



Report of the Subcommittee on
Health and Human Resources

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2020 Report of the Health and Human Resources Subcommittee

The Honorable Janet D. Howell, Co-Chair

The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger, Jr., Co-Chair

February 16, 2020

Madam Chair and Members of the Committee:

Today I am pleased to provide the report of the Health and Human Resources Subcommittee. The Subcommittee has reviewed the Governor's budget for the agencies in Health and Human Resources. The Governor has proposed investments in behavioral health, developmental disability services, and child welfare. The Subcommittee adopts much of that funding and builds on those resources to continue making significant investments in community behavioral health services, ensuring individuals with developmental disabilities are served in the most integrated settings, and further enhancing our Medicaid program to better serve those enrolled, including the expanded population which is close to covering nearly 400,000 additional Virginians.

With regards to serving individuals with developmental disabilities, I will note that the Commonwealth is coming up on the end of its 10 year settlement agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice. It is a remarkable achievement that the Commonwealth has invested so much in improving our community-based services, and in June of this year will close the fourth and last Training Center that was part of the original plan. There is still work to be done in enhancing services to provide greater opportunities for individuals to live in the most integrated settings. As such, the recommendations before you are part of a total package of \$93 million in this budget to provide a much needed increase in provider rates and an additional 500 waiver slots in the second year.

I am also pleased to report that the amendments before you will result



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in \$138 million of total funding in the budget for community-based behavioral health services. These amendments will result in the Commonwealth doubling its funding for Permanent Supportive Housing. By the end of the biennium, over 2,000 Virginians with serious mental illness will have access to stable housing. In addition, \$10 million is provided for two-year pilot projects with health systems to explore alternative strategies to divert Temporary Detention Order (TDO) admissions from state psychiatric hospitals. The Subcommittee considered the proposal to use supplemental Medicaid payments to divert TDOs, however, its impact is too uncertain and the urgency of the issue requires pursuing immediate projects that will likely reduce the census pressure on our state psychiatric hospitals.

The Subcommittee recommendations include additional investments to raise Medicaid reimbursement for personal care, adult day health care, residential psychiatric facilities and nursing homes. In addition, the Subcommittee recommends adding an adult dental benefit to Medicaid to better promote the overall health of low-income Virginians.

Lastly, I will note that the Subcommittee considered the proposal to establish a reinsurance program in the individual insurance market. While this strategy can assist in reducing insurance premiums, other critical priorities across the budget required the use of those resources. The Subcommittee will continue to evaluate such a program going forward.

As I conclude, let me thank the members of the Subcommittee for their hard work and the time they invested to put this report together. I sincerely appreciate the contributions and efforts of each member of the Subcommittee to create this report.

With that, Madam Chair, this concludes my report for Health and Human Resources. I hope it will be the pleasure of the Committee to adopt our amendments.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Honorable Janet D. Howell, Chair

The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger, Jr., Co-Chair

The Honorable Jill H. Vogel

The Honorable George L. Barker

The Honorable R. Creigh Deeds

The Honorable Adam P. Ebbin

The Honorable Jennifer L. McClellan

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Recommended Amendments SB 29 and SB 30, as Introduced

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Line	Description	GF FY 2020	GF FY 2021	GF FY 2022	NGF FY 2020	NGF FY 2021	NGF FY 2022
1	Secretary of Health and Human Resources						
2	Move Workgroup on Medicaid Doula Benefit to SB 30		Language			Language	
3	Develop Reinsurance Program for Individual Market					Language	
4	Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Program Workgroup					Language	
5	Children's Services Act						
6	Modify Rate Setting Study, Cap and Process for Private Day Placement Services		\$ 75,000	\$ (75,000)		\$ -	\$ -
7	SB 178: Fictive Kin Eligible for Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program		\$ 3,838	\$ 7,676		\$ -	\$ -
8	SB 570: State Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program		\$ 899,150	\$ 899,150		\$ -	\$ -
9	Department of Health						
10	Backfill Loss of Federal Funds for ED Care Coordination Prog.	\$ -			\$ 600,000		
11	Delay Electronic Health Records Implementation and Fund Consultant		\$ (6,761,531)	\$ (8,320,216)		\$ -	\$ -
12	Adjust Funding for Quit Now Program		\$ (1,049,696)	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
13	Hampton University Proton Therapy Foundation		\$ (1,500,000)	\$ (1,500,000)		\$ -	\$ -
14	Remove 2nd Year Funding for Overdose Reversal Drugs		\$ -	\$ (1,600,011)		\$ -	\$ -
15	Immunization of School Children		\$ 2,197,187	\$ 2,197,187		\$ -	\$ -
16	Behavioral Health Loan Repayment Program		\$ 1,688,914	\$ 1,688,914		\$ -	\$ -
17	Nursing Preceptor Incentive Program		\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000		\$ -	\$ -
18	Sickle Cell Patient Assistance Program		\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000		\$ -	\$ -
19	SB 564: Hearing Loss Identification and Monitoring Language Milestones		\$ 306,374	\$ 306,374		\$ 89,267	\$ -
20	Adult and Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury Project		\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000		\$ -	\$ -
21	SB 392 and SB 393: School and Child Care Lead Testing		\$ 188,024	\$ 401,572		\$ 195,950	\$ -
22	SB 764: Revisions to the Certificate of Public Need Program		\$ 141,000	\$ 141,000		\$ -	\$ -
23	Mel Leaman Free Clinic		\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000		\$ -	\$ -
24	Special Olympics		\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000		\$ -	\$ -
25	Technical: Remove TDO Tracking Funds for the ED Care Coordination Prog.	\$ (50,000)	\$ (50,000)	\$ (50,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
26	Fund Poison Control Centers		\$ -	\$ -		\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
27	Volunteer Background Checks for EMS		\$ -	\$ -		\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
28	Modify LARC Pilot Program		\$ -	\$ -		\$ (2,000,000)	\$ (2,000,000)
29	Technical: Remove Various Outdated Language						Language
30	Technical: Restore Language for Community Health Services						Language
31	Technical: Add Language for Community Health Worker Pilot						Language
32	Technical: Correctly Identify CHIP of Roanoke and Embedded Dollar Amounts						Language
33	Continue PANDAS Advisory Council						Language
34	Reporting on Agency Organization						Language
35	Department of Health Professionals						
36	Remove Outdated Language						Language
37	Cannabis Processors Legislation		\$ -	\$ -		\$ 204,828	\$ 204,828
38	Department of Medical Assistance Services						
39	Revert Balance in Administrative Funds						Language
40	Increase Personal Care Rates (5% on July 1, 2020, 2% on July 1, 2021)		\$ 24,917,194	\$ 39,857,314		\$ 24,917,194	\$ 39,857,314
41	Increase Developmental Disability Waiver Rates		\$ 21,395,031	\$ 22,036,881		\$ 21,395,031	\$ 22,036,881
42	Add Adult Dental Benefit to Medicaid		\$ 8,743,420	\$ 25,304,935		\$ 23,401,506	\$ 67,727,915
43	Increase Skilled and Private Duty Nursing Rates to 85 Percent of Benchmark		\$ 9,928,017	\$ 9,928,017		\$ 9,928,017	\$ 9,928,017
44	Capture ACA Insurance Tax Savings		\$ -	\$ (30,565,273)		\$ -	\$ (30,565,273)

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89	Freestanding Emergency Department Reporting						
90							
91	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services						
92	Increase Funding for Permanent Supportive Housing		\$ 5,600,000	\$ 11,400,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
93	Pilot Programs to Reduce Census Pressure on State Hospitals		\$ 10,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
94	Remove Funding to Expand Catawba Hospital by 56 Beds		Language \$ (9,345,066)	\$ (10,376,276)	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
95	Reduce Funding for Western State Hospital Due to Construction Delay	\$ (2,889,261)	\$ (1,662,389)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
96	Reduce Funding for Administrative Costs of STEP-VA		\$ (1,000,000)	\$ (1,000,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
97	Reduce Funding for Behavioral Health Redesign Training		\$ (896,562)	\$ (1,086,062)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
98	Reduce Behavioral Health Trust Fund Appropriation		\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,000,000)	\$ -	\$ -
99	Eliminate Position for TDO Supplemental Payment Program		\$ -	\$ -	\$ (110,000)	\$ -	\$ (110,000)
100	Adverse Childhood Experiences Initiative		\$ 286,520	\$ 286,520	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
101	McShin Foundation		\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
102	Fund Opioid Prevention Play		\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
103	TDO Transportation Pilot from State Psychiatric Hospitals after Discharge		\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
104	Transfer from Supreme Court Substance Use Disorder Treatment Funds		\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
105	Data Sharing Pilot		\$ 209,000	\$ 65,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
106	Employment Initiative for Transition Age Youth Pilot		\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
107	Transfer Discharge Assistance Planning Funds to Community Services Boards		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
108	SB 384: Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000
109	Review Sexually Violent Predator Program						
110	Report on Community Services Board Funding and STEP-VA						
111	Eliminate Authority to Add Children's Mental Health Beds						
112	Partnership with Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters						
113	Report on Federal Opioid Funding		Language	Language			
114	Children's Inpatient Psychiatric Services Workgroup		Language	Language			
115	Clarify Medication Assisted Treatment Funding Use		Language	Language			
116	Eastern State Hospital Transfer of Land to James City County						
117	Partnership with Private Providers						
118	Designate Unneeded Funding for Training Centers Bond Defeasance						
119	Transfer Capital Outlay Function to Dept. of General Services						
120	Waiver Reporting Language						
121	Plan to Develop Additional CIT Assessment Centers						
122	Feasibility of Expanding Mental Health Dockets						
123	Plan for Disposition of Vacant Properties						
124	Sale of Southwestern Virginia Training Center		Language	Language			
125	Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services						
126	Support for Brain Injury Programs		\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
127	Increase Funding for Aging Services		\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
128	Provide Funding for Vocational Rehabilitation Program		\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
129	Centers for Independent Living		\$ 850,000	\$ 850,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
130	Dementia Case Management		\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
131	Jewish Social Services Agency		\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
132	Grace Period for ESOs Awaiting Accreditation						

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133	Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center						
134	Vehicle Purchase		\$ 200,000	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
135	Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired						
136	Adjust Funding for Vocational Rehabilitation Program		\$ (1,500,000)	\$ (1,500,000)		\$ -	\$ -
137	Department of Social Services						
138	Modify Implementation of Prevention Services in Local Departments		\$ (12,455,330)	\$ (7,473,198)		\$ (3,971,631)	\$ (2,382,977)
139	Adjust Funding for Child Welfare System Improvements		\$ (2,002,905)	\$ (8,327,506)		\$ 2,167,134	\$ (6,544,935)
140	Eliminate IT Enterprise Platform Funds	\$ (264,375)	\$ (1,102,500)	\$ (1,890,000)	\$ (323,125)	\$ (1,347,500)	\$ (2,310,000)
141	Reduce Administrative Backfill Due to CCDF Transfer and Add Reporting Req.		\$ -	\$ (2,000,000)		\$ -	\$ -
142	Supplant Family First Evidence-Based Services with Federal Funds		\$ (1,074,500)	\$ (1,074,500)		\$ 1,074,500	\$ 1,074,500
143	Supplant Family First Evaluation Team Costs with Federal Funds		\$ (801,328)	\$ (765,187)		\$ 801,328	\$ 765,187
144	Increase TANF Cash Assistance Payment and Income Eligibility (20%)		\$ 1,899,263	\$ 1,899,263		\$ 16,000,000	\$ 16,000,000
145	One-Time Allocation for Laurel Center		\$ 1,000,000	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
146	Fund Training Academy		\$ 200,000	\$ 1,200,000		\$ -	\$ -
147	Fund FACT Program		\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000		\$ -	\$ -
148	Fund Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention Fund		\$ 500,000	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
149	Driver's License Program for Foster Care Youth		\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000		\$ -	\$ -
150	SB 991: Office of New Americans		\$ 125,000	\$ 175,000		\$ -	\$ -
151	SB 124: SNAP Drug Felony Eligibility		\$ 132,361	\$ 132,361		\$ 132,361	\$ 132,361
152	Limit Summer Food Pilot to One-Year		\$ -	\$ -		\$ (5,092,950)	\$ (5,092,950)
153	Community Action Agencies		\$ -	\$ -		\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000
154	Boys and Girls Clubs		\$ -	\$ -		\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
155	Laurel Center		\$ -	\$ -		\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
156	SB 187: Eliminate Two-Year Limit on Cash Assistance		\$ -	\$ -		\$ 772,472	\$ 682,472
157	Lighthouse Community Center		\$ -	\$ -		\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
158	Kinship Navigator Plan						
159	Adjust Language to Reflect First Year Approp. VA Fosters						
160	Reporting on Agency Organization						
161		\$ (6,639,287)	\$ 31,479,830	\$ 27,329,496	\$ (3,158,776)	\$ 28,726,321	\$ 59,618,422
162							
163	General Assembly of Virginia						
164	Modify Joint Subcommittee for Health and Human Resources Oversight						
165	State Corporation Commission						
166	Modify Fund Source and Treasury Loan for Health Benefits Exchange						
167	Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth						
168	Prioritize Vaping Education and Marketing						
169	Part 3: Miscellaneous						
170	Reduce General Fund Transfer to the Trauma Center Fund						

Item 295 #1s

Health and Human Resources	FY20-21	FY21-22	
Department of Health	\$500,000	\$500,000	GF

Language:

Page 280, line 22, strike "\$885,000" and insert "\$1,385,000".

Page 280, line 22, strike "\$885,000" and insert "\$1,385,000".

Page 281, after line 3, insert:

"C. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 from the first year and \$500,000 from the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the Virginia Department of Health to establish a Nursing Preceptor Incentive Program. The department shall collaborate with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the Virginia Nurses Association, the Virginia Healthcare & Hospital Association, and other relevant stakeholders on an advanced practice nursing student preceptor grant program. The program shall offer a \$1,000 incentive for any Virginia licensed physician, physician's assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) who, in conjunction with a licensed and accredited Virginia public or private not-for-profit school of nursing, provides a clinical education rotation of 250 hours, and which is certified as having been completed by the school. The amount of the incentive may be adjusted based on the actual number of hours completed during the clinical education rotation. The program shall seek to reduce the shortage of APRN clinical education opportunities and establish new preceptor rotations for advanced practice nursing students, especially in high demand fields such as psychiatries. The department shall report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1, 2020 on the progress of establishing the Nursing Preceptor Incentive Program."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the first year and \$500,000 from the second year from the general fund to the Virginia Department of Health to establish a Nursing Preceptor Incentive Program. The department would report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1, 2020 on the progress of establishing the Nursing Preceptor Incentive Program.)

Item 295 #2s

Health and Human Resources	FY20-21	FY21-22	
Department of Health	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	GF

Language:

Page 280, line 23, strike "\$885,000" and insert "\$2,485,000".

Page 280, line 23, strike "\$885,000" and insert "\$2,485,000".

Page 281, after line 3, insert:

"C.1. The Virginia Department of Health shall establish the Virginia Behavioral Health Loan Repayment Program. Eligible practitioners include: psychiatrists, licensed clinical psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors, child and adolescent psychiatrists, and psychiatric nurse practitioners. The program shall include a tiered incentive system as follows: (i) Tier I providers: child and adolescent psychiatrists, psychiatric nurse practitioners, and psychiatrists; and (ii) Tier II providers: licensed clinical psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, and licensed professional counselors.

2. For each eligible year of service provided, the practitioner shall receive a year of applicable loan repayment award in return. Loan repayment checks will be submitted at the end of each year of service. Payments will be made directly to the lender. Practitioners must agree to a minimum of two years of practice for the behavioral health provider with the ability for two one-year renewals. The program shall require preference be given to applicants choosing to practice in underserved areas which must be a federally designated mental Health Professional Shortage Area or Medically Underserved Area within the Commonwealth. Practitioners are required to practice at Community Services Boards, behavioral health authorities, state mental health facilities, free clinics, federally qualified health centers and other similar health safety net organizations in order to be eligible for the program. The award amount is up to 25 percent of student loan debt, not to exceed \$30,000 per year for Tier I professionals or \$20,000 per year for Tier II professionals. In no instance shall the loan repayment exceed the total student loan debt.

3. No match contribution from practice sites or the community is required. Loan repayment awards shall be tax exempt.

4. The program shall have an Advisory Board, composed of representatives from stakeholder organizations and community members as determined by the department. The Advisory Board will meet annually and provide guidance regarding effective outreach and feedback on both programmatic processes and impact. The department shall provide an annual report to the Advisory Board on successes, challenges and opportunities with the program.

5. The Board of Health shall develop regulations consistent with this language in order for the department to administer the program."

Explanation:

(This amendment establishes the Behavioral Health Loan Repayment Program in order to increase the number of Virginia behavioral health practitioners by way of an educational loan repayment incentive that complements and coordinates with existing efforts to recruit and retain Virginia behavioral health practitioners. The program would allow for a variety of behavioral health practitioners to receive a student loan repayment award from the Commonwealth in exchange for providing service to Virginia communities that are otherwise underserved. Practitioners would receive loan repayment for up to 25 percent of student loan debt for each year of health care service provided to the Commonwealth. Maximum loan repayment amounts per year are dependent upon the type of behavioral health professional applying and shall not exceed the total student loan debt. Participating practitioners will have an initial two-year minimum participation obligation and may renew for a third and fourth year. This provides the practitioner with the opportunity to fully pay off their student loan debt while providing four

years of service to the Commonwealth.)

		Item 313 #9s	
Health and Human Resources	FY20-21	FY21-22	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$9,609,223	\$9,609,223	GF
	\$9,609,223	\$9,609,223	NGF

Language:

Page 294, line 18, strike "\$15,939,731,997" and insert "\$15,958,950,443".

Page 294, line 18, strike "\$17,038,007,934" and insert "\$17,057,226,380".

Page 321, after line 18, insert:

"GGGG. Effective, July 1, 2020, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall amend the State Plan of Medical Assistance under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, and any necessary waivers, to authorize time and a half up to 16 hours for a single attendant who works more than 40 hours per week for attendants through Medicaid-reimbursed consumer-directed (CD) personal assistance, respite and companion services. The department shall have authority to implement this provision prior to the completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$9.6 million from the general fund and a like amount of federal Medicaid matching funds each year for the Department of Medical Assistance Services, beginning July 1, 2020, to pay overtime compensation to attendants who are providing care under the consumer-directed service option in Medicaid waivers. The amendment allows Medicaid to pay time and a half for up to 16 hours for a single attendant who works more than 40 hours per week.)

		Item 313 #22s	
Health and Human Resources	FY20-21	FY21-22	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	(\$11,360,682)	(\$11,584,263)	GF
	(\$18,213,222)	(\$18,550,519)	NGF

Language:

Page 294, line 18, strike "\$15,939,731,997" and insert "\$15,910,158,093".

Page 294, line 18, strike "\$17,038,007,934" and insert "\$17,007,873,152".

Page 321, after line 18, insert:

"GGGG. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall amend the State Plan for Medical Assistance Services to change the definition of readmissions to mean when patients are readmitted within the same hospital systems for the same or a similar diagnosis within 30 days

of discharge. Such cases shall be considered a continuation of the same stay and shall not be treated as new cases. Similar diagnoses shall be defined as ICD diagnosis codes possessing the same first three digits. This change in definition aligns with the Medicaid Managed Care Organizations clinical efficiency requirements related to readmissions. The department shall have the authority to implement this reimbursement change effective July 1, 2020, and prior to the completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds language to modify the definition of hospital readmissions to change it to 30 days making the readmission criteria for both Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) and providers consistent and in alignment with similar Medicare rules. The Medicaid MCOs are unable to achieve these Medicaid clinical efficiencies without this policy change to bring uniformity in readmission criteria.)

	Item 339 #2s	
Health and Human Resources	FY20-21	FY21-22
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$850,000	\$850,000 GF

Language:

- Page 344, line 35, strike "\$100,487,565" and insert "\$101,337,565".
- Page 344, line 35, strike "\$100,487,565" and insert "\$101,337,565".
- Page 345, line 49, after "minimum of" strike "\$5,096,858" and insert "\$5,946,858".
- Page 345, line 49, after "the first year and" strike "\$5,096,858" and insert "\$5,946,858".

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$850,000 each year from the general fund to support Centers for Independent Living that provide independent living services including independent living skills training, advocacy, information and referral, peer mentoring, and transition to people with significant disabilities. Transition services include youth transition services, services to people trying to transition from nursing facilities and other institutions, and services to prevent institutionalization.)

	Item 340 #1s	
Health and Human Resources	FY20-21	FY21-22
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000 GF

Language:

Page 346, line 41, strike "\$36,089,218" and insert "\$37,289,218".

Page 346, line 41, strike "\$36,089,218" and insert "\$37,289,218".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.2 million from the general fund each year for area agencies on aging that provide at-home services to elderly individuals in the state. This additional funding would provide over 1,000 additional hours of in-home services each week.)

Item 340 #3s

Health and Human Resources	FY20-21	FY21-22	
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$50,000	\$50,000	GF

Language:

Page 346, line 41, strike "\$36,089,218" and insert "\$36,139,218".

Page 346, line 41, strike "\$36,089,218" and insert "\$36,139,218".

Page 348, line 4, after "appropriation," strike "\$100,000" and insert "\$150,000".

Page 348, line 4, after "the first year and" strike "\$100,000" and insert "\$150,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50,000 from the general fund each year to increase support for the Jewish Social Services Agency that provides assistance to low-income seniors who have experienced trauma.)

Item 354 #1s

Health and Human Resources	FY20-21	FY21-22	
Department of Social Services	\$250,000	\$250,000	GF

Language:

Page 357, line 41, strike "\$272,351,043" and insert "\$272,601,043".

Page 357, line 41, strike "\$268,464,940" and insert "\$268,714,940".

Page 360, after line 36, insert:

"Q. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to support the development and implementation of a statewide driver's licensing program to support foster care youth in obtaining a driver's license. Funding shall be made available to local departments of social services to reimburse foster care providers for increases to their existing motor vehicle insurance premiums that occur because a foster care youth in their care has been added to their insurance policy. The program may also reimburse foster care providers for additional coverage (i.e. an umbrella policy or the equivalent) that

provides liability protection should a foster care youth get into or cause a catastrophic accident. Additionally, funding shall be made available to foster care youth in Virginia's Fostering Futures Program to assist in covering the cost of obtaining motor vehicle insurance. The department shall develop reimbursement policies for foster care providers and foster care youth. The department shall coordinate and administer the driver's licensing program based on best practices from similar programs in other states, to include developing educational or training materials that educate foster parents, private providers, and foster youth about (i) liability issues, insurance laws, and common insurance practices (to include laws about renewal and cancellation, how long an accident can affect premiums, how to establish that a foster youth is no longer living in the residence, and other applicable topics); (ii) DMV requirements to obtain a learner's permit and driver's license; (iii) what funding and resources are available to assist in this process, to include, paying school lab fees for "Behind the Wheel" or paying a private driving education company; and (iv) why getting a driver's license on time is important for normalcy and a successful transition to adulthood. The department shall provide information on how many foster care youth were supported by this program and any recommendations to improve the program to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by December 1, 2020."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$250,000 from the general fund the second year to support the development and implementation of a statewide driver's licensing program to support foster care youth in obtaining a driver's license. Evidence indicates that youth who leave foster care without their driver's licenses are less likely to make a successful transition to adulthood. This is a recommendation of the Commission on Youth.)

	Item 356 #1s	
Health and Human Resources	FY20-21	FY21-22
Department of Social Services	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000 NGF

Language:

- Page 360, line 47, strike "\$55,357,967" and insert "\$58,357,967".
- Page 360, line 47, strike "\$52,357,967" and insert "\$55,357,967".
- Page 361, line 25, strike the first "\$6,250,000" and insert "\$9,250,000".
- Page 361, line 25, strike the first "\$6,250,000" and insert "\$9,250,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$3.0 million each year from the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant for support of Community Action Agencies.)