>				
39 Operating Costs and Visitor Center Staff		\$ 128,691	\$ 236,330	\$ 365,021
<b>40 Virginia Economic Development Partnership</b>				
41 Marketing		\$ 300,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 1,100,000
42 Custom Workforce Recruitment and Training Incentive Program		\$ -	\$ (1,100,000)	\$ (1,100,000)
<b>43 Virginia Tourism Authority</b>				
44 Spearhead Trails - Southwest Regional Recreation Authority		\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 100,000
45 Regional Tourist Promotion - Williamsburg Area Destination Marketing Committee		\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 100,000
<b>46 NATURAL RESOURCES</b>				
<b>47 Department Of Conservation And Recreation</b>				
48 Natural Area Preserves - Technical Correction		<i>Language</i>		
49 WQIF Reserve - Dedicated Funding		\$ 2,583,531	\$ 2,583,531	\$ 5,167,062
50 SWCD Settlement Fund Reporting		<i>Language</i>		
51 Virginia Land Conservation Foundation		\$ (3,000,000)	\$ (3,000,000)	\$ (6,000,000)
52 Widewater State Park		\$ 965,310	\$ 590,944	\$ 1,556,254
53 Brandy Station Battlefield		<i>Language</i>		
54 Seven Bends		\$ 167,548	\$ 198,752	\$ 366,300
55 Reverse VOF Funds for Settlements		\$ (2,002,750)	\$ (2,002,750)	\$ (4,005,500)
56 Broadband an WiFi Connectivity in State Parks		\$ (526,888)	\$ (9,460)	\$ (536,348)
57 State Park and Natural Area Six Year Plan		<i>Language</i>		

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		FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	Biennium
58	<b>Department Of Environmental Quality</b>				
59	Stormwater Management		<i>Language</i>		
60	Richmond Combined Sewer Overflow Reporting		<i>Language</i>		
61	Study of Permit-by-rule (PBR) Process for Small-Renewable Energy Projects		<i>Language</i>		
62	Chesapeake Bay TMDL Digital Spatial Imagery		<i>Language</i>		
63	<b>Department Of Game and Inland Fisheries</b>				
64	Restriction on Land Acquisition		<i>Language</i>		
65	<b>Department Of Historic Resources</b>				
66	Cap Easement Fee		<i>Language</i>		
67	Historical African American Cemeteries - Loudoun & Portsmouth		\$ 1,550	\$ 1,550	\$ 3,100
68	Review of Permitting Process		\$ 12,600	\$ -	\$ 12,600
69	<b>Marine Resources Commission</b>				
70	Oyster Replenishment & Restoration		\$ 750,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,750,000
71	Clontz Park-Public Access Boat Ramp		\$ 160,000	\$ -	\$ 160,000
72	Derelict Barge Removal		\$ -	\$ (190,000)	\$ (190,000)
73	Operations Center Relocation		\$ 175,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 400,000
74	<b>Virginia Museum of Natural History</b>				
75	Natural History Satellite Museum		\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000
76	<b>OTHER SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIONS</b>				
77	<b>General Assembly of Virginia</b>				
78	NGF Proceeds from "Friends of the Chesapeake Bay" License Plates	\$ 310,000			
79	<b>Transfers</b>				
80	Transfer Communications Sales and Use Tax Revenues to General Fund		\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 4,000,000
81	Transfer for Chesapeake Bay Improvements		\$ 2,583,531	\$ 2,583,531	\$ 5,167,062
82	<b>Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections</b>				
83	Reverse Expansion of Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Research and Development		\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 300,000

Item 1 #3s

**Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund**

<b>Legislative Department</b>	<b>FY16-17</b>	<b>FY17-18</b>
General Assembly of Virginia	\$0	\$310,000 NGF

**Language:**

Page 4, line 3, strike "\$43,490,238" and insert "\$43,800,238".

Page 4, line 9, strike "Not set out."

Drawn to Chapter 836,

Page 17, after line 32, following "year" insert:

"and \$310,000 in the second year"

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides the second year appropriation of \$310,000 in Dedicated Special Revenue from proceeds of the sales of "Friends of the Chesapeake Bay" license plate to the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund for the recommendation of the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund Advisory Committee.)

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Item 105 #1s

**Designating Qualified Opportunity Zones**

**Commerce and Trade**

Secretary of Commerce and Trade

Language

**Language:**

Set out item 105 from Chapter 836, 2017 Acts of Assembly, and after paragraph D.3. of item 105, insert:

"E.1. In recognition of disparities and a lack of sufficient economic opportunities in certain areas of the Commonwealth, the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, in conjunction with the Center for Rural Virginia, shall prepare a list of recommendations for submission by the Governor as nominees to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States for designation as a "Qualified Opportunity Zone" as defined in 26 U.S. Code § 1400Z-1.

2. Areas to be considered shall include (i) the Counties of Bland, Buchanan, Carroll, Dickenson, Giles, Grayson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Wise, and Wythe and the Cities of Bristol, Galax, and Norton; (ii) the Counties of Amelia, Appomattox,

Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Halifax, Henry, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nottoway, Patrick, Pittsylvania, and Prince Edward and the Cities of Danville and Martinsville; (iii) the Counties of Accomack, Caroline, Essex, Gloucester, King and Queen, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, Northampton, Northumberland, Richmond, and Westmoreland; and (iv) the Counties of Brunswick, Campbell, Dinwiddie, and Greensville, and the Cities of Emporia and Petersburg, or any other areas that may meet the requirements."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment addresses the purpose of HB 222 (Morefield) and SB 883 (Stanley), by directing the Secretary of Commerce and Trade in conjunction with the Center for Rural Virginia, to prepare a list of recommendations for submission by the Governor as nominees to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States for designation as a "Qualified Opportunity Zone" as defined in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.)

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Item 85 #1s

**Reverse Increase in Operating Expenses**

<b>Agriculture and Forestry</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>	
Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry	(\$107,500)	(\$107,500)	GF

**Language:**

Page 74, line 3, strike "\$503,367" and insert "\$395,867".

Page 74, line 3, strike "\$503,367" and insert "\$395,867".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reverses the proposed increase in operating funding of \$107,500 GF each year for the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry.)

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Item 88 #1s

**Cattle Industry Fund (SB 374)**

<b>Agriculture and Forestry</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>	
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$750,000	\$750,000	NGF

**Language:**

Page 74, line 26, strike "\$21,164,204" and insert "\$21,914,204".

Page 74, line 26, strike "\$21,164,204" and insert "\$21,914,204".

Page 75, line 5, strike "\$425,000 the first year" and insert "\$1,175,000 the first year".

Page 75, line 5, strike "\$425,000 the second year" and insert "\$1,175,000 the second year".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reflects the increase in the Cattle Industry assessment from \$0.25 to \$1.00 per-head as reflected in SB 374 of the 2018 General Assembly.)

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Item 90 #1s

**Restrict Beehive Grant Submissions**

**Agriculture and Forestry**

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 76, line 22, at the beginning of the line, insert "A."

Page 76, following line 25, insert:

"B . Notwithstanding the provisions of § 3.2-4416, Code of Virginia, the department shall not accept applications for grants from the Beehive Grant Program if funds are not appropriated for such purposes."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment restricts the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services from accepting applications to the Beehive Grant Fund, as funding has not been appropriated for this program since FY 2017.)

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Item 98 #1s

**Reforestation of Timberlands**

<b>Agriculture and Forestry</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>	
Department of Forestry	\$112,000	\$112,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 79, line 1, strike "\$33,970,018" and insert "\$34,082,018".

Page 79, line 1, strike "\$33,734,018" and insert "\$33,846,018".

Page 79, line 30, strike "\$1,833,239 the first year" and insert "\$1,945,239 the first year".

Page 79, line 30, strike "\$1,833,239 the second year" and insert "\$1,945,239 the second year".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment restores state match funding to the Reforestation of Timberlands Program to 100 percent of the revenue generated by the industry severance tax.)

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Item 98 #2s

**Reverse Nursery Capacity Project**

<b>Agriculture and Forestry</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>	
Department of Forestry	(\$236,000)	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 79, line 1, strike "\$33,970,018" and insert "\$33,734,018".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reverses proposed one-time funding of \$236,000 GF in FY 2019 intended to fund production of containerized pine seedlings.)

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Item 102 #1s

**Consolidating and Improving Coordination of Economic Development Programs and Policies**

**Commerce and Trade**

Secretary of Commerce and Trade

Language

**Language:**

Page 82, after line 17, insert:

"C. The Secretary of Commerce and Trade shall conduct a comprehensive examination of the Commonwealth's economic development system and make recommendations to consolidate and improve coordination of activities to increase efficiency and effectiveness of economic development programs and policies. In developing recommendations, the Secretary shall seek input from a group of stakeholders which shall include a representative from each of the secretariats responsible for agencies with economic development programs, and representatives from the staffs of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees. The examination of economic development programs and policies shall include, but is not limited to, workforce development initiatives; grants; services such as trade development, site selection and technical assistance; tax incentives such as modified apportionment formulas, credits, exemptions, and subtractions; proceeds from bonds; rights to lease property at below fair market value; and any other incentives from the Commonwealth. The Secretary shall report recommendations to the Governor and the Chairmen of the Senate Finance, House Finance, and House Appropriations Committees by November 1, 2018."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Secretary of Commerce and Trade to conduct a comprehensive examination of the Commonwealth's economic development system and make recommendations to consolidate or improve coordination of activities to increase efficiency and effectiveness of economic development programs and policies.)

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Item 103 #1s

**Reduce Funding for VJIP Grants**

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>	
Economic Development Incentive Payments	(\$1,500,000)	(\$3,000,000)	GF

**Language:**

Page 82, line 23, strike "\$50,249,992" and insert "\$48,749,992".

Page 82, line 23, strike "\$47,248,682" and insert "\$44,248,682".

Page 85, line 15, after "this Item, strike "\$5,669,833" and insert "\$4,169,833".

Page 85, line 15, after "first year and", strike "\$5,669,833" and insert "\$2,669,833".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reduces the appropriation for the Virginia Jobs Investment Program (VJIP) by \$1.5 million GF the first year and \$3.0 million GF the second year. VJIP grants are intended to reduce the human resources costs of companies creating new jobs or retraining existing jobs in the Commonwealth. VJIP is partly duplicative of a new customized workforce recruitment and training program funded through the Virginia Economic Development Partnership.)

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Item 103 #2s

**Virginia-Israel Advisory Board**

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>	
Economic Development Incentive Payments	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)	GF

**Language:**

Page 82, line 23, strike "\$50,249,992" and insert "\$50,174,992".

Page 82, line 23, strike "\$47,248,682" and insert "\$47,173,682".

Page 85, line 7, after "this Item,", strike "\$215,184 the first year and \$215,184 the second year" and insert "\$140,184 the first year and \$140,184 the second year".

Page 85, after line 14, insert "4. Notwithstanding subsection F of § 2.2-2424, Code of Virginia, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority shall serve as staff to the Board and shall designate an Executive Director to the Board from existing Authority staff."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment recognizes savings of \$75,000 GF each year by directing the Virginia Economic Development Partnership to provide staff support to the Virginia-Israel Advisory Board.)

**Prioritize Targeting the Commonwealth Opportunity Fund to Localities in Fiscal Stress**

**Commerce and Trade**

Economic Development Incentive Payments

Language

**Language:**

Page 83, line 9, before "Consideration" insert "Priority".

Page 83, line 9, strike "1) are in areas of high unemployment" and insert "1) that are in localities having high fiscal stress as determined by the Commission on Local Government Fiscal Stress Index;"

Page 83, line 26, before "Consideration" insert "Priority".

Page 83, line 26, strike "1) are in areas of high unemployment" and insert "1) that are in localities having high fiscal stress as determined by the Commission on Local Government Fiscal Stress Index;"

Page 83, line 33, before "Consideration" insert "Priority".

Page 83, line 33, strike "1) are in areas of high unemployment" and insert "1) that are in localities having high fiscal stress as determined by the Commission on Local Government Fiscal Stress Index;"

Page 84, line 3, before "Consideration" insert "Priority".

Page 84, line 3, strike "1) are in areas of high unemployment" and insert "1) that are in localities having high fiscal stress as determined by the Commission on Local Government Fiscal Stress Index;"

**Explanation:**

(This amendment makes it a priority for using economic development incentive funds for economic development projects in localities with high fiscal stress as determined by the Commission on Local Government's Fiscal Stress Index. Current statute only requires consideration for localities with above average unemployment rates.)

**VEDP to Administer Small Business Jobs Grant Fund**

**Commerce and Trade**

**FY18-19**

**FY19-20**

Economic Development Incentive Payments

\$0  
\$325,000

\$325,000 GF  
\$0 NGF

**Language:**

Page 82, line 23, strike "\$50,249,992" and insert "\$50,574,992".

Page 82, line 23, strike "\$47,248,682" and insert "\$47,573,682".

Page 85, after line 25, insert:

"K.1. Out of the amounts in this Item, \$325,000 the first year from the Small Business Jobs Grant Fund and \$325,000 the second year from the general fund are hereby appropriated for payment of grants pursuant to § 2.2-1615, Code of Virginia.

2. Notwithstanding subsection D of § 2.2-1615, Code of Virginia; subsection D.6. of § 2.2-1605, Code of Virginia; and any other provision of law to the contrary, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority shall administer the Fund.

3. Priority should be given to a small business that (a) together with its affiliates, has 25 or fewer employees and average annual gross receipts of \$3 million or less averaged over the previous three years, or (b) is certified by the Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity as a Small, Women-owned, and Minority-owned Business."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment places the Small Business Jobs Grant Fund in the Economic Development Incentive Payments holding account and provides \$325,000 NGF the first year and \$325,000 GF second year to fund grants. It directs the Virginia Economic Development Partnership to administer the program, and prioritizes small businesses that have 25 or fewer employees or are certified Virginia SWaM businesses.)

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Item 103 #5s

**VEDP to Administer Small Business Investment Grant Fund**

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>
Economic Development Incentive Payments	\$819,753	\$819,753 GF

**Language:**

Page 82, line 23, strike "\$50,249,992" and insert "\$51,069,745".

Page 82, line 23, strike "\$47,248,682" and insert "\$48,068,435".

Page 85, after line 25, insert:

"K.1. Out of the amounts in this Item, \$819,753 the first year and \$819,753 the second year from the general fund shall be deposited to the Small Business Investment Grant Fund pursuant to § 2.2-1616, Code of Virginia.

2. Notwithstanding subsection A of § 2.2-1616, Code of Virginia, and any other provision of law to the contrary, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority shall administer the Fund.

3. In designating a small business to receive qualified investments eligible for the grant, priority should be given to a small business that (a) together with its affiliates, has 25 or fewer

employees and average annual gross receipts of \$3 million or less averaged over the previous three years, or (b) is certified by the Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity as a Small, Women-owned, and Minority-owned Business."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment moves the Small Business Investment Grant Fund to the Economic Development Incentive Payments holding account and provides \$819,753 GF each year to fund grants. It directs the Virginia Economic Development Partnership to administer the program, and prioritizes small businesses that have 25 or fewer employees or are certified Virginia SWaM businesses.)

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Item 103 #6s

**Authorization for Additional VEDIG Grants**

**Commerce and Trade**

Economic Development Incentive Payments

Language

**Language:**

Page 84, line 7, strike "\$4,000,000" and insert "\$15,000,000".

Page 84, line 8, strike ", but before June 30, 2018".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment increases the Governor's authorization to award additional grants not to exceed \$15.0 million in aggregate to eligible companies under the existing Virginia Economic Development Incentive Grant (VEDIG) program. Grant payments under the VEDIG program are paid in no less than five installments and do not begin until at least 36 months after the company has met capital investment and job creation targets. Grant awards are subject to appropriation by the General Assembly.)

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Item 106 #1s

**Reduce Funding for Virginia Grocery Investment Fund**

**Commerce and Trade**

**FY18-19**

**FY19-20**

Department of Housing and  
Community Development

(\$2,500,000)

(\$2,500,000) GF

**Language:**

Page 87, line 20, strike "\$68,200,721" and insert "\$65,700,721".

Page 87, line 20, strike "\$68,200,721" and insert "\$65,700,721".

Page 90, line 15, after "this Item," strike "\$3,750,000" and insert "\$1,250,000".

Page 90, line 15, after "first year and" strike "\$3,750,000" and insert "\$1,250,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reduces funding for the Virginia Grocery Investment Fund by \$2.5 million GF each year.)

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Item 106 #2s

**Reverse NGF Appropriation for GO Virginia**

**Commerce and Trade**

**FY18-19**

**FY19-20**

Department of Housing and  
Community Development

(\$1,595,000)

(\$1,595,000) NGF

**Language:**

Page 87, line 20, strike "\$68,200,721" and insert "\$66,605,721".

Page 87, line 20, strike "\$68,200,721" and insert "\$66,605,721".

Page 89, lines 50 through 51, strike "In addition, \$1,595,000 the first year and \$1,595,000 the second year from the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Fund is hereby appropriated."

Page 90, lines 4 through 6, strike "and \$1,595,000 the first year and \$1,595,000 the second year from the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Fund".

Page 90, line 8, after "basis.", strike "In distributing the".

Page 90, strike lines 9 through 12.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reverses the nongeneral fund appropriation of \$1,595,000 each year from the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Fund. The funds are already committed. These funds were originally allocated to regional councils for capacity building and may be carried forward for grants.)

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Item 106 #3s

**Remove New GF Spending for GO Virginia Administration**

**Commerce and Trade**

**FY18-19**

**FY19-20**



Department of Housing and  
Community Development

(\$637,000)

(\$637,000) GF

**Language:**

Page 87, line 20, strike "\$68,200,721" and insert "\$67,563,721".

Page 87, line 20, strike "\$68,200,721" and insert "\$67,563,721".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reverses the increase of \$637,000 GF each year for administrative support for the GO Virginia initiative at the Department of Housing and Community Development. A companion amendment authorizes the GO Virginia board to reallocate a like amount of funding each year from the Growth and Opportunity Fund.)

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Item 106 #4s

**GO Virginia Regional Allocations**

**Commerce and Trade**

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

**Language:**

Page 90, after line 12, insert "3. The Virginia Growth and Opportunity Board may allocate monies among the distributions outlined in section M.2. to meet demonstrated demand for funds. However, only those regional councils whose allocation is less than \$750,000 in a fiscal year based on the region's share of state population shall be eligible to receive an additional allocation, and the amount shall be limited such that the total allocation does not exceed \$750,000 in a fiscal year."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment authorizes the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Board to reallocate monies between distributions described in the appropriation act in order to increase funding to regional councils that would otherwise receive less than \$750,000 based on the region's share of state population. The only reallocations authorized are those that would increase the region's allocation up to \$750,000.)

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Item 106 #5s

**Funding for GO Virginia Administration**

**Commerce and Trade**

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

**Language:**

Page 90, after line 12, insert "3. Of the amounts provided in this paragraph, the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Board may allocate up to \$637,000 each fiscal year for additional administrative support. Such funding shall be provided to the Department of Housing and Community Development."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment authorizes the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Board to allocate up to \$637,000 each fiscal year from the appropriation to the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Fund. This funding would be provided to the Department of Housing and Community Development for additional administrative support.)

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Item 106 #6s

**Increase Funding for Broadband**

**Commerce and Trade**

**FY18-19**

**FY19-20**

Department of Housing and  
Community Development

\$2,000,000

\$2,000,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 87, line 20, strike "\$68,200,721" and insert "\$70,200,721".

Page 87, line 20, strike "\$68,200,721" and insert "\$70,200,721".

Page 89, line 27, after "this Item,", strike "\$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year" and insert "\$4,000,000 the first year and \$4,000,000 the second year".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides an additional \$2.0 million GF each year to the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative to support the extension of broadband networks by the private sector in unserved areas of the Commonwealth.)

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Item 106 #7s

**Restore Building Collaborative Communities and Building Entrepreneurial Economies Programs**

**Commerce and Trade**

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

**Language:**

Page 90, strike lines 13 and 14.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes the prohibition on administering the Building Collaborative Communities and Building Entrepreneurial Economies programs at the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The introduced budget removes funding and explicitly prohibits DHCD from continuing to administer these programs. This amendment removes the prohibition to allow DHCD the flexibility to continue these programs if resources become available. The Building Collaborative Communities program provides financial and technical resources to promote regional economic collaborations in economically-distressed areas to stimulate job creation, economic development and to build community capacity and leadership. The Building Entrepreneurial Economies program provides grants and technical assistance to nonprofit organizations and local governments that plan and implement innovative, comprehensive, strategic and sustainable business development strategies that support local and regional asset-based economic development.)

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Item 107 #1s

**Enterprise Zone Program**

**Commerce and Trade**

**FY18-19**

**FY19-20**

Department of Housing and  
Community Development

\$685,533

\$685,533 GF

**Language:**

Page 90, line 24, strike "\$13,087,821" and insert "\$13,773,354".

Page 90, line 24, strike "\$13,087,821" and insert "\$13,773,354".

Page 90, line 29, strike "\$12,814,467 the first year and \$12,814,467 the second" and insert "\$13,500,000 the first year and \$13,500,000 the second".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment increases funding for the Enterprise Zone Grant program to \$13.5 million each year from the general fund. In grant year 2016, Enterprise Zone Real Property Improvement Grant awards were prorated to 73.68 cents on the dollar, limiting their effectiveness in incentivizing enterprise zone developments.)

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Item 117 #1s

**Reverse New Spending for Solar Development Incentives**

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>	
Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy	(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,000,000)	GF

**Language:**

Page 92, line 47, strike "\$4,186,931" and insert "\$3,186,931".

Page 92, line 47, strike "\$4,186,931" and insert "\$3,186,931".

Page 93, strike lines 18 through 23.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reverses new spending of \$1.0 million each year for a proposed solar development incentive program.)

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Item 117 #2s

**Reverse New Spending for Energy Storage System Incentives**

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>	
Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy	(\$120,000)	(\$120,000)	GF

**Language:**

Page 92, line 47, strike "\$4,186,931" and insert "\$4,066,931".

Page 92, line 47, strike "\$4,186,931" and insert "\$4,066,931".

Page 93, strike lines 24 through 27.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reverses new spending of \$120,000 GF each year for a proposed program to support the development of pumped storage hydro-electric power.)

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Item 120 #1s

**Reverse New Spending for Dashboard Upgrades**

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>	
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*Economic Development and Natural Resources - SB 30*

Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (\$250,000) \$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 94, line 17, strike "\$7,338,570" and insert "\$7,088,570".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reverses proposed new spending of \$250,000 GF the first year to upgrade the agency's expenditure dashboard application.)

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Item 120 #2s

**Remove Small Business Jobs Grant Fund from Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity**

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>
Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity	(\$325,000)	\$0 NGF

**Language:**

Page 94, line 17, strike "\$7,338,570" and insert "\$7,013,570".

Page 94, strike lines 40 through 45.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes the Small Business Jobs Grant Fund from the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity. A separate amendment places the fund in the Economic Development Incentives Payments holding account and directs the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to administer the fund.)

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Item 120 #3s

**Remove the Small Business Investment Grant Fund from the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity**

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>
Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity	(\$819,753)	(\$819,753) GF

**Language:**

Page 94, line 17, strike "\$7,338,570" and insert "\$6,518,817".

Page 94, line 17, strike "\$6,763,570" and insert "\$5,943,817".

Page 94, strike lines 46 through 50.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes the Small Business Investment Grant Fund from the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity. A separate amendment places the fund in the Economic Development Incentives Payments holding account and directs the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to administer the fund.)

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Item 120 #4s

**Small Business Certification Portal**

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>	
Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity	\$54,000	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 94, line 17, strike "\$7,338,570" and insert "\$7,392,570".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$54,000 GF the first year to the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity to enable the agency to update its certification portal to reflect the small business certification status of each small business, by NAICS code, pursuant to SB 318. The system is not currently equipped to display this information. This system update would occur in FY 2019 in preparation for the new small business size standards to take effect July 1, 2019.)

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Item 121 #1s

**Fort Monroe Visitor and Education Center**

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>	
Fort Monroe Authority	\$128,691	\$236,330	GF
	0.00	2.00	FTE

**Language:**

Page 96, line 1, strike "\$5,686,915" and insert "\$5,815,606".

Page 96, line 1, strike "\$5,686,915" and insert "\$5,923,245".

Page 96, line 5, strike "\$5,686,915 the first year and \$5,686,915 the second year" and insert "\$5,815,606 the first year and \$5,923,245 the second year".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides an additional \$128,691 GF the first year and \$236,330 GF the second year to the Fort Monroe Authority. Funding will support a portion of the additional operating costs associated with the U.S. Army's transfer of approximately 73.8 acres of land to the Commonwealth of Virginia and support additional staffing costs in the second year for the Fort Monroe Visitor and Education Center.)

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Item 122 #1s

**Increase Funding for Marketing**

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>	
Virginia Economic Development Partnership	\$300,000	\$800,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 96, line 41, strike "\$29,597,198" and insert "\$29,897,198".  
Page 96, line 41, strike "\$32,107,392" and insert "\$32,907,392".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment increases funding by \$300,000 GF the first year and \$800,000 GF the second year for marketing, branding, and site consultant cultivation initiatives at the Virginia Economic Development Partnership.)

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Item 122 #2s

**Reduce Funding for Custom Workforce Recruitment and Training Incentive Program**

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>	
Virginia Economic Development Partnership	\$0	(\$1,100,000)	GF

**Language:**

Page 96, line 41, strike "\$32,107,392" and insert "\$31,007,392".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reduces funding for the custom workforce recruitment and training incentive program at the Virginia Economic Development Partnership by \$1.1 million GF the second year. Funding of \$2.5 million GF the first year and \$3.9 million GF the second year remain to

support this program.)

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Item 126 #1s

**Spearhead Trails**

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>	
Virginia Tourism Authority	\$50,000	\$50,000	GF

**Language:**

- Page 99, line 38, strike "\$20,410,424" and insert "\$20,460,424".
- Page 99, line 38, strike "\$20,460,424" and insert "\$20,510,424".
- Page 100, line 16, after "Item," strike "\$2,125,000" and insert "\$2,175,000".
- Page 100, line 16, after "first year and" strike "\$2,125,000" and insert "\$2,175,000".
- Page 100, line 21, strike "\$300,000" and insert "\$350,000".
- Page 100, line 22, strike "\$300,000" and insert "\$350,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment increases operating support from \$300,000 to \$350,000 each year from the general fund, for Spearhead Trails, an initiative of the Southwest Virginia Regional Recreation Authority.)

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Item 126 #2s

**Regional Tourist Promotion - Williamsburg Area Destination Marketing Committee**

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>	
Virginia Tourism Authority	\$50,000	\$50,000	GF

**Language:**

- Page 99, line 38, strike "\$20,410,424" and insert "\$20,460,424".
- Page 99, line 38, strike "\$20,460,424" and insert "\$20,510,424".
- Page 101, after line 7, insert "L. Out of the amounts in this item, \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the second year is provided for the Williamsburg Area Destination Marketing Committee for regional tourism promotion."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$50,000 in the first year and \$50,000 in the second year from the general fund for regional tourism promotion.)



Item 362 #1s

**Natural Area Preserves - Technical Correction**

**Natural Resources**

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Language

**Language:**

Page 325, line 13, strike "61" and insert "63".

Page 325, line 14, strike "in October 2014".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides a technical correction to adjust the number of Virginia's 63 Natural Area Preserves. Since 2002, the Natural Area Preserve System has grown by 35 natural areas, 110 tracts of land and 37,231 acres.)

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Item 362 #2s

**WQIF Reserve - Dedicated Funding**

**Natural Resources**

**FY18-19**

**FY19-20**

Department of Conservation and Recreation

\$2,583,531

\$2,583,531 GF

**Language:**

Page 322, line 44, strike "\$58,023,080" and insert "\$60,606,611".

Page 322, line 44, strike "\$35,490,781" and insert "\$38,074,312".

Page 324, line 23, following "E.1.", insert:

"Out of the appropriation in this Item, \$2,583,531 in the first year and \$2,583,531 in the second year from the funds designated in Item 3-1.01.C. of this Act are hereby appropriated to the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund and designated for deposit to the reserve fund pursuant to paragraph B of Item 361."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment is one of two amendments that increase the amount of un-refunded marine fuel sales tax revenues that are transferred to the General Fund for improvement of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.)

**SWCD Settlement Fund Reporting**

**Natural Resources**

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Language

**Language:**

Page 323, following line 39, insert:

"3. As part of the semi-annual report, the department shall assess the impact of settlement agreements with the Commonwealth entered into between July 1, 2017, and June 30, 2018, on achieving an effective level of Soil and Water Conservation District technical assistance funding and the implementation of agricultural best management practices pursuant to § 10.1-546.1., Code of Virginia. In assessing this impact, the department shall include any amounts from the settlements in calculating the remaining annual funding amount, including: 1) estimation of the timeline and amount for each fiscal year to implement agricultural best management practices; and 2) estimation of the timeline and amount for each fiscal year of additional technical assistance provided as a result of the additional funding from the settlements."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment requires the Soil and Water Conservation District semi-annual report to include an assessment of the costs and projects undertaken with mitigation money as well as any additional administrative overhead funds and technical assistance costs.)

**Reduce VLCF Contribution**

**Natural Resources**

**FY18-19**

**FY19-20**

Department of Conservation and Recreation

(\$3,000,000)

(\$3,000,000)

GF

**Language:**

Page 325, line 29, strike "\$62,377,449" and insert "\$59,377,449".

Page 325, line 29, strike "\$61,354,690" and insert "\$58,354,690".

Page 325, line 43, strike "\$4,500,000" and insert "\$1,500,000".

Page 325, line 43, strike "\$4,500,000" and insert "\$1,500,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reduces discretionary appropriations to the land conservation activities of the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation. The Foundation received \$12.5 million from a recent mitigation agreement, temporarily reducing the need for additional State investment.)

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Item 363 #2s

**Widewater State Park**

<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$965,310 6.00	\$590,944 6.00	GF FTE

**Language:**

Page 325, line 29, strike "\$62,377,449" and insert "\$63,342,759".

Page 325, line 29, strike "\$61,354,690" and insert "\$61,945,634".

Page 326, following line 49, insert:

"H. Included in the amounts for State Park Management and Operations is \$965,310 the first year and \$590,944 the second year from the general fund for the initial start-up and ongoing operational costs for Phase I of Widewater State Park in Stafford County. It is the intent of the General Assembly that, as soon as practicable upon completion of Phase 1A, that the Department shall provide public access and proceed to regular revenue generating operations at the Park."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment will provide a Park Manager, Office Manager, Chief Ranger Law Enforcement, Chief Ranger Visitor Experience, Park Ranger and wage staff to provide oversight, management, maintenance and operational support for public use of Widewater State Park. The budget amendment also requests operational funds in each fiscal year for maintenance and repairs supplies, and for contractual services, such as phone service, refuse and equipment repairs.)

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Item 363 #3s

**Brandy Station Battlefield**

**Natural Resources**

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Language

**Language:**

Page 326, following line 49, insert:

"H. The Department of Conservation and Recreation shall review the Brandy Station and Cedar Mountain Battlefield Properties and make recommendations to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees by October 1, 2018 on their suitability as a historical and recreational area pursuant to § 10.1-200 et seq. or development as a State or Regional Park. In its review, the Department shall consider (i) management of the area or park by a combination of public and private entities, (ii) potential user activities at the area or park including heritage tourism, primitive camping, fishing, bow hunting, boating, equestrian activities, biking and historical and military education, and (iii) operation of the area or park with only those improvements minimally necessary for the activities listed herein and consistent with the preservation and protection of existing historic, cultural, archeological and natural resources."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation to review the Brandy Station and Cedar Mountain Battlefield properties and make recommendations on their suitability as a historical and recreation area or for development as a State or regional park.)

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Item 363 #4s

**Seven Bends State Park**

<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$167,548 1.00	\$198,752 2.00	GF FTE

**Language:**

Page 325, line 29, strike "\$62,377,449" and insert "\$62,544,997".

Page 325, line 29, strike "\$61,354,690" and insert "\$61,553,442".

Page 326, following line 49, insert:

"H. Included in the amount for this item is \$167,548 and 1.0 FTE position the first year and \$198,752 and 2.0 FTE positions the second year from the general fund to support the limited operation of Seven Bends State Park."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to support the limited opening of Seven Bends State Park. Funds would be used to provide minimal staffing and recreational facilities such as hiking trails, gravel parking areas, signage, and two water access points for visitors to have hand launch facilities for canoes and kayaks. In fiscal year 2015 \$2.2 million was provided for the removal of several dilapidated buildings and for the construction of parking and recreational areas and

the development of river access. This activity will be completed by the end of the upcoming biennium.)

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Item 363 #5s

**Reverse VOF Funds for Settlements**

<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	(\$2,002,750)	(\$2,002,750)	GF

**Language:**

Page 325, line 29, strike "\$62,377,449" and insert "\$60,374,699".  
Page 325, line 29, strike "\$61,354,690" and insert "\$59,351,940".  
Page 326, strike lines 3 through 10.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes discretionary state funding of \$2.0 million GF each year for the Virginia Outdoors Foundation. The Foundation was awarded approximately \$40.0 million through two recent mitigation agreements, thereby reducing the need for additional State investment.)

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Item 363 #6s

**Broadband and WiFi Connectivity in State Parks**

<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	(\$526,888)	(\$9,460)	GF

**Language:**

Page 325, line 29, strike "\$62,377,449" and insert "\$61,850,561".  
Page 325, line 29, strike "\$61,354,690" and insert "\$61,345,230".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes proposed new spending of \$526,888 GF the first year and \$9,460 GF the second year for broadband and WiFi connectivity in state parks,)

**State Park and Natural Area Six Year Plan**

**Natural Resources**

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Language

**Language:**

Page 326, line 39, strike "G." and insert "G.1."

Page 326, following line 49, insert:

"2. There is hereby established a Six-Year State Park and Natural Area Advisory Committee consisting of the the following, or their designees: the Secretary of Finance, the Secretary of Natural Resources, the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget, the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and the staff directors of the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Finance Committee. On or before November 1, 2018, the Advisory Committee shall submit to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees a proposed list of new State Park or Natural Area Preserve projects (and previously planned or authorized projects) to be funded entirely or partially from general fund-supported resources for the six fiscal years beginning July 1, 2019. It shall be the responsibility of the Advisory Committee to develop a prioritization process for all proposed acquisitions which shall include, but not be limited to: i.) inholdings and parcels contiguous to existing state parks and natural area preserves; ii) new acquisitions in areas with limited access to state outdoor recreation facilities; iii.) the estimated operational costs and staffing needs for any new areas compared to operating and staffing needs at existing state parks and natural areas; and iv.) any other such criteria as may deemed appropriate."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment creates a six-year planning process for the Department of Conservation and Recreation to identify potential additional land acquisitions that may be suitable for inclusion in the State Park or Natural Area Preserve system in order to provide the General Assembly with additional information on projects that will require additional operating support from the general fund.)

**Stormwater Management**

**Natural Resources**

Department of Environmental Quality

Language

**Language:**

Page 328, following line 38, insert:

"H. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the department is authorized to charge a voluntary fee of \$30,000 for review of sites or areas within common plans of development or sale with land-disturbance acreage equal to or greater than 100 acres for an expedited stormwater impact review. Any individual or firm electing to pay the voluntary fee shall be guaranteed the total government review time shall not exceed 45 days excluding any applicant's time in responding to questions. The portion of the fee above the normal \$9,600 fee shall be used by DEQ to increase the staffing level of the reviewers of these applications."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment authorizes DEQ to provide a voluntary increase in the stormwater review fees of \$30,000 for land-disturbance acreage greater than 100 acres and allows the requestor an expedited stormwater review of no longer than 45 days. The portion of the fee above the existing \$9,600 fee can be used by DEQ to increase the staffing of the reviewers of these applications.)

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Item 366 #2s

**Richmond CSO Reporting**

**Natural Resources**

Department of Environmental Quality

Language

**Language:**

Page 328, following line 38, insert:

"H. The State Water Control Board shall, every two years beginning on July 1, 2019, provide a summary report on discharges during the previous two years from combined sewer overflow systems located within the Commonwealth. Copies of the report shall be delivered to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources Committee, the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, and the Chairman of the House Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources Committee."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment requires the State Water Control Board to provide a biennial summary report to the General Assembly on combined sewer overflow discharges beginning in July 2019.)

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Item 367 #1s

**Study of permit-by-rule (PBR) process for small-renewable energy projects**

**Natural Resources**

Department of Environmental Quality

Language

**Language:**

Page 329, following line 22, insert:

"C.1. The Director of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is directed to study the process by which DEQ reviews and approves applications for permit-by-rule (PBR) for "small renewable energy projects". In conducting the study, DEQ shall include: i.) the number of applications received, completed applications, and approved applications; ii.) an analysis of the average amount of time an application remains in the PBR queue; iii.) a survey of electric utility and electric grid operators on the viability of all applications to proceed to construction and interconnection; iv.) a comparison of permit fees collected to total costs incurred by the Commonwealth to review and process applications; v.) a survey of local governments to determine costs incurred to review applications for stormwater and erosion and sediment control permits for all renewable projects under PBR; vi.) an analysis of whether DEQ is adequately staffed to properly, effectively, and efficiently manage the PBR process; and vii.) any additional considerations to provide a more complete analysis of impacts to state and local resources.

2. As part of the study, the DEQ Director will provide recommendations on revisions to the PBR application and approval process including, but not limited to: i.) adjustments to state and local review application fees; and ii.) time limits for approval by which construction must commence. The department shall complete the review by November 30, 2018 and submit its findings to the Secretary of Natural Resources and the General Assembly."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Department of Environmental Quality to study the process by which DEQ reviews and approves applications for permit-by-rule (PBR) for "small renewable energy projects" and report its findings and analysis to the General Assembly by November 30, 2018.)

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Item 368 #1s

**Chesapeake Bay TMDL Digital Spatial Imagery**

**Natural Resources**

Department of Environmental Quality

Language



**Language:**

Page 330, following line 51, insert:

"I. Any contract entered into between July 1, 2018 and July 1, 2028 between the Commonwealth and a digital spatial data contractor for the provision by the contractor of digital spatial dataset containing high-resolution land cover mapping imagery shall require the contractor to pre-process large-area spatial datasets by overlaying onto them the Commonwealth's jurisdictional boundaries to produce a discrete dataset for every county, city, and town. Such contract shall require the contractor to make the locality-specific datasets available as downloadable files."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs any Department of Conservation and Recreation contracts related to digital spatial imagery to include one-meter land cover imagery analytical tools, supporting Chesapeake Bay TMDL planning, to make them more user friendly relative to jurisdictional boundaries.)

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Item 373 #1s

**Restriction on Land Acquisition**

**Natural Resources**

Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

Language

**Language:**

Page 332, following line 34, insert ;

"D. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Code of Virginia, as a condition of the expenditure of all amounts included in this item, the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries shall not initiate or accept by gift, transfer or purchase with nongeneral funds any new lands for use as a Wildlife Management Area without a specific appropriation for such purpose by the General Assembly. However, the Department is authorized to acquire in-holdings or lands contiguous to an existing Wildlife Management Area as expressly set out in Items C-29 and C-30 of this act and as provided for in Section 4-2.01 a. of this act provided further that such acquisitions will not cause the Department to incur additional operating expenses resulting from such acquisitions."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment restricts the ability of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to acquire any additional land without the specific authorization by the General Assembly.)

Item 374 #1s

**Cap Easement Fee**

**Natural Resources**

Department of Historic Resources

Language

**Language:**

Page 334, line 18, following "Virginia.", insert:

"It is the intent of the General Assembly that no individual application of easement for review be charged more than \$5,000 in aggregate for easement review fees authorized by this Item."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment caps easement review fees charged by the Department of Historic Resources.)

Item 374 #3s

**Historical African American Graves**

**Natural Resources**

**FY18-19**

**FY19-20**

Department of Historic Resources

\$1,550

\$1,550 GF

**Language:**

Page 332, line 42, strike "\$6,954,668" and insert "\$6,956,218".

Page 332, line 42, strike "\$6,854,668" and insert "\$6,856,218".

Page 334, following line 14, insert:

"3. Notwithstanding the provisions of §10.1-2211.2, Code of Virginia, included in this Item is \$1,330 the first year and \$1,330 the second year from the general fund to support the preservation and care of historical African American graves at the Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Portsmouth, Virginia.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of §10.1-2211.2, Code of Virginia, included in this Item is \$220 the first year and \$220 the second year from the general fund to support the preservation and care of historical African American graves at the African-American Burial Ground for the Enslaved at Belmont in Loudoun County, Virginia."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provide \$1,330 GF in each year to implement Senate Bill 198 which adds the 266 graves at the Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Portsmouth and \$220 GF in each year to implement the provisions of SB 163 which adds the 44 graves at the African-American Burial Ground for

the Enslaved at Belmont in Loudoun County to the list of Historical African American cemeteries cared for pursuant to §10.1-2211.2 of the Code of Virginia.)

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Item 374 #4s

**Review of Permitting Process**

<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>	
Department of Historic Resources	\$12,600	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 332, line 42, strike "\$6,954,668" and insert "\$6,967,268".

Page 334, following line 18, insert:

"L. Included in the amounts in this Item is \$12,600 from the general fund the first year for costs incurred to convene a stakeholder work group to examine the process by which the Department reviews, as required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the effects of certain projects upon historic properties in association with Federal Communications Commission applications. The Department shall assess whether such process could be made more efficient while continuing to provide federally required notices and public input. In conducting this review, the Department shall consider best practices from other states implementing and shall focus on the federally required review of applications for communications towers and similar infrastructure intended to facilitate deployment of broadband Internet services in unserved areas. The Department shall report its findings and any recommendations of the work group to the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2018."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to implement the provisions of SB 166 which directs the Department of Historic Resources to convene a stakeholder work group to evaluate the efficiency of the process used to review telecommunications projects with regard to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the effects of certain projects upon historic properties in association with Federal Communications Commission applications.)

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Item 376 #1s

**Oyster Replenishment & Restoration**

<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>	
Marine Resources Commission	\$750,000	\$1,000,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 334, line 37, strike "\$20,187,803" and insert "\$20,937,803".

Page 334, line 37, strike "\$20,187,803" and insert "\$21,187,803".

Page 335, line 25, strike "\$2,000,000 the first year" and insert "\$2,750,000 the first year".

Page 335, line 25, strike "\$2,000,000 the second year" and insert "\$3,000,000 the second year".

Page 335, line 26, following, "replenishment" insert "and oyster restoration".

Page 335, line 26 following "." insert "From these amounts \$750,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to provide support for oyster restoration."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment increases the Marine Resources Commission's funding by \$750,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year for oyster restoration activities.)

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Item 377 #1s

**Clontz Park-Public Access Boat Ramp**

<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>
Marine Resources Commission	\$160,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 335, line 32, strike "\$2,769,820" and insert "\$2,929,820".

Page 335, following line 46, insert:

"C. Out of this appropriation, \$160,000 the first year from the general fund is designated for completion of the public boat ramp project RF16-11/RF16-11a1, including all necessary and reasonable improvements as may be required for public access."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$160,000 from the general fund to complete funding for a public access boat ramp.)

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Item 377 #2s

**Derelict Barge Removal**

<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>
Marine Resources Commission	\$0	(\$190,000) GF

**Language:**

Page 335, line 32, strike "\$2,947,820" and insert "\$2,757,820".

Page 335, strike lines 45 and 46.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes funding of \$190,000 GF the second year for the removal of a derelict barge in Belmont Bay.)

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Item 379 #1s

**Ops. Ctr. Relocation**

<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>	
Marine Resources Commission	\$175,000	\$225,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 336, line 5, strike "\$2,514,325" and insert "\$2,689,325".

Page 336, line 5, strike "\$2,514,325" and insert "\$2,739,325".

Page 336, following line 24, insert:

"E. Out of this appropriation, \$175,000 the first year and \$225,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for relocation costs of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission headquarters and all operational facilities to publicly owned land at Ft. Monroe. It is the intent of the General Assembly that all operational assets of the Commission, including but not limited to communications, dispatch, and marine equipment storage remain co-located as part of the current relocation project. The Department of General Services, Division of Real Estate Services and the Fort Monroe Authority shall provide all necessary assistance, including but not limited to revisions to the Fort Monroe Authority Master Plan."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides adequate funding to VMRC to facilitate the full transfer of administration and operational facilities from Newport News to Ft. Monroe.)

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Item 380 #1s

**Museum Natural History Satellite Museum**

<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>	<b>FY19-20</b>	
Virginia Museum of Natural History	\$250,000	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 336, line 35, strike "\$3,272,111" and insert "\$3,522,111".

Page 336, following line 44, insert:

"A. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for a preliminary planning study to establish a satellite location of the Virginia Natural History Museum in Waynesboro, Virginia."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding for a preliminary planning study to establish a Waynesboro satellite location of the Virginia Natural History Museum. An initial impact study has already been completed.)

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Item 3-1.01 #1s

**Transfer Savings from Decrease in Telephone Relay Service**

**Transfers**

Interfund Transfers

Language

**Language:**

Page 463, after line 24, insert:

"KK. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A of § 58.1-662, Code of Virginia, and in addition to clause (i) and (ii) of that subsection, monies in the Communications Sales and Use Tax Trust Fund shall not be allocated to the Commonwealth's counties, cities, and towns until after an amount equal to \$2,000,000 each year is allocated to the general fund. The State Comptroller shall deposit to the general fund \$2,000,000 on or before June 30, 2019 and an additional \$2,000,000 on or before June 30, 2020 from the revenues received from the Communications Sales and Use Tax."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment transfers \$2.0 million each year of the biennium from Communications Sales and Use Tax revenues to the general fund, after payments (i) to the Department of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing for telephone relay services, and (ii) to localities for any franchise fee amounts due. The amounts represent savings from the decline in the cost of the telecommunications relay services contract.)

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Item 3-1.01 #2s

**Chesapeake Bay Improvements**

**Transfers**

Interfund Transfers

Language

**Language:**

Page 457, line 7, following "below." insert "From these amounts \$2,583,531 the first year and \$2,583,531 the second year shall be deposited to the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund pursuant to §10.1-2128.1, Code of Virginia, and designated for deposit to the reserve fund, for ongoing improvements of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries."

Page 457, line 10, strike "\$7,416,469" and insert "\$10,000,000".

Page 457, line 10, strike "\$7,416,469" and insert "\$10,000,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides a mechanism to stabilize funding for agricultural best management practices in furtherance of the intent of the existing transfer providing funding for projects of improvement of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. The amount of the current transfer of un-refunded marine fuel sales has been unchanged since 2003. )

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Item 3-5.12 #1s

**Reverse Expansion of Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Research and Development**

**Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections**

Retail Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Research for Federally  
Funded Research and Development Centers

Language

**Language:**

Page 468, line 1, after "July 1, 2016", strike "and ending June 30, 2018".

Page 468, strike lines 6 through 7.

Page 468, line 8, strike "C" and insert "B".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reverses an expansion of the sales and use tax exemption for tangible personal property purchased by a federally funded research and development center sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy.)