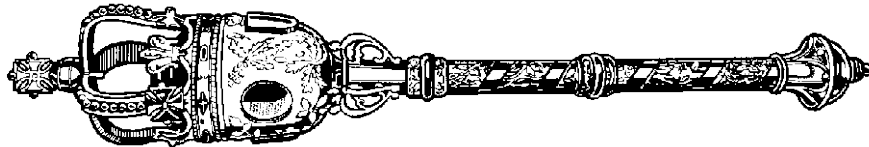


*Report of the
House Appropriations
Subcommittee*

on

Transportation & Public Safety



House Bill 1800

February 10, 2021

REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE
on
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Transportation and Public Safety Subcommittee, I am pleased to present to you our budget recommendations.

One of the primary responsibilities of this subcommittee is ensuring the agencies under its purview have the resources needed to adequately address their responsibilities, and to meet the challenges they all face.

To this end, for the Department of Emergency Management, the subcommittee report includes an additional \$31.7 million from the general fund over the biennium as well as a newly received reimbursement of \$47 million from FEMA for the Department's ongoing pandemic response and recovery activities. This includes support for the purchase and distribution of personal protective equipment, increased staffing in the Emergency Operations Center, as well as funding to support the Commonwealth's efforts to ensure equity in its pandemic response. For the Department of Corrections, the subcommittee report support providing \$14.3 million in additional appropriations for the Department to continue meeting the challenges of providing adequate and appropriate health care to those incarcerated in its facilities. And to support the safety of our State Troopers and the communities they serve, the subcommittee report includes \$7.5 million in additional funding for the State Police to purchase newer, safer, and more reliable vehicles for their troopers.

I am pleased the amendment package also helps support an ambitious criminal justice reform agenda. To implement an automatic expungement process, pursuant to Leader Herring's legislation, the

subcommittee report includes \$14.6 million to allow the Office of the Executive Secretary and the Department of State Police to make the systems improvements necessary for Virginia to become one of just a handful of states who have implemented a process for the automatic expungement of civil and criminal records.

The subcommittee report also supports the Commonwealth's efforts to join a growing list of states that have legalized the adult use of cannabis. To this end, the report includes a \$10.0 million line of credit for the establishment of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority, and a \$5.0 million contingency appropriation to ensure adequate support exists for the many agencies involved in ensuring Virginia has a safe, functioning, and appropriately regulated, legal cannabis marketplace by January 1, 2024.

Other criminal justice reform priorities reflected in the subcommittee report include the elimination of the death penalty in the Commonwealth, which allows the savings from no longer providing criminal defense in capital cases to be reinvested to meet other operational needs within the Indigent Defense Commission. The subcommittee report also includes \$6 million toward the costs of eliminating mandatory minimums for more than 18 offenses, and allowing individuals currently incarcerated under mandatory minimum sentences to petition for resentencing.

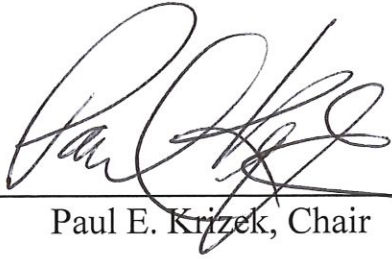
In the area of Transportation, the subcommittee's first priority was to conduct a thorough review of the proposals in the introduced budget to invest \$55.0 million in general funds to support two high priority transportation projects, providing \$50.0 million to enhance the current rail service from DC to Roanoke and start the expansion of passenger rail to the New River Valley, and \$5.0 million for development and construction of additional multi-use trails in the Commonwealth. I am pleased to announce the Subcommittee recommendations include going forward with these two projects.

It is important to note that in addition to recommending the \$50.0 million in funding to support the rail expansion, the subcommittee and full committee reported House Bill 1893 patroned by Delegate Hurst to establish the New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Authority to provide additional support to enable rail expansion into the New River Valley.

The Subcommittee feels strongly that support for public transit is vital to our Commonwealth's future because it reduces congestion on our roads and helps mitigate the impact motor vehicle emissions have on our environment. Given this importance, the subcommittee recommendations also includes \$500,000 from the general fund to support the transit equity and modernization study authorized in House Joint Resolution 542 that was patroned by Delegate McQuinn. We feel this study will provide important information as we continue to expand our investments in public transit in the years to come.

With that, Mr. Chairman, the report of the Subcommittee is now before you and the members of the Committee. I hope it will be the Committee's pleasure to adopt the Subcommittee's report.

Respectfully Submitted by the House Appropriations Subcommittee on
Transportation & Public Safety:



Paul E. Krizek, Chair



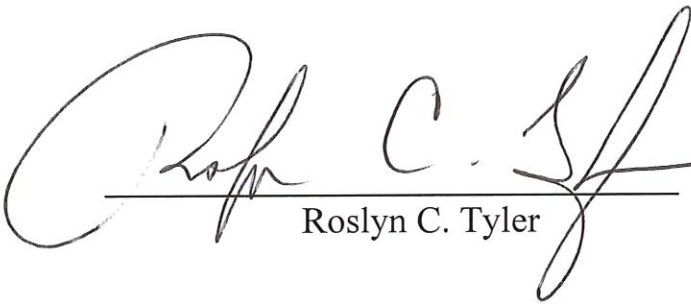
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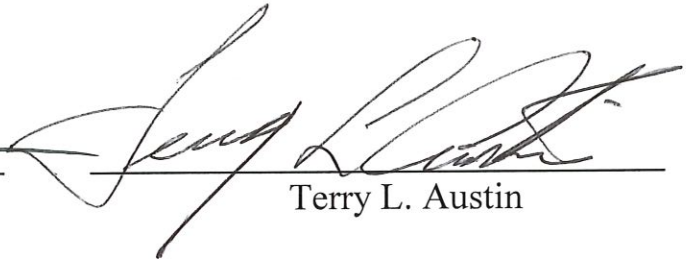
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2020-22 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTE

TRANSPORTATION

Secretary of Transportation

430 #1h Meeting Schedule for I-81 Advisory Committee Language

Department of Rail and Public Transportation

442 #1h Waive Cap for Transit Ridership Incentive Program Language

442 #2h Funding to Study Transit Equity and Modernization in the Commonwea \$500,000

Department of Transportation

446 #1h Coastal Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Inundation Study Language

447 #1h Require Communication Regarding Changes in Weight Limits Language

451 #1h Economic Development Access Program - Moratorium on Repayment Language

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JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Office of the Executive Secretary

HB 2113 - Automatic Expungement Process for Certain Offenses	1,539,033	
Review of Provision of Counsel at First Appearance	Language	

Court of Appeals of Virginia

Remove Court of Appeals Funding	(5,111,646)	
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Circuit Courts

HB 2331 - Criminal Fund Impact	6,652,800	
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Indigent Defense Commission

HB 2263 - Death Penalty Elimination	(3,928,516)	
Additional Attorney and Administrative Support	1,816,875	
Fully Fund PWC Office	1,181,456	

Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission

HB 2310 - Pre-Trial Reporting	216,000	2.00
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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security

Workgroup to Review Establishment of DOC Ombudsman	Language	
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Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority

Direct Shipping Enforcement		1,000,000
Remove Line of Credit Authorization Related to Cannabis Legalization	Language	

Department of Corrections

Subsidize Prison Family Video Visitation	250,000	
Corrections Special Reserve Fund Deposit	427,376	

Department of Criminal Justice Services

Remove Pre-Trial Reporting Language	Language	
Big H.O.M.I.E.S. Program	500,000	

Department of Emergency Management

Equity and Inclusion in Disaster Response	96,000	
Offset GF PPE Expenditures with Federal Reimbursement	(47,000,000)	

Department of Juvenile Justice

HB 1912 - Payment to DJJ of Child Support	435,278	(435,278)
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Department of State Police

HB 2113 - Automatic Expungement Process for Certain Offenses	13,019,984	4.00
HB 2004 - FOIA Support Technicians	145,074	2.00
HB 2163 - VCIN Modifications	100,000	
Maintain Vehicle Replacement at 130,000 Miles	(1,997,850)	

VETERANS AND DEFENSE AFFAIRS

Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs

Technical Amendment - Project Title	Language	
National Museum of the United States Army	5,000,000	

Central Accounts

Reallocate Funding for Automatic Expungement Legislation	(20,000,000)	
Reallocate Crim. Just. Reform Contingent Funding	(11,000,000)	

PART 3

Interfund Transfers

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General	Nongeneral	
<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>FTE</u>

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Additional ABC Profit Transfer

Transfer Proceeds of Sale of ABC Property to VCU

Working Capital Funds

Virginia Cannabis Control Authority - Line of Credit

Language

Language

Language