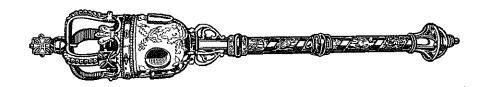
## Report of the House Appropriations Subcommittee

on

### Transportation & Public Safety



House Bill 1400

# 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.

In the area of Public Safety, the Subcommittee report supports several important investments in initiatives that we believe will help make our communities safer, just a small number of which I would like to briefly mention this afternoon. This includes \$30 million to back the Bold Blue Line Initiative, which will provide critical resources in the efforts of our local and state law enforcement agencies to recruit qualified and competent law enforcement officers from within Virginia and across the nation. The Subcommittee report also supports \$20 million in additional funding for the Operation Ceasefire Grant Fund, which helps support crime reduction strategies across the Commonwealth by supporting the costs of training and equipment for law enforcement officers, and to support local organizations engaged in group violence intervention efforts.

An additional \$8 million has also been provided to the School Resource Officer Incentive Grant Fund to support reducing the more than 1,000 public schools in the Commonwealth without a school resource officer, as well as supporting efforts to ensure they have the training and equipment they need to make our public schools safe for our children, teachers, and school staff.

Moving on to the area of Transportation, the Subcommittee began its work by completing a thorough examination of the proposal in the introduced budget, as well as in House Bill 2302, to make modifications to,

and increase funding in, the Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund. This proposal further highlights the undeniable link between our transportation infrastructure and the economic growth we are working to enhance. In order for us to continue to attract business and grow our economy, we must make continuous improvements to our transportation infrastructure as well as have the ability to direct funds to high priority projects quickly. The legislation as we adopted it, and the recommendations in the budget provide a pathway for us moving forward.

In regards to the Subcommittee's other recommendations, similar to the past few years, the total volume of amendments in Transportation are rather sparse compared to other areas of the budget. This is because the Subcommittee, as a general rule, has avoided the practice of making earmarks in the budget. We believe the Smart Scale process is working and is serving the Commonwealth very well and is the best way to allocate our Transportation dollars. However, there are some projects, specifically related to the improvements on our Interstates that are so vital, and expensive, that we believe they require additional support in order to expedite the work without draining the funding available for Smart Scale. To this end I am pleased to announce that our recommendations include an additional \$150.0 million general fund to continue funding the I-64 improvements between Richmond and Hampton Roads, bringing the total general fund contributions for this project over the last 3 years to \$470.0 million. In addition, the Subcommittee is recommending \$150 million general fund to support the I-81 Corridor Improvement Program.

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:

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#### HB 1400 Amendments

2022-24 BIENNIAL TOTAL
General Nongeneral
Fund Fund FTE

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY			
Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security			
HB 2175 - Sustainability of Fire Services Funding	125,000	-	-
Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority			-
Technical Amendment: Increase ABC MEL	-	-	22.00
Alcohol Education Campaign	<b>.</b>	100,000	
Cannabis Control Authority			
Adjust Cannabis Control Authority Base Budget	(13,400,000)	-	-
Department of Corrections			
Lawrenceville Correctional Center	(2,824,270)	-	-
Corrections Special Reserve Fund	15,950,531		-
Department of Criminal Justice Services			
Virginia Mass Violence Care Fund	Language	-	-
Wellness Support for Victims of Violence-Related Trauma	800,000	-	=
Virginia Crime Victim Witness Fund	1,235,422		-
SRO Incentive Grant Fund	8,000,000	-	~
Regional Criminal Justice Training Academies	1,001,074	-	-
Department of Fire Programs			
HB 2451 - Training Program on Risk of Electric Vehicle Fires	125,000	-	~
Department of Forensic Science			
Roadside Oral Fluid Drug Testing	106,638	-	1.00
HB 2150 - Trace Evidence Collectino Kits	127,174	-	1.00
Department of Juvenile Justice			
Review of Capacity Needs	(2,927,069)	<u>.</u>	-
Department of State Police			
HB 2129 - Juvenile Testimony via Two-Way CCTV	62,553	-	-
HB 1525 - Peer Recovery Specialist Background Checks	166,760	-	2.00
Witness Protection Program	5,000,000	-	-
DUI / Drug Recognition Training	1,891,234	-	8.00
Interfund Transfers			
ABC Net Profit Transfer	Language	~	-
Offset Alcohol Education Expenditures	Language	-	~
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#### **HB 2175 - Sustainability of Fire Services Funding**

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY22-23	FY23-24	
Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security	\$0	\$125,000	GF

#### Language:

Page 481, line 4, strike "\$723,977" and insert "\$848,977".

Page 481, line 33, strike "D." and insert "C."

Page 481, after line 48, insert:

"D. Out of the amounts appropriated in this item, \$125,000 the second year is provided as a one-time appropriation to support activities required pursuant to House Bill 2175 of the 2023 Session of the General Assembly."

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$125,000 from the general fund the second year to support the hiring of a consultant to support a review of the adequacy and sustainability of fire services funding in the Commonwealth, pursuant to House Bill 2175.)

Item 395 #1h

#### **Alcohol Education Campaign**

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY22-23	FY23-24	
Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority	\$0	\$100,000	NGF

#### Language:

Page 482, line 32, strike "\$26,841,337" and insert "\$26,941,337".

Page 483, after line 8, insert:

"G. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$100,000 the second year from the Enterprise Fund to support an alcohol education campaign to education Virginians on recommended consumption rates, binge drink, and crossover products."

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$100,000 from the nongeneral fund the second year for ABC to implement a multifaceted alcohol education campaign to educate Virginians aged 21 years old and older on recommended consumption rates, binge drinking, and crossover

products. This will include traditional and digital media campaigns as well as training for Virginia ABC licensed retailers and alcohol distributors. Virginia ABC Communications, Education & Prevention, Law Enforcement, and Marketing divisions will develop and design campaign materials and training.)

Item 396 #1h

#### Technical Amendment: Increase ABC MEL

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY22-23	FY23-24	
Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority	0.00	22.00	FTE

#### Language:

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment is technical and nature, and provides an additional 22.00 FTE to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority to reflect the conversion of long-term contract and part-time workers to full-time ABC employees.)

Item 397 #1h

#### **Adjust Cannabis Control Authority Base Budget**

<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	FY22-23	FY23-24	
Virginia Cannabis Control Authority	(\$5,200,000)	(\$8,200,000)	GF

#### Language:

Page 483, line 46, strike "\$8,200,000" and insert "\$3,000,000".

Page 483, line 46, strike "\$11,200,000" and insert "\$3,000,000".

Page 484, line 1, strike "\$8,200,000" and insert "\$3,000,000".

Page 484, line 1, strike "\$11,200,000" and insert "\$3,000,000".

Page 484, line 3, after "Authority." strike remainder of line.

Page 484, strike lines 4 and 5.

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment reduces the appropriation provided to the Cannabis Control Authority by \$5.2 million from the general fund the first year and \$8.2 million from the general fund the second year to reflect anticipated agency activities and expenditures in the 2022-24 Biennium.)

#### **Lawrenceville Correctional Center**

Public Safety and Homeland Security FY22-23 FY23-24

Department of Corrections \$0 (\$2,824,270) GF

#### Language:

Page 487, line 47, strike "\$886,141,761" and insert "\$883,317,491".

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment removes funding included in the introduced budget for the Department of Corrections to increase payments for the private operation of Lawrenceville Correctional Center.)

Item 404 #1h

#### **Corrections Special Reserve Fund**

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY22-23	FY23-24	
Department of Corrections	\$0	\$16,000,531	GF

#### Language:

Page 490, line 55, strike "\$193,277,270" and insert "\$209,277,801".

Page 494, line 6, strike "\$550,000" and insert "\$16,550,531".

Page 494, strike lines 11 through 25.

Page 494, after line 10, insert:

- "1. House Bill 1478 -- \$437,679
- 2. House Bill 1523 -- \$50,000
- 3. House Bill 1572 -- \$50,000
- 4. House Bill 1636 -- \$50,000
- 5. House Bill 1642 -- \$255,020
- 6. House Bill 1673 -- \$50,000
- 7. House Bill 1682 -- \$50,000
- 8. House Bill 1699 \$50,000
- 9. House Bill 1795 -- \$50,000
- 10. House Bill 1885 -- \$14,659,486
- 11. House Bill 1892 -- \$50,000
- 12. House Bill 1897 -- \$50,000
- 13. House Bill 1931 -- \$50,000

- 14. House Bill 1954 -- \$50,000
- 15. House Bill 1961 -- \$50,000
- 16. House Bill 1973 -- \$50,000
- 17. House Bill 2013 -- \$50,000
- 18. House Bill 2024 -- \$50,000
- 19. House Bill 2132 -- \$50,000
- 20. House Bill 2166 -- \$50,000
- 21. House Bill 2167 -- \$50,000
- 22. House Bill 2208 -- \$50,000
- 23. House Bill 2294 -- \$50,000
- 24. House Bill 2360 -- \$48,346
- 25. House Bill 2372 -- \$50,000
- 26. House Bill 2384 -- \$50,000
- 27. House Bill 2398 -- \$50,000"

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$16.6 million from the general fund for the required deposit to the Corrections Special Reserve Fund, pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, Code of Virginia, to reflect the estimated bedspace impact of House Bills affecting criminal sentencing adopted during the 2023 Session of the General Assembly.)

Item 408 #1h

#### Virginia Mass Violence Care Fund

#### **Public Safety and Homeland Security**

Department of Criminal Justice Services

Language

#### Language:

Page 502, line 54, strike "but not be limited to".

Page 502, line 55, after "insurance" insert:

"and ineligible for payments from the Virginia Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund".

Page 503, line 2, after "designee." insert:

"The Department shall only expend interest earned on the deposit made pursuant to paragraph 2 of this subsection and invested pursuant to paragraph 4 of this subsection, and such revenue from interest earned shall be available to the Department for expenditure beginning one year after funds are invested. The Department shall develop processes and procedures for vetting, processing and administering claims submitted by eligible victims."

Page 503, after line 4, insert:

"3.a. For the purposes of subsection T of this item, "mass violence" is defined as an intentional violent crime that results in physical, emotional, or psychological injury to a sufficiently large

number of people and significantly increases the burden of victim assistance and compensation for the responding jurisdiction, as determined by the Director of the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

- b. For the purposes of subsection T of this item, "victims" are defined as grandparents, parents, split parents, guardians, siblings, spouses of the deceased, those physically injured, and those physically present and witnessing a mass violence event.
- 4.a. The Department shall have the full power to invest, reinvest, and manage any assets of the Mass Violence Care Fund designated by the Director for investment, reinvestment, or management. The Department shall maintain a separate accounting for the assets of the Mass Violence Care Fund. The Department shall request a distribution from the Fund no more frequently than annually, and the Department shall designate funds for investment no more frequently than annually.
- b. The Department shall invest the assets of the Fund with the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims. The Department shall also diversify such investments so as to minimize the risk of large losses unless under the circumstances it is clearly prudent not to do so.
- c. No person employed by the Department of Criminal Justice Services or member of any advisory committee of the Retirement System or any of its tax exempt subsidiary corporations whose actions are within the standard of care in the preceding paragraph of this subsection shall be held personally liable for losses suffered by the Retirement System on investments made under the authority of this section.
- d. The provisions of §§ 51.1-124.32 through 51.1-124.35, Code of Virginia, shall apply to the Board's activities with respect to funds in the Mass Violence Care Fund.
- e. The Department may recover from the annual distributions from the Fund a reasonable administrative fee for its services.
- f. The Department may designate any amount from the Mass Violence Care Fund to be invested, reinvested, and managed by the Board of the Virginia Retirement System. The State Treasurer is not liable for losses suffered by the Virginia Retirement System on investments made under the authority of this section."

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides language establishing additional requirements for the Virginia Mass Violence Care Fund.)

Item 408 #3h

Wellness Support for Victims of Violence-Related Trauma

## Public Safety and Homeland Security FY22-23 FY23-24 Department of Criminal Justice \$0 \$800,000 GF Services

#### Language:

Page 496, line 45, strike "\$213,613,367" and insert "\$214,413,367".

Page 503, after line 4, insert:

"U. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$800,000 the second year from the general fund to support implementation of the Wholeness Social Support Initiative."

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$800,000 from the general fund the second year to support the Wholeness Social Support Initiative, a hospital-based violence intervention program provided by the Norfolk based non-profit The Urban Renewal Center. The Wholeness Social Support Initiative has support from Sentara Norfolk General Hospital Chief Medical Officer Michael Hooper and Trauma Program Manager, Valerie Mitchell. This initiative also has support from other local community stakeholders including Norfolk State University, United Way of South Hampton Roads, and Eastern Virginia Medical School.)

Item 408 #6h

#### Virginia Crime-Victim Witness Fund

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY22-23	FY23-24	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$0	\$1,235,422	GF

#### Language:

Page 496, line 45, strike "\$213,613,367" and insert "\$214,848,789". Page 497, line 52, strike the second "\$5,692,738" and insert "\$6,928,160".

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides an additional \$1.2 million from the general fund the second year for Virginia Crime-Victim Witness Fund.)

Item 408 #7h

#### **SRO Incentive Grant Fund**

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY22-23	FY23-24	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$0	\$8,000,000	GF

Page 496, line 45, strike "\$213,613,367" and insert "\$221,613,367".

Page 499, line 16, strike "\$27,200,000" and insert "\$35,200,000".

Page 499, line 22, after "year" insert "and second year".

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides an additional \$8.0 million from the general fund the second year for the School Resource Officer Incentive Grant program to support the establishment of additional school resource and school security officer positions, as well as to support the provisions of House Bill 1691, which would allow for grants to be provided to local law enforcement agencies and school divisions for the costs of training, programming, and equipment for school resource officers and school security officers.)

Item 408 #8h

#### **Funding for Regional Criminal Justice Academies**

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY22-23	FY23-24	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$0	\$1,001,074	GF

#### Language:

Page 496, line 45, strike "\$213,613,367" and insert "\$214,614,441".

Page 500, after line 23, insert:

"d. Notwithstanding B.1.c. of this item, \$1,001,074 the second year from the general fund is provided for the Regional Criminal Justice Academies."

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides an additional \$1.0 million the second year from the general fund for regional criminal justice training academies.)

Item 419 #1h

#### HB 2451 - Training Program on Risk of Electric Vehicle Fires

<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	FY22-23	FY23-24	
Department of Fire Programs	\$0	\$125,000	GF
	0.00	1.00	FTE

Page 510, line 51, strike "\$10,899,622" and insert "\$11,024,622".

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$125,000 from the general fund the second year to support the provision of House Bill 2023, which would require the Department of Fire Programs to provide a training program on the risks of electric vehicle fires.)

Item 422 #2h

#### **Roadside Oral Fluid Drug Testing**

<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	FY22-23	FY23-24	
Department of Forensic Science	\$0	\$106,638	GF
•	0.00	1.00	FTE

#### Language:

Page 512, line 3, strike "\$58,954,884" and insert "\$59,061,522".

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$106,638 from the general fund the second year and one position pursuant to House Bill 2384, which would authorize law enforcement officers to assist in the identification of drug impaired drivers through the use of oral fluid drug tests.)

Item 422 #3h

#### **HB 2150 - Trace Evidence Collection Kits**

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY22-23	FY23-24	
Department of Forensic Science	\$0 0.00	\$127,174 G 1.00 F	

#### Language:

Page 512, line 3, strike "\$58,954,884" and insert "\$59,082,058".

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$127,174 from the general fund the second year and one position to the Department of Forensic Science pursuant to the provisions of House Bill 2150, which would provide for the collection, retention, and storage of a trace evidence collection kit collected as part of a forensic medical examination of a victim of strangulation.)

Item 427 #1h

#### **DJJ Review of Capacity Needs**

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY22-23	FY23-24	
Department of Juvenile Justice	\$0	(\$2,927,069)	GF

#### Language:

Page 515, line 54, strike "\$65,671,931" and insert "\$62,744,862".

Page 517, line 15, after "D." insert "1."

Page 517, line 15, strike "\$3,691,908" and insert "\$764,839".

Page 517, line 16, after "Center" insert "."

Page 517, strike line 17.

Page 517, strike line 18.

Page 517, line 19, strike "committed to the Department."

Page 517, after line 21, insert:

"2. The Department shall assess the impacts of revisions to its length of stay guidelines adopted by the Board of Juvenile Justice at its November 9, 2022 meeting. Such assessment shall identify the future bed space capacity needs of the Department, as well as related needs for additional treatment, rehabilitation, and re-entry services to be provided to juveniles committed to the Department. In its assessment, the Department shall consider various alternative approaches to meeting its anticipated operating needs, to include but not be limited to, additional staffing, construction or renovation of juvenile correctional center space, lease and operation of facilities operated as juvenile detention centers, and changes in the utilization of existing Department programs to include the Community Placement Program. The Department shall provide a copy of the find of its assessment and recommendations to the Governor and Chairs of the House Public Safety and Appropriations Committees, and Senate Judiciary and Finance and Appropriations Committees no later than October 1, 2023."

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment removes \$2.9 million from the general fund the second year included in the introduced budget for the Department of Juvenile Justice to directly staff and operate 30 beds in space leased from local juvenile detention centers, and includes language requiring the Department to provide an assessment of the impacts of changes to its length of stay guidelines

on its needs for treatment, program, and bed space capacity.)

Item 429 #1h

#### HB 2129 - Juvenile Testimony via Two-Way Closed-Circuit Television

<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	FY22-23	FY23-24	
Department of State Police	\$0	\$62,553	GF

#### Language:

Page 518, line 10, strike "\$110,659,892" and insert "\$110,722,445".

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$62,553 from the general fund the second year for a wage position and equipment to implement the provisions of House Bill 2129, which would expand the ages at and conditions in which juveniles may provide testimony via two-way closed-circuit television.)

Item 429 #2h

#### HB 1525 - Peer Recovery Specialist Background Checks

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY22-23	FY23-24	
Department of State Police	\$0	\$166,760	
	0.00	2.00	FTE

#### Language:

Page 518, line 10, strike "\$110,659,892" and insert "\$110,826,652".

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$167,000 from the general fund the second year and two positions pursuant to House Bill 1525.)

Item 430 #1h

#### **Witness Protection Program**

<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	FY22-23	FY23-24	
Department of State Police	\$0	\$5,000,000	GF

Page 520, line 32, strike "\$355,174,550" and insert "\$360,174,550".

Page 522, after line 48, insert:

"U. Included in this appropriation is \$5,000,000 the second year from the general fund to support operations of the Witness Protection Program, consistent with the provision of § 52-35, Code of Virginia."

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$5.0 million from the general fund the second year for State Police to operate a Witness Protection Program.)

Item 431 #1h

#### **DUI / Drug Recognition Training**

<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	FY22-23	FY23-24	
Department of State Police	\$0	\$1,891,234	GF
*	0.00	8.00	FTE

#### Language:

Page 522, line 50, strike "\$36,948,597" and insert "\$38,839,831".

Page 524, after line 5, insert:

"F. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$1,891,234 the second year from the general fund to support eight positions for the Department to provide expand impaired driving training for state and local law enforcement officers, to include Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), and Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST) training.)

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.8 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2024 and eight positions for the Department of State Police to expand the impaired driving training it provides to state and local law enforcement agencies. This is a recommendation of the Virginia State Crime Commission.)

Item 434 #1h

#### **Review of VDOT Contracts to Promote DBE Inclusion**

#### **Transportation**

Page 529, after line 13, insert:

"M. The Secretary of Transportation shall conduct a work group to review the laws, regulations and policies of how VDOT determines Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) usage on specific projects with the goal of increasing DBE participation state-wide. The group shall include: the VDOT Commissioner, VDOT Division Administrator for Civil Rights, Director Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity, Virginia Transportation DBE Association, Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance, Old Dominion Highway Contractors, Heavy Construction Contractors Association, American Council of Engineering Companies of Virginia, the Virginia Transit Association and other industry groups and interested parties. The work group shall present legislative, regulatory or policy changes to the Governor's Office and Chair of the House and Senate Transportation Committees by September 1, 2023."

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment creates a workgroup to review the VDOT's contracting policies with the intent of increasing the participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise business' in VDOT construction and maintenance projects.)

Item 440 #1h

#### **RFI Related to Online Customer-Experience Technologies**

#### Transportation

Department of Motor Vehicles

Language

#### Language:

Page 533, line 21, after "O." insert "1."

Page 533, line 22, strike "is authorized to" and insert:

"and the staff of the House Appropriation Committee and the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee shall".

Page 533, line 26, after "kiosks;" strike "and".

Page 533, line 26, after "(v)" insert:

"examining the ability for an umbrella of state agencies and local governments to benefit in tendem with DMV, and (vi)".

Page 533, after line 29, insert:

"P. In conjunction with the Request for Information, the Commissioner shall establish a workgroup to study how other states have improved the accessibility and online transaction rates of their digital DMV portals, and more efficiently invested or saved costs associated with

in-house IT overhead. The workgroup shall determine several methods for moving more citizens to online transactions rather than in-person DMV visits, to include utilizing multisource technology currently available from industry experts in use in other states, and to examine the ability for an umbrella of state agencies and local governments to benefit in tandem with the DMV. The workgroup shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Secretary of the Administration, the Secretary of Transportation, the Commissioner, the Chair of the House Transportation Committee, the Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, the Chair of House Appropriations Committee, and the Chair of the Senate Finance and Appropriation Committee, and shall complete its work by August 20, 2023."

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment modifies language included in Chapter 2 to require the DMV to issue a request for information (RFI) to evaluate the ability to update their web portal and services. The current language states the issuance of the RFI is optional.)

Item 451 #1h

#### Funding to Support the Mobility Talks International Conference

Transportation	FY22-23	FY23-24	
Department of Transportation	\$0	\$50,000	ЗF

#### Language:

Page 537, line 49, strike "\$143,155,722" and insert "\$143,205,722".

Page 538, line 11, after "Investment" insert:

"and \$50,000 from the general fund the second year".

Page 538, line 12, strike "in January, 2023".

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$50,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2024 to support the seventh annual Mobility Talks International Conference that is being held in Washington DC on January 18 of 2024. The MTI brings together government and industry leaders to promote best practices related to autonomous vehicles.)

Item 452 #1h

#### Allocate Funding Provided for Multi-Use Trails

#### Transportation

#### Department of Transportation

#### Language:

Page 540, after line 44 insert:

- "3. Out of the amounts appropriated for the State Trails Office included in this paragraph, and funding carried forward from the 2020-22 biennium, shall be allocated as follows:
- a. Up to \$35 million shall be allocated to the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail for the purposes of land acquisition, initial planning, and site development.
- b. \$12.5 million shall be allocated for the Craig Valley Trail.
- c. \$1.25 million shall be allocated for the Peaks to Creeks Trail.
- d. \$1.25 million shall be allocated to the Tobacco Heritage Trail.
- e. \$4.0 million shall be allocated to the Eastern Shore Rail Trail.
- f. Any remaining funding provided for trails shall be allocated by the Commonwealth Transportation Board to the trails listed above, as needed, the Fall Line Trail, or any other trail that has applied for funding that meets the criteria set out in subparagraph 1. above."

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment allocates the funding that has been appropriated to for multi-use trails.)

Item 452 #2h

#### **Use Transportation Funds for I-81 Study**

Transportation	FY22-23	FY23-24	
Department of Transportation	\$0 \$0	(\$500,000) \$500,000	

#### Language:

Page 541, line 5, strike "general fund" and insert:

"Commonwealth Transportation Funds".

Page 541, line 6, before "study" insert:

"contract with an independent vendor to".

Page 541, line 7, after "corridor." insert:

"The Department shall report the studies findings to the Governor, the Chairs of the House and Senate Committees on Transportation, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, no later than December 15, 2023."

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment replaces the \$500,000 from the general fund included in the introduced budget to support a study on the use of a public private partnership to advance the completion of the of I-81 corridor expansion with Commonwealth Transportation Funds.)

Item 452 #3h

#### **Provide Additional Funding for I-81**

**Transportation** 

FY22-23

FY23-24

Department of Transportation

\$0

\$150,000,000 GF

#### Language:

Page 538, line 40, strike "\$4,118,888,937" and insert "\$4,268,888,937".

Page 541, after line 28, insert:

"S. Included in this item, \$150,000,000 from the general fund in the second year is provided to support the project to widen Interstate 81 between exit 143 and exit 150."

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$150.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2024 to support the widening of I-81 to three lanes between exit 143 and exit 150 in Roanoke and Botetourt county.)

Item 453 #1h

#### **VDOT Review of I-95 Interchange**

#### Transportation

Department of Transportation

Language

#### Language:

Page 542, after line 5, insert:

"F. The Department of Transportation (VDOT) shall conduct an independent analysis of projected travel demand impacts on the I-95/Arthur Ashe Boulevard interchange, including projected residential development at the interchange itself, nearby institutional development by Virginia Commonwealth University, and residential and commercial development served by Arthur Ashe Boulevard from Broad Street to the interchange itself. VDOT shall identify conceptual improvements necessary to maintain appropriate levels of service on the interchange itself, as well as the safe movement of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicles through the interchange area. VDOT shall provide a report to the Secretary of Transportation and the Chairs

of the House and Senate Committees on Transportation no later than December 15, 2023."

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment requires VDOT to conduct an independent analysis of projected traffic demand and the current infrastructure in and around the I-95/Arthur Ashe Boulevard interchange.)

Item 453 #2h

#### Evaluate Feasibility of Converting the Dulles Greenway to a PPTA Contract

#### **Transportation**

Department of Transportation

Language

#### Language:

Page 542, after line 5, insert:

"F. The Commissioner of Highways (Commissioner) shall evaluate whether roadways operating under the Virginia Highway Corporation Act of 1988 (HCA) would serve the public interest if operated under the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 (PPTA). If the Commissioner determines that a roadway operating under the HCA would serve the public interest by operating under the PPTA, the Commissioner shall negotiate the key business terms of a new comprehensive agreement for operation under the PPTA and present them to the Transportation Public-Private Steering Committee. The key business terms shall provide toll rate reductions and distance-based tolling and shall not include any Commonwealth contribution or assumption Commonwealth of debt. If the Commissioner, Secretary of Transportation, and the Transportation Public-Private Steering Committee each concur that it is in the public interest for a roadway operating under the HCA to operate under the PPTA in accordance with the negotiated key business terms, the Commissioner is authorized to finalize and execute a new comprehensive agreement between the roadway operator and the Department of Transportation to authorize the projects operation under the PPTA."

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment authorizes the Commissioner to evaluate whether the contract for the Dulles Greenway should be converted to a PPTA contract.)

Item 458 #1h

**Assess Condition of Powhite Parkway** 

**Transportation** 

Department of Transportation

Language

#### Language:

Page 548, after line 19, insert:

"N. The Commissioner of Highways shall perform an evaluation and provide a report (i) assessing the condition of the existing portion of the Powhite Parkway (Route 76) located in Chesterfield County and now operated by the Commonwealth and whether tolls should be maintained after all debt undertaken for its construction is retired, in order to facilitate maintenance of the existing facility; and (ii) identifying, in consultation with Chesterfield County and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, alternative scenarios for the future extension of the route to support economic development opportunities, taking into consideration long-term plans of the County, to include potential financing options. As part of the identification of alternative scenarios, the Commissioner, in collaboration with Chesterfield County, will identify strategies regarding the administration (including permitting and design), construction, ownership, and operations, including long-term maintenance, of the Powhite Parkway Extension project. The Commissioner shall provide the report to the Secretary of Transportation and the Chairs of the House and Senate Committees on Transportation, the House Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee on Finance, and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, no later than December 15, 2023."

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment requires the VDOT Commissioner to assess the current condition of the Powhite Parkway Extension and provide a report on it how it will be maintained after the current debt is retired and future opportunities for its expansion to enhance industrial site development in Chesterfield County.)

Item 458 #2h

#### Conveyance of Land to Gordonsville

#### Transportation

Department of Transportation

Language

#### Language:

Page 548, after line 19, insert:

N. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is hereby authorized to convey, to the Town of Gordonsville, approximately 2.479 acres of the VDOT Gordonsville Area Headquarters, (which is more specifically described as being that property containing 16.0607 acres, more or less, conveyed to the Commonwealth of Virginia by Deed from H. Watkins Ellerson, III, Trustee, dated October 4, 1988, recorded November 9, 1988, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Orange County, Virginia, in

Deed Book 417, page 0774), as mutually agreed to by the parties. In sole consideration for the conveyance, the Town of Gordonsville shall, within 120 days of the conveyance and at no cost to VDOT, relocate or cause to be relocated, using its own forces or a contractor, the VDOT security fence currently located on the Gordonsville Area Headquarters boundary line to the new property boundary line established pursuant to the conveyance contemplated hereunder, with said fence being owned and maintained by VDOT thereafter. The Town of Gordonsville shall ensure that all work performed and materials utilized in relocating the boundary line fence shall conform to VDOT specifications. The conveyance and all documentation pursuant thereto shall be in a form approved by the Attorney General. The appropriate officials of the Commonwealth are hereby authorized to prepare, execute, and deliver such deed and other documents as may be necessary to accomplish the conveyance."

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment authorizes VDOT to convey 2.5 acres of land to the town of Gordonsville.)

Item 458 #3h

#### Provide Administrative Support for the Virginia Coalfields Expressway Authority

#### **Transportation**

Department of Transportation

Language

#### Language:

Page 548, after line 19, insert:

"N. The Department shall provide administrative and technical support as needed to support the Virginia Coalfields Expressway Authority's efforts to identify and apply for matching grants needed to fund the completion of the Coalfields Expressway."

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment includes language requiring VDOT to provide administrative support to the Coalfields Expressway Authority in Southwest Virginia to support their efforts to apply for federal grants to aid in funding the completion of the Coalfields Expressway.)

Item 458 #4h

#### **VDOT** to Promote Availability of Electric Charging Stations

#### **Transportation**

Department of Transportation

Language

Page 548, after line 19, insert:

"N. The Department shall work with stakeholders in an effort to increase awareness and participation in the Integrated Directional Signing Program with regards to electric vehicle charging stations."

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment requires VDOT to work with stakeholders to promote the usage of IDSP signs near exits to inform drivers regarding the availability and location of electric charging stations.)

Item 465 #1h

#### **Transfer One-Time Dredging Funding to Operating**

Transportation FY22-23

FY23-24

\$5,000,000

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#### Language:

Page 552, line 18, strike "\$11,612,325" and insert "\$16,612,325".

Page 552, after line 51, insert:

Virginia Port Authority

"D. Included in this appropriation is \$5,000,000 from the general fund in the first year to fund a pilot municipal dredge program operated by the Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority for the dredging of shovel-ready projects, to be distributed by the Virginia Port Authority upon approval of a Municipal Dredging Operating Program and a Municipal Dredging Operating Agreement. Funding for this program is designated for shovel-ready shallow-draft dredging projects in localities identified in Chapter 66 of the Code of Virginia, or through the development of operating agreements between the Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority and the Eastern Shore Water Access Authority or the Northern Neck Public Access Authority."

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment reflects the transfer of \$5.0 million from the general fund in one-time funding for dredging projects from the capital budget in Chapter 2, to the operating budget. A companion amendment under Item C-66.1 strikes the funding under capital.)

Item 3-1.01 #1h

#### **ABC Net Profit Transfer**

#### **Transfers**

**Interfund Transfers** 

Language

#### Language:

Page 641, line 6, strike "\$131,382,813" and insert "\$146,382,813". Page 641, line 6, strike "\$115,960,429" and insert "\$120,660,429".

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment increases the assumed transfer of net profits from the sales of Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority stores by \$15.0 million in fiscal year 2023 and \$4.7 million in fiscal year 2024.)

Item 3-1.01 #6h

#### ABC Net Profit Transfer - Offset Alcohol Education Expenditures

#### **Transfers**

**Interfund Transfers** 

Language

#### Language:

Page 641, line 6, strike "\$115,960,429" and insert "\$115,860,429".

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment reduces the assumed transfer of net profits from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority store sales by \$100,000 the second year to reflect spending by the Authority for an alcohol education campaign. An companion amendment to Item 395 appropriates the funds for this campaign.)