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# REPORT OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON

# HIGHER EDUCATION

House Bill 29 & House Bill 30

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#### **HIGHER EDUCATION**

#### Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Mr. Chairman, as I contemplated my remarks today, I was reminded of Winston Churchill when he said, "It is wonderful what great strides can be made when there is a resolute purpose behind them." At the start of this Session Mr. Chairman, you indicated that higher education would be a priority. The Subcommittee recommendations reflect your direction and the continued "resolute purpose" of making our public colleges and universities affordable for Virginia families, accessible for Virginia students, and focused on improving their job opportunities.

With that in mind, Mr. Chairman, the Subcommittee recommends amendments that include the following:

- \$205.4 million to support affordable access and degree production;
- \$51.1 million for the community colleges to increase by over 19,000, the number of degrees and credentials in high-demand industry sectors across the Commonwealth;
- \$37.0 million to complete the merger of Old Dominion University and the Eastern Virginia Medical School;
- \$83.2 million for improvements to financial programs and policies; and,

 \$10.0 million for an innovative partnership between our public and private Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCSs) that will support minority small business, health outcomes for marginalized populations and increasing access and opportunity for students.

In addition, Mr. Chairman, the Subcommittee recommends the restoration of \$75.0 million that was provided as part of the 2023 budget actions in Chapter 1 and removed in the introduced budget. The Subcommittee also recommends the restoration of \$3.1 million for the New College Institute.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, the Subcommittee would like to thank you and Delegate Willett for your leadership and support in providing a faculty salary increase for the next two years. Higher education remains a labor-intensive enterprise and these funds along with our other recommendations will provide our institutions with the ability to attract and retain talented faculty.

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

Respectfully Submitted by the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education:

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HIGHER EDUCATION	2022-24 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
HB29 Amendments	General Fund Nongeneral Fund		FTE
Virginia State University			
Presidential Debate Host Costs	\$4,200,000		
Virginia Commission for the Arts			
Barter Theatre Clarifying Language	Language		

HIGHER EDUCATION	2024-26 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
HB30 Amendments	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTE
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia			
Aviation Pathways	\$1,014,560		
VTAG Technical Changes	Language		
Financial Aid and Waiver Programs	\$49,000,000	Language	
Restore Student Loan Ombudsman	\$348,000		
Dwight C. Jones Center for Civic Engagement	\$500,000		
Move VLDS to VOEE	(\$1,061,374)		
Continue Mental Health Workforce Program	\$1,500,000		
Remove Proposed New Initiative	(\$6,000,000)		
VWIL Program	Language		
Restore Internships	\$5,000,000	Language	
Christopher Newport University			
Restore Chapter 1 Affordable Access	\$4,766,000		
Repurpose Proposed New Initiative	(\$331,950)		
Community College Transfer	\$1,130,000		
HAC Affordable Access, Retention and Degree Production	\$5,500,000		
The College of William and Mary in Virginia			
Restore Chapter 1 Affordable Access	\$3,746,000		
Repurpose Proposed New Initiative	(\$700,800)		
Troops to Teachers	\$1,064,000		
HAC Affordable Access, Retention and Degree Production	\$5,500,000		
O & M for Highland Property	\$2,200,000		
Richard Bland College			
Restore Chapter 1 Affordable Access	\$746,000		
Repurpose Proposed New Initiative	(\$150,000)		
HAC Affordable Access, Retention and Degree Production	\$1,500,000		
Virginia Institute of Marine Science			
Center of Excellence in Environmental Forecasting	\$770,000		
George Mason University			
Restore Chapter 1 Affordable Access	\$16,024,000		
Repurpose Proposed New Initiative	(\$2,462,100)		
HAC Affordable Access, Retention and Degree Production	\$23,000,000		

HIGHER EDUCATION	2024-26 BIEN	NIAL TOTAL	
HB30 Amendments	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTE
James Madison University			
Restore Chapter 1 Affordable Access	\$9,448,000		
Repurpose Proposed New Initiative	(\$1,597,275)		
HAC Affordable Access, Retention and Degree Production	\$12,000,000		
Teacher Prep	\$2,200,000		
Longwood University			
Restore Chapter 1 Affordable Access	\$4,906,000		
Repurpose Proposed New Initiative	(\$302,475)		
HAC Affordable Access, Retention and Degree Production	\$5,000,000		
Norfolk State University			
Restore Chapter 1 Affordable Access	\$3,196,000		
Repurpose Proposed New Initiative	(\$388,650)		
Senator Yvonne B. Miller Internship Program	\$100,000		
Unfunded Scholarship Authority	Language		
HAC Affordable Access, Retention and Degree Production	\$20,000,000		
Transfer Financial Aid from SCHEV	\$2,500,000		
Old Dominion University			
Restore Chapter 1 Affordable Access	\$14,954,000		
Repurpose Proposed New Initiative	(\$1,410,000)		
HAC Affordable Access, Retention and Degree Production	\$19,000,000		
Radford University			
Restore Chapter 1 Affordable Access	\$5,794,000		
Repurpose Proposed New Initiative	(\$526,350)		
HAC Affordable Access, Retention and Degree Production	\$7,000,000		

HIGHER EDUCATION	2024-26 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
HB30 Amendments	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTE
University of Mary Washington			
Restore Chapter 1 Affordable Access	\$4,212,000		
Repurpose Proposed New Initiative	(\$249,450)		
HAC Affordable Access, Retention and Degree Production	\$5,000,000		
University of Virginia			
Restore Chapter 1 Affordable Access	\$8,090,000		
Repurpose Proposed New Initiative	(\$2,005,050)		
HAC Affordable Access, Retention and Degree Production	\$16,919,000		
Foundation for Humanities	\$500,000		
State Arboretum	\$300,000		
Focused Ultrasound Center	\$2,000,000		
University of Virginia's College at Wise			
Restore Chapter 1 Affordable Access	\$1,002,000		
Repurpose Proposed New Initiative	(\$150,000)		
HAC Affordable Access, Retention and Degree Production	\$2,000,000		
Virginia Commonwealth University			
Restore Chapter 1 Affordable Access	\$20,788,000		
Repurpose Proposed New Initiative	(\$1,974,450)		
Wilder School of Government	\$3,000,000		
HAC Affordable Access, Retention and Degree Production	\$22,500,000		
Transfer Sonographer Program from VCCS	\$950,000	Language	
Pauley Heart Center	\$5,500,000		
Virginia Community College System			
Restore Chapter 1 Affordable Access	\$29,272,000		
Repurpose Proposed New Initiative	(\$1,000,000)		
Data Governance and Analysis Advisory Board	Language		
Data Reporting	Language		
Health Science and Technology Education Expansion	\$100,000		
Camp Community College / Suffolk Partnership	\$600,000		
Support Foster Youth in Great Expectations Program	\$300,000		
Repurpose Proposed New Initiative	(\$7,800,000)		(24.00
Workforce Talent Expansion	\$12,300,000	Language	

HIGHER EDUCATION	2024-26 BIEN	NIAL TOTAL	
HB30 Amendments	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTE
HAC Affordable Access, Retention and Degree Production	\$20,000,000		
Language Changes (Technical)	Language		
G3 Eligibility	Language		
Financial Aid for Credential Programs	\$7,800,000		
GENEDGE / Philpott Manufacturing Center	\$1,000,000		
Move Sonographer program to VCU	(\$950,000)	Language	
Virginia Military Institute			
Restore Chapter 1 Affordable Access	\$1,664,000		
HAC Affordable Access, Retention and Degree Production	\$2,500,000		
Global Education Support Staff	\$147,000		
Employer Relations / Internship Coordinator	\$147,000		
Associate Dean for Academic Support	\$357,000		
Repurpose Proposed New Initiative	(\$150,000)		
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University			
Restore Chapter 1 Affordable Access	\$18,410,000		
Repurpose Proposed New Initiative	(\$2,914,275)		
HAC Affordable Access, Retention and Degree Production	\$18,000,000		
Virginia Cooperative Extension and Agricultural Experiment Station			
Innovative Agriculture	\$2,100,000		
Virginia State University			
Restore Chapter 1 Affordable Access	\$2,982,000		
Repurpose Proposed New Initiative	(\$335,025)		
HAC Affordable Access, Retention and Degree Production	\$20,000,000		
Transfer Financial Aid from SCHEV	\$2,500,000		
Virginia State University Extension			
HBCU Partnership	\$10,000,000	Language	

HIGHER EDUCATION	2024-26 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
HB30 Amendments	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTE
New College Institute			
Restore Second Year	\$3,101,809	\$1,585,041	
Institute for Advanced Learning and Research	, ,		
Expand Staff	\$494,000		
Software Acquisition	\$140,000		
Roanoke Higher Education Authority	•		
Workforce Academy	\$150,000		
Career and Workforce Training Coordinator	\$340,000		
Southern Virginia Higher Education Center	·		
Workforce Training Program Support	\$396,000		
Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center			
Simulation Technologist Position	\$240,000		
Maintain Affordable Access	·		
Restore Chapter 1 Affordable Access	(\$150,000,000)		
Virginia College Building Authority	, i		
HEETF - Allocations for Technology Pilot Program, Bioscience and Workforce	Language		
Library of Virginia			
State Aid to Local Public Libraries	\$5,000,000		
Pittsylvania County Public Library - Gretna Branch	\$160,000		
Part 4	•		
Out-of-State Tuition Authority	Language		
Auxiliary Fees	Language		
Financial Aid Policy	Language		
Position Level Table	Language		
Reporting Requirements	Language		
Higher Education Assessment Correction (Technical)	Language		
Higher Education Autonomy	Language		
Student Transcripts	Language		

Item 229 #1h

#### **VSU - Presidential Debate Host Costs**

Education: Higher Education FY22-23 FY23-24

Virginia State University \$0 \$4,200,000 GF

#### Language:

Page 90, line 15, strike "\$103,542,356" and insert "\$107,742,356".

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides one-time funding for costs associated with hosting one of the presidential debates.)

Item 244 #1h

#### **VCA - Barter Theatre Clarifying Language**

#### **Education: Other Education**

Virginia Commission for the Arts

Language

## Language:

Page 91, line 42, strike "Not set out." and insert:

"Authority: Title 2.2, Chapter 25, Article 4, Code of Virginia.

- A. In the allocation of grants to arts organizations, the Commission shall give preference to the performing arts.
- B. It is the objective of the Commonwealth to fund the Virginia Commission for the Arts at an amount that equals one dollar for each resident of Virginia.
- C. Out of this appropriation, \$920,500 the second year from the general fund is designated to the town of Abingdon for the renovation of the State Theatre of Virginia."

# **Explanation:**

(This technical amendment specifies that the existing appropriation of \$920,500 the second year from the general fund to support the State Theatre renovation is designated to the town of Abingdon. This amendment will permit the Virginia Commission for the Arts to disburse the funding appropriated in Chapter 1, 2023 Special Session I.)

Item 130 #1h

#### **SCHEV - Aviation Pathways**

Education: Higher Education FY24-25 FY25-26

State Council of Higher Education \$507,280 \$507,280 GF

for Virginia

#### Language:

Page 186, line 31, strike "\$182,168,512" and insert "\$182,675,792". Page 186, line 31, strike "\$145,968,512" and insert "\$146,475,792".

## **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to support twenty-five 45-hour flight training scholarships for high school students and recent high school graduates of Pathways Flight Academies through the Virginia Space Grant Consortium.)

Item 130 #2h

## **SCHEV - VTAG Technical Changes**

# **Education: Higher Education**

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

Language

# Language:

Page 187, line 38, strike "July 31" and insert "September 15".

Page 187, line 39, strike "with the July 31 award".

Page 187, line 40, strike "July 31" and insert "September 15".

Page 187, line 40, strike "September 14" and insert "October 1".

Page 187, line 41, strike "after July 31".

Page 187, line 33, after "out.", insert:

"Upon consultation with and approval from SCHEV, private institutions which participate in this program may develop and distribute the Tuition Assistance Grant application form for electronic administration."

Page 188, strike lines 7 through 14 and insert:

"in the program in the following year."

Page 188, line 16, strike "\$3,750" and "\$3,750" and insert:

"\$2,625" and "\$2,625".

Page 188, line 24, strike "75" and insert "50".

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment makes technical changes to the VTAG program to include deadline changes for the VTAG program, language to let eligible institutions create an online process with SCHEV's consultation, and restoration of the legislative policy regarding online awards.)

Item 132 #1h

#### SCHEV - Restore Student Loan Ombudsman

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	FY24-25	FY25-26	
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia	\$174,000	\$174,000 G	F

#### Language:

Page 191, line 6, strike "\$46,104,707" and insert "\$46,278,707".

Page 191, line 6, strike "\$28,382,518" and insert "\$28,556,518".

Page 194, after line 12, insert:

"S. As a condition of this appropriation, \$174,000 and one position the first year and \$174,000 and one position the second year from the general fund is designated for the establishment of a student loan ombudsman to provide timely assistance to student borrowers of any student education loan in the Commonwealth. The ombudsman will also be responsible for establishing and maintaining an online student loan borrower education course, which would cover key loan terms, documentation requirements, monthly payment obligations, income-based repayment options, loan forgiveness, and disclosure requirements."

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to restore the student loan ombudsman.)

Item 132 #2h

# **SCHEV - Dwight C. Jones Center for Civic Engagement**

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	FY24-25	FY25-26	
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia	\$500,000	\$0	GF

# Language:

Page 191, line 6, strike "\$46,104,707" and insert "\$46,604,707".

Page 194, after line 12, insert:

"S. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund is designated for the

creation and support of the Dwight C. Jones Center for Civic Engagement at a Historically Black College or University in the City of Richmond. The Director, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, shall transfer this funding to the City of Richmond for costs associated with the Innovation Center."

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding for the Dwight C. Jones Center for Civic Engagement.)

Item 132 #3h

#### **SCHEV - Move VLDS to VOEE**

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	FY24-25	FY25-26	
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia	(\$530,687)	(\$530,687)	GF

#### Language:

Page 191, line 6, strike "\$46,104,707" and insert "\$45,574,020". Page 191, line 6, strike "\$28,382,518" and insert "\$27,851,831".

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment transfers of the longitudinal data system to the VOEE.)

Item 132 #4h

# **SCHEV - Continue Mental Health Workforce Program**

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	FY24-25	FY25-26	
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	GF

# Language:

Page 191, line 6, strike "\$46,104,707" and insert "\$46,604,707". Page 191, line 6, strike "\$28,382,518" and insert "\$29,382,518". Page 193, line 38, strike "\$500,000" and "\$500,000" and insert: "\$1,000,000" and "\$1,500,000".

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional funding to continue and expand the mental health workforce pilot in consultation with the Virginia Health Care Foundation.)

Item 132 #5h

#### **SCHEV - Remove Proposed New Initiative**

#### Education: Higher Education FY24-25 FY25-26

State Council of Higher Education for (\$3,000,000) (\$3,000,000) GF Virginia

#### Language:

Page 191, line 6, strike "\$46,104,707" and insert "\$43,104,707".

Page 191, line 6, strike "\$28,382,518" and insert "\$25,382,518".

Page 194, strike lines 3 through 12.

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment removes a proposed new mental health initiative. A companion amendment expands and continues the previously authorized mental health pilot program.)

Item 132 #6h

## **SCHEV - VWIL Program**

# **Education: Higher Education**

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

Language

# Language:

Page 191, line 16, after "contract", strike "at".

Page 191, line 17, strike:

"a level equivalent to the Tuition Assistance Grant undergraduate award".

Page 191, line 21, after "programmatic", insert "and financial".

Page 191, line 22, after "contract", insert "may".

Page 191, line 24, after "Program", insert:

"and funds to support programmatic administration".

Page 191, line 24, after "Program.", strike remainder of the line and insert:

"Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership at Mary Baldwin University students shall receive Tuition Assistance Grants so long as they meet program eligibility."

Page 191, strike line 25.

Page 191, line 26, strike "September" and insert "October".

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment makes technical changes to the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership program at Mary Baldwin University.)

Item 132 #7h

#### **SCHEV - Restore Internships**

Education: Higher Education FY24-25 FY25-26

State Council of Higher Education for (\$9,000,000) \$14,000,000 GF

Virginia

## Language:

Page 191, line 6, strike "\$46,104,707" and insert "\$37,104,707".

Page 191, line 6, strike "\$28,382,518" and insert "\$42,382,518".

Page 192, strike lines 27 through 52 and insert:

- "I.1. As a condition of this appropriation, \$12,000,000 the first year and \$17,000,000 the second year from the general fund is designated for the Innovative Internship Fund and Program, \$23.1-903.4, Code of Virginia. The funding is designed to expand paid or credit-bearing student internship and other work-based learning opportunities (internships) in collaboration with Virginia employers. In furtherance of the goal of providing all postsecondary students in Virginia with one or more paid internships during their undergraduate course of study, funding shall be used for: (a) institutional grants to enhance engagement with employers related to internship placement and to assist students in securing and successfully completing internships; (b) matching grants to small and midsize Virginia-based employers to enable increased paid internship participation by small and midsize businesses and nonprofit organizations; (c) promotional expenditures to encourage expansion of internship programs and participation by business and nonprofit organizations in Virginia and to increase recruitment and retention of students; and (d) administrative and other expenditures to accomplish the purposes of the Innovative Internship Fund and Program and this paragraph
- 2. Institutional grants shall be awarded to support initiatives that are expected to produce significant increases in student participation in paid and credit-bearing internship programs. Institutions shall be eligible for grants upon demonstrating (a) that it is a bona fide priority of the institution and its senior academic and administrative leadership to expand internship participation by students, to incorporate internships in curricula, and to report completion of internships and courses that include internships on student transcripts, and (b) that the institution has put forward an achievable plan to advance such priority, including the allocation of resources and assignment of dedicated personnel to facilitate placement of students in internships and to engage with employers directly or through intermediaries for the purpose of developing internship opportunities. In determining the amount of grant awards, the Council shall consider the number of undergraduate students enrolled at the institution, the number of

students at the institution who participate in internships, and the numerical and percentage increase in internship participation expected to result from the initiative. In addition, the Council shall increase grant awards based upon the following factors: (i) an institution's emphasis on internships that are part of pathways to full-time employment with Virginia-based employers; (ii) the institutional initiative's alignment with specific state or regional programs or partnerships related to economic growth and diversification or workforce development in Virginia; (iii) an institution's strength of commitment as reflected in its reallocation of institutional funds or solicitation of philanthropic support or business partnerships to support the initiative. This funding is intended to be recurring for institutions that demonstrate substantial yearly progress in achieving the objectives of the initiative as measured by the number of internships successfully completed by students.

- 3. Matching grants to small and midsize Virginia-based employers that provide paid internships shall be awarded by the Council according to criteria established by the Council in consultation with the Virginia Department of Workforce Development and Advancement, Virginia Economic Development Partnership, and the Virginia Talent and Opportunity Partnership. Such criteria shall include: (a) limitation of eligibility to for-profit businesses and nonprofit organizations, excluding institutions of higher education, with physical operations and facilities in Virginia and 150 or fewer Virginia-based employees; (b) certification of employer eligibility by the Council following a training program of reasonable duration and agreement by the employer to reasonable mentoring and reporting obligations; (c) limitation of grant awards to reimbursement, not to exceed \$7,500 per internship, for a maximum of one-half of wages, including FICA, and workplace subsidies, including transportation, housing, and other internship-related expenses, paid to or for the benefit of a student participating in a qualifying internship; (d) definition of a qualifying internship as a paid work-based learning experience of a duration, not to exceed twelve months, sufficient to allow the student to gain significant valuable work experience that is provided to a student currently enrolled in, or having received a degree or credential within the preceding twelve months from, a public or private institution of higher education operating in Virginia; (e) limitation of qualifying internships to a number not to exceed four internships annually per eligible employer. Funding may also be used to support staffing agency services related to intern recruitment for employers with 250 or fewer Virginiabased employees that are otherwise eligible for matching grants under this paragraph, provided that no employer shall be required to receive staffing agency services as a condition to eligibility for matching grants.
- 4. The Council, with and through the Virginia Talent and Opportunity Partnership, and in consultation with the Virginia Department of Workforce Development and Advancement, Virginia Economic Development Partnership, the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Board, public and private institutions of higher education, and business and nonprofit organization stakeholders, shall develop and execute a promotional plan to raise awareness and foster expanded internship programs and participation by business and nonprofit organizations in Virginia using a combination of public and private resources. The plan shall highlight the Commonwealth's goal to provide paid internship opportunities to all postsecondary students and shall provide for public recognition of employers based on their level of participation in

internship programs. The plan shall include continued development of regional collaboratives among employers, educational organizations, and other regional stakeholders for the purpose of expanding internships in alignment with regional growth and diversification strategies and state and regional economic and workforce development initiatives. The plan also shall address the objective of encouraging secondary students in Virginia and outside Virginia to attend Virginia-based institutions of higher education and remain in the Commonwealth after completion through paid internships and pathways to full-time Virginia-based employment.

5. In administering the program authorized in this paragraph, the Council shall (i) engage stakeholders from business and industry, secondary and higher education, economic development, and state agencies and entities that are successfully engaging employers or successfully operating internship programs; (ii) explore strategies in Virginia and elsewhere on successful institutional, regional, statewide or sector-based internship programs; (iii) gather data on current institutional internship practices, scale, and outcomes; (iv) develop internship readiness educational resources, delivery methods, certification procedures, and outreach and awareness activities for employer partners, students, and institutional career development personnel; (v) pursue shared services or other efficiency initiatives, including technological solutions; and (vi) create a process to prioritize industry sectors and track key measures of performance in collaboration with the Virginia Office of Education Economics."

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment corrects funding imbalance proposed in the introduced budget and restores previous funding for the Innovative Internship Fund and Program. In addition, program language is modified to reflect the goals of the next phase of this initiative.)

Item 140 #3h

# **CWM - Troops to Teachers**

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	FY24-25	FY25-26
The College of William and Mary in Virginia	\$532,000	\$532,000 GF

# Language:

Page 196, line 44, strike "\$279,700,685" and insert "\$280,232,685". Page 196, line 44, strike "\$278,999,885" and insert "\$279,531,885".

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding for the Troops to Teachers Virginia Center to help military service members who want to become teachers.)

Item 140 #5h

## **CWM - O & M for Highland Property**

<b>Education: Higher Educa</b>	on FY24-25	FY25-26

The College of William and Mary in \$1,100,000 \$1,100,000 GF

Virginia

#### Language:

Page 196, line 44, strike "\$279,700,685" and insert "\$280,800,685".

Page 196, line 44, strike "\$278,999,885" and insert "\$280,099,885".

## **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to support operations and maintenance of the 466 acre Highland property.)

Item 148 #1h

## **VIMS - Center of Excellence in Environmental Forecasting**

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	FY24-25	FY25-26
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Virginia Institute of Marine Science \$385,000 \$385,000 GF

# Language:

Page 201, line 49, strike "\$32,866,726" and insert "\$33,251,726". Page 201, line 49, strike "\$32,716,726" and insert "\$33,101,726".

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to establish a Center of Excellence in Environmental Forecasting.)

Item 155 #4h

# JMU - Teacher Prep

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	FY24-25	FY25-26

James Madison University \$1,100,000 \$1,100,000 GF

# Language:

Page 207, line 38, strike "\$414,363,426" and insert "\$415,463,426". Page 207, line 38, strike "\$412,766,151" and insert "\$413,866,151".

## **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional funding for a teacher preparation program that allows individuals working in schools who have bachelor's degrees, but are not licensed teachers (i.e. teacher's aides), to begin classroom teaching immediately as they work toward licensure. At the end of three years of online coursework and some in-person engagements, students will be eligible for full teaching licensure. With this amendment, JMU, in partnership with Longwood University and Old Dominion University, by the third year, will be able to produce 300 new licensed teachers per year.)

Item 163 #3h

#### NSU - Senator Yvonne B. Miller Internship Program

Education: Higher Education FY24-25 FY25-26

Norfolk State University \$50,000 \$50,000 GF

#### Language:

Page 211, line 49, strike "\$133,090,849" and insert "\$133,140,849". Page 211, line 49, strike "\$132,702,199" and insert "\$132,752,199".

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to establish the Senator Yvonne B. Miller Internship Program.)

Item 163 #4h

# **NSU - Unfunded Scholarship Authority**

# **Education: Higher Education**

Norfolk State University

Language

# Language:

Page 213, after line 18, insert:

"I. 1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, Norfolk State University is authorized to remit tuition and fees for merit scholarships for students of high academic achievement subject to the following limitations and restrictions:

- 2. The number of such scholarships annually awarded to undergraduate Virginia students shall not exceed 20 percent of the fall headcount enrollment of Virginia students in undergraduate studies in the institution from the preceding academic year. The total value of such merit scholarships annually awarded shall not exceed in any year the amount arrived at by multiplying the applicable figure for undergraduate tuition and required fees by 20 percent of the headcount enrollment of Virginia students in undergraduate studies in the institution for the fall semester from the preceding academic year.
- 3. The number of such scholarships annually awarded to undergraduate non-Virginia students shall not exceed 20 percent of the fall headcount enrollment of non-Virginia students in undergraduate studies in the institution from the preceding academic year. The total value of such merit scholarships annually awarded shall not exceed in any year the amount arrived at by multiplying the applicable figure for undergraduate tuition and required fees by 20 percent of the fall headcount enrollment of non-Virginia students in undergraduate studies in the institution during the preceding academic year.
- 4. A scholarship awarded under this program shall entitle the holder to receive an annual remission of an amount not to exceed the cost of tuition and required fees to be paid by the student."

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides authority to utilize unfunded scholarships to merit students without consideration of need in order to allow the University another tool with which to attract, enroll and retain the most qualified students regardless of their financial condition.)

Item 164 #1h

#### **NSU - Transfer Financial Aid from SCHEV**

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Norfolk State University	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000 GF	7

#### Language:

Page 213, line 20, strike "\$37,576,031" and insert "\$38,826,031". Page 213, line 20, strike "\$37,576,031" and insert "\$38,826,031".

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment is a companion amendment to Item 130 and transfers previously authorized financial aid funding from SCHEV to NSU.)

Item 183 #4h

#### **UVA - Foundation for Humanities**

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	FY24-25	FY25-26
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University of Virginia \$250,000 \$250,000 GF

#### Language:

Page 224, line 39, strike "\$1,272,402,532" and insert "\$1,272,652,532". Page 224, line 39, strike "\$1,368,927,476" and insert "\$1,369,177,476".

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to support the Virginia Foundation for Humanities HBCU Fellowship Program and Folklife Apprenticeship Program.)

Item 183 #5h

#### **UVA - State Arboretum**

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	FY24-25	FY25-26
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University of Virginia \$150,000 \$150,000 GF

# Language:

Page 224, line 39, strike "\$1,272,402,532" and insert "\$1,272,552,532".

Page 224, line 39, strike "\$1,368,927,476" and insert "\$1,369,077,476".

Page 226, line 2, strike "\$304,927" and "\$304,927" and insert:

"\$454,927" and "\$454,927".

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding for increased operating support for the State Arboretum at Blandy Farm.)

Item 185 #1h

#### **UVA - Focused Ultrasound Center**

Education: Higher Education FY24-25 FY25-26

University of Virginia \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 GF

#### Language:

Page 227, line 36, strike "\$591,649,129" and insert "\$592,649,129".

Page 227, line 36, strike "\$623,074,705" and insert "\$624,074,705".

Page 228, line 5, strike "\$4,112,500" and "\$4,112,500" and insert:

"\$5,112,500" and "\$5,112,500".

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional support for the Focused Ultrasound Center.)

Item 194 #3h

#### **VCU - Wilder School of Government**

#### Education: Higher Education FY24-25 FY25-26

Virginia Commonwealth University \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 GF

### Language:

Page 231, line 29, strike "\$756,451,683" and insert "\$757,951,683".

Page 231, line 29, strike "\$754,477,233" and insert "\$755,977,233".

Page 234, line 20, strike "\$1,500,000" and "\$1,500,000" and insert:

"\$3,000,000" and "\$3,000,000".

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional funding for the Wilder School for Government.)

Item 194 #5h

# **VCU - Transfer Sonographer Program from VCCS**

# Education: Higher Education FY24-25 FY25-26

Virginia Commonwealth University \$475,000 \$475,000 GF

# Language:

Page 231, line 29, strike "\$756,451,683" and insert "\$756,926,683".

Page 231, line 29, strike "\$754,477,233" and insert "\$754,952,233".

Page 234, after line 28, insert:

"S. As a condition of this appropriation, \$475,000 each year from the general fund is designated to support a program between Rappahannock Community College and Virginia Commonwealth University Health System to create a certified sonographer education and training program in

order to address significant workforce shortages across the Commonwealth. Funding shall support capital, equipment, and staffing needs to create two training labs in the Rappahannock Community College service region."

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment is a companion amendment to Item 203 and moves the sonographer program under VCU.)

Item 196 #1h

#### **VCU - Pauley Heart Center**

#### Education: Higher Education FY24-25 FY25-26

Virginia Commonwealth University \$2,750,000 \$2,750,000 GF

## Language:

Page 234, line 48, strike "\$353,644,910" and insert "\$356,394,910".

Page 234, line 48, strike "\$353,644,910" and insert "\$356,394,910".

## **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding for research and training at the Pauley Heart Center to include cardiac sonographer training, critical care and heart failure management training, clinical and translational research, and continuing education for urban and rural providers.)

Item 200 #3h

# VCCS - Data Governance and Analysis Advisory Board

# **Education: Higher Education**

Virginia Community College System

Language

# Language:

Page 240. after line 1, insert:

"FF. The Secretary of Education, in consultation with the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System, and the Director of the State Council for Higher Education of Virginia (SCHEV) shall establish and make appointments to the Virginia Community College Data Governance and Analysis Advisory Board. The Board shall meet no less than four times annually and shall advise the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System on the establishment, maintenance, and use of a system for collecting, analyzing, and reporting

objective data on program outcomes and expenditures, facility usage, enrollment and admissions, and student performance in the Virginia Community College System. The Advisory Board shall adopt a robust, holistic data governance and data management framework, based on industry standards and best practices, to drive progress on academic and operational excellence and strategic goals. Operationalizing this framework shall enable data accessibility, promote trust in data, produce a common language and terminology for classifying data, and lay the foundation for digital transformation. Members of the Board shall include a member of the House of Delegates and a member of the Senate of Virginia. Additional appointees shall include, but are not limited to, the Secretary of Education, SCHEV Director, VCCS Chancellor, Chief Data Officer, Secretary of Labor, Director of the Virginia Office of Workforce Development, Executive Director of the Virginia Office of Education Economics, or their designees."

## **Explanation:**

(This amendment establishes the Virginia Community College Data Governance and Analysis Advisory Board.)

Item 200 #4h

# **VCCS - Data Reporting**

## **Education: Higher Education**

Virginia Community College System

Language

# Language:

Page 240. after line 1, insert:

"FF. The Virginia Community College System in consultation with the State Council for Higher Education of Virginia (SCHEV), Secretary of Education, Secretary of Labor, Virginia Office of Educations Economics, and the Department of Education shall develop and implement a fully integrated data and analytics platform, from data governance and management through predictive analytics, for collecting, analyzing, and reporting objective data on program outcomes and expenditures, facility usage, enrollment and admissions, and student performance in the Virginia Community College System. This platform shall include a public-facing dashboard that will display data and outcomes information at the institution level, as well as system-wide aggregate level. Such a data and analytics platform will enable the Commonwealth to improve the quality and reliability of data by connecting disparate sources across the higher education ecosystem, uncover patterns and trends in enrollment, maximize retention, increase completion rates and sustain strong relationships throughout the student life cycle, and utilize analytical insights to anticipate and respond proactively to changing higher education trends. The Virginia Community College shall report annually no later than October 1st to the SCHEV Director, Secretary of Education, Secretary of Labor, Executive Director of the Virginia Office

of Education Economics, Chair of the House Education Committee, Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Education and Health Committee, and Chair of the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee on key findings from the collected data and make any requested data available to the administration or General Assembly."

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment requires the establishment of a data reporting system in the community college system.)

Item 200 #5h

#### VCCS - Health Science and Technology Education Expansion

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	FY24-25	FY25-26
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Virginia Community College System \$50,000 \$50,000 GF

### Language:

Page 236, line 34, strike "\$1,060,269,383" and insert "\$1,060,319,383".

Page 236, line 34, strike "\$1,059,269,383" and insert "\$1,059,319,383".

Page 239, line 4, strike "\$1,000,000" and "\$1,000,000" and insert:

"\$1,050,000" and "\$1,050,000".

Page 239, line 6, after "River", insert ", Central Virginia".

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment expands the original program that provides pipeline of high school students to address employer needs in the region. The request adds Central Virginia Community College to the program.)

Item 200 #6h

# **VCCS - Camp Community College / Suffolk Partnership**

# Education: Higher Education FY24-25 FY25-26

Virginia Community College System \$600,000 \$0 GF

# Language:

Page 236, line 34, strike "\$1,060,269,383" and insert "\$1,060,869,383".

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to Camp Community College to support a partnership with the City of Suffolk to establish the Workforce Trades and Innovation Center.)

Item 200 #7h

#### **VCCS - Support Foster Youth in Great Expectations Program**

Education: Higher Education FY24-25 FY25-26

Virginia Community College System \$150,000 \$150,000 GF

#### Language:

Page 236, line 34, strike "\$1,060,269,383" and insert "\$1,060,419,383".

Page 236, line 34, strike "\$1,059,269,383" and insert "\$1,059,419,383".

Page 239, line 10, strike "\$500,000" and "\$500,000" and insert:

"\$650,000" and \$650,000".

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to support the hiring of a position at the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) to coordinate services for foster youth involved with the Great Expectations Program to improve access to higher education at 4-year colleges and universities. This position shall work with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) and accredited nonprofit private institutions of higher education to find partnerships with 4-year colleges and universities willing to support the foster care population in obtaining a 4-year degree.)

Item 200 #11h

# **VCCS - Language Changes (Technical)**

# **Education: Higher Education**

Virginia Community College System

Language

# Language:

Page 237, strike lines 3 through 7 and insert:

"support at individual community colleges."

Page 238. strike lines 22 through 25.

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment makes technical language changes to eliminate outdated reporting

requirements.)

Item 201 #1h

#### VCCS - G3 Eligibility

#### **Education: Higher Education**

Virginia Community College System

Language

#### Language:

Page 240, after line 50, insert:

"12.0500 Cooking and Related Culinary Arts, General

13.1202 Elementary Education and Teaching

13.1205 Secondary Education and Teaching

14.0101 Engineering, General

52.0901 Hospitality Administration / Management, General"

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment adds eligibility for five programs in high-demand fields for the G3 program.)

Item 203 #1h

# **VCCS - GENEDGE / Philpott Manufacturing Center**

	<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	FY24-25	FY25-26
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Virginia Community College System \$500,000 \$500,000 GF

# Language:

Page 245, line 26, strike "\$74,502,341" and insert "\$75,002,341".

Page 245, line 26, strike "\$74,502,341" and insert "\$75,002,341".

Page 245, after line 42, insert:

"3. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 each year from the general fund is designated for the A. L. Philpott Manufacturing Extension Partnership (GENEDGE Alliance) to develop the Virginia Smart Manufacturing Accelerator (VSMA) Hub, partnered with Virginia State University, in Petersburg Virginia. The 10,000 sq. foot center will enable GENEDGE subject matter experts to work with VSU engineering and engineering technology students, faculty, private sector companies and entrepreneurs, to help industry across VA reduce operational costs, improve new product speed to market, reduce carbon footprints, and enhance top line growth and profitability. At leat twenty students per year will participate in career enhancing training and

field work using traditional and smart manufacturing technology tool-sets. Beginning in 2026, Department of Energy awards are expected to anchor this center financially, serving 200 companies a year, with substantial return on investment."

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides support for the A. L. Philpott Manufacturing Extension Partnership (GENEDGE Alliance) to develop the Virginia Smart Manufacturing Accelerator (VSMA) Hub, partnered with Virginia State University, in Petersburg Virginia.)

Item 203 #2h

## VCCS - Move Sonographer program to VCU

Virginia Community College System (\$475,000) (\$475,000) GF

#### Language:

Page 245, line 26, strike "\$74,502,341" and insert "\$74,027,341".

Page 245, line 26, strike "\$74,502,341" and insert "\$74,027,341".

Page 247, strike lines 18 through 23.

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment transfers funding for the sonographer program to VCU. A companion under VCU provides the funding for the program.)

Item 206 #3h

# VMI - Global Education Support Staff

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	FY24-25	FY25-26
Virginia Military Institute	\$73,500	\$73,500 GF

# Language:

Page 248, line 8, strike "\$55,974,536" and insert "\$56,048,036". Page 248, line 8, strike "\$56,324,536" and insert "\$56,398,036".

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding for an Assistant Director position in the Office of Global Education.)

Item 206 #4h

## VMI - Employer Relations / Internship Coordinator

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	FY24-25	FY25-26
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Virginia Military Institute \$73,500 \$73,500 GF

#### Language:

Page 248, line 8, strike "\$55,974,536" and insert "\$56,048,036".

Page 248, line 8, strike "\$56,324,536" and insert "\$56,398,036".

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding for an Employer Relations / Internship Coordinator.)

Item 206 #5h

#### VMI - Associate Dean for Academic Support

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	FY24-25	FY25-26
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Virginia Military Institute \$178,500 \$178,500 GF

# Language:

Page 248, line 8, strike "\$55,974,536" and insert "\$56,153,036".

Page 248, line 8, strike "\$56,324,536" and insert "\$56,503,036".

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding for the Associate Dean for Academic Support.)

Item 216 #1h

# **VT Ext - Innovative Agriculture**

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	FY24-25	FY25-26

Virginia Cooperative Extension and \$750,000 \$1,350,000 GF

Agricultural Experiment Station

# Language:

Page 254, line 21, strike "\$110,096,190" and insert "\$110,846,190". Page 254, line 21, strike "\$110,096,190" and insert "\$111,446,190".

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding for specialized agents and specialists in agricultural innovation and community resource development and equipment. A companion amendment in Item 241 provides for the equipment.)

Item 218 #1h

#### **VSU - Transfer Financial Aid from SCHEV**

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
Virginia State University	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000 GF

#### Language:

Page 256, line 46, strike "\$31,419,248" and insert "\$32,669,248". Page 256, line 46, strike "\$31,419,248" and insert "\$32,669,248".

## **Explanation:**

(This amendment is a companion amendment to Item 130 and transfers previously authorized financial aid funding from SCHEV to VSU.)

Item 221 #1h

# **VSU Ext - HBCU Partnerships**

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Cooperative Extension and Agricultural Research Services	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	GF

# Language:

Page 258, line 5, strike "\$16,897,121" and insert "\$21,897,121".

Page 258, line 5, strike "\$16,897,121" and insert "\$21,897,121".

Page 258, after line 28, insert:

"E. As a condition of this appropriation, Virginia State University, in partnership with Norfolk State University, shall collaborate with Virginia Union University and Hampton University and various localities throughout the Commonwealth to (a) create Minority Small Business Launch and Innovation Centers that support entrepreneurship customized to minority community needs,

(b) improve health outcomes of vulnerable and marginalized populations in their surrounding localities through research, education, workforce development and outreach, (c) expand and upgrade broadband and technology in order to close the digital divide and provide students with additional tech job training, (d) actively engage with local public school districts to provide opportunities and awareness of post-secondary programs and curriculum, and (e) support the creation of an HBCU NoVA Campus by establishing an off-campus instruction site at Northern Virginia Community College in order to provide an opportunity to expand the HBCU presence in Northern Virginia, and access and opportunity to an increasing population of students seeking a four-year degree."

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding for a partnership between Virginia State University, Norfolk State University, Virginia Union University and Hampton University.)

Item 227 #1h

#### LOV - State Aid to Local Public Libraries

<b>Education: Other Education</b>	FY24-25	FY25-26	
The Library Of Virginia	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	GF

## Language:

Page 260, line 43, strike "\$24,297,584" and insert "\$26,797,584". Page 260, line 43, strike "\$24,297,584" and insert "\$26,797,584".

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$2.5 million each year from the general fund to increase state aid to local public libraries. This funding represents the third installment of a four-year plan to fully fund the state library aid formula by fiscal year 2026. This plan is currently established as the objective of the General Assembly in Subsection D of Item 227 that was enacted in 2022.)

Item 227 #2h

# Pittsylvania County Public Library

<b>Education: Other Education</b>	FY24-25	FY25-26
The Library Of Virginia	\$160,000	\$0 GF

# Language:

Page 260, line 43, strike "\$24,297,584" and insert "\$24,457,584".

Page 261, after line 13, insert:

"E. Out of this appropriation, \$160,000 the first year from the general fund is designated for the Pittsylvania County Public Library Gretna Branch."

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$160,000 the first year from the general fund to renovate the Pittsylvania County Public Library - Gretna Branch.)

Item 234 #1h

#### **NCI - Restore Second Year**

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	FY24-25	FY25-26	
New College Institute	\$0	\$3,101,809	GF
	\$0	\$1,585,041	NGF

#### Language:

Page 264, line 12, strike "\$0" and insert "\$4,686,850".

Page 264, strike lines 28 through 31.

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to restore the proposed elimination of the New College Institute.)

Item 235 #1h

## **IALR** -**Expand** Staff

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	FY24-25	FY25-26
Institute for Advanced Learning and Research	\$247,000	\$247,000 GF

# Language:

Page 264, line 39, strike "\$7,326,336" and insert "\$7,573,336". Page 264, line 39, strike "\$7,326,336" and insert "\$7,573,336".

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to add two new staff to the Institute - a Software

Administrator and a Safety Coordinator.)

Item 235 #2h

## **IALR -Software Acquisition**

Education: Higher Education FY24-25 FY25-26

Institute for Advanced Learning and \$70,000 \$70,000 GF

Research

#### Language:

Page 264, line 39, strike "\$7,326,336" and insert "\$7,396,336". Page 264, line 39, strike "\$7,326,336" and insert "\$7,396,336".

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to acquire Customer Relationship Management (CRM) software.)

Item 236 #1h

# **RHEA - Workforce Academy**

# Education: Higher Education FY24-25 FY25-26

Roanoke Higher Education Authority \$75,000 \$75,000 GF

## Language:

Page 265, line 12, strike "\$2,443,652" and insert "\$2,518,652".

Page 265, line 12, strike "\$2,443,652" and insert "\$2,518,652".

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional funding to conduct a needs assessment for a new Workforce Academy.)

Item 236 #2h

# **RHEA - Career and Workforce Training Coordinator**

Education: Higher Education FY24-25 FY25-26

Roanoke Higher Education Authority \$170,000 \$170,000 GF

## Language:

Page 265, line 12, strike "\$2,443,652" and insert "\$2,613,652". Page 265, line 12, strike "\$2,443,652" and insert "\$2,613,652".

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional funding for a new Career and Workforce Training Coordinator.)

Item 237 #1h

## **SVHEC - Workforce Training Program Support**

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Southern Virginia Higher Education Center	\$198,000	\$198,000	GF

#### Language:

Page 265, line 20, strike "\$9,929,222" and insert "\$10,127,222". Page 265, line 20, strike "\$9,929,222" and insert "\$10,127,222".

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$198,000 for one-full time BSN/MSN nursing instructor to meet significant local need. In addition, a companion amendment in Item 241 provides for the replacement and upgrade of equipment in the Welding Lab.)

Item 238 #1h

# **SWVHEC - Simulation Technologist Position**

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	FY24-25	FY25-26
Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center	\$120,000	\$120,000 GF

# Language:

Page 266, line 27, strike "\$5,499,447" and insert "\$5,619,447". Page 266, line 27, strike "\$5,499,447" and insert "\$5,619,447".

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to support the hiring of a Simulation Technologist for the Center of Nursing Excellence.)

Item 241 #1h

# **HEETF** - Allocations for Technology Pilot Program, Bioscience and Workforce

#### **Education: Higher Education**

Virginia College Building Authority

Language

#### Language:

Page 269, line 18, strike "\$84,150,000" and "\$84,150,000" and insert:

"\$98,140,000" and "\$101,480,000".

Page 269, line 28, strike"\$5,189,341" and "\$5,189,341" and insert:

"\$12,689,341" and "\$12,689,341".

Page 269, line 30, strike "\$2 995,552" and "\$2,995,552" and insert:

"\$5,645,552" and "\$4,975,552".

Page 269, line 33, strike the second "\$5,240,458" and insert "\$9,240,458".

Page 269, line 41, strike "\$250,681" and "\$250,681" and insert:

"\$600,681" and "600,681".

Page 269, line 50, strike "\$2,350,108" and \$2,350,108" and insert:

"\$3,850,108" and "\$3,850,108".

Page 269, line 55, strike "\$1,342,189" and "\$1,342,189" and insert:

"\$2,842,189" and "\$2,842,189".

Page 270, line 20, strike the first "\$95,790" and insert "\$595,790".

Page 270, line 27, strike "\$69,150,000" and "\$69,150,000" and insert:

"\$73,000,000" and "\$73,000,000".

Page 270, line 27, strike "\$15,000,000" and "\$15,000,000" and insert:

"\$25,140,000" and "\$28,480,000".

Page 270, after line 35, insert:

"F. Out of this allocation, \$3,350,000 the first year and \$3,350,000 the second year is designated to support first-year students at Norfolk State University (\$1,500,000), Virginia State University (\$1,500,000) and UVA-Wise (\$350,000) by supplying first year students with technology such as iPads and related accessories to include keyboards, pencils, and earbuds.

G. Out of this allocation, \$10,140,000 the first year and \$13,490,000 the second year is designated to support the equipment needs of institutions involved in the Bioscience Research initiative. Of these amounts, \$7,500,000 each year is allocated to the University of Virginia for the Manning Institute for Biotechnology, \$4,000,000 the second year is allocated to Virginia Tech for the Patient Research Center and \$2,650,000 the first year and \$1,980,000 the second year is allocated to Virginia Commonwealth University for the Medicines for All Institute.

H. Out of this allocation, \$500,000 the first year is designated to support replacement equipment in the Welding Lab at Southern Virginia Higher Education Center to serve adult and high school welding students."

## **Explanation:**

(This amendment makes additional HEETF allocations (a) to supply first year students at Norfolk State University, Virginia State University and UVA-Wise with technology such as iPads and related accessories to include keyboards, pencils, and earbuds, (b) to provide research equipment to the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech and Virginia Commonwealth University involved in the Bioscience Research initiative and (c) to replace end-of-life equipment in the welding lab at Southern Virginia Higher Education Center.)

Item 4-2.01 #1h

## Part 4 - Out-of-State Tuition Authority

#### **Revenues**

Nongeneral Fund Revenues

Language

#### Language:

Page 589, after line 48, insert:

"e. The requirements for § 4-2.01 b.2.b, as it pertains to nonresident undergraduate students, are waived for new nonresident undergraduate students enrolled at NSU, VSU, UVA-Wise and institutions of higher education with a current proportion of nonresident undergraduate enrollment of less than 20 percent, measured in terms of full-time equivalent."

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides flexible tuition authority in an effort to increase Virginia's talent pipeline. In order to attract out-of-state students into Virginia, the language would allow schools the ability to charge less than 100 percent of the average cost of education to out-of-state students but not less than the in-state cost.)

Item 4-2.01 #2h

# Part IV - Auxiliary Fees

#### Revenues

Nongeneral Fund Revenues

Language

#### Language:

Page 590, line 37, after "services;", insert:

"fee increases required to deliver NCAA mandated services;".

Page 590, after line 41, insert:

"d) The authority granted by this section to all public institutions of higher education shall not be limited by paragraph D of § 23.1-1309 Code of Virginia; however, for institutions complying with paragraph C of § 23.1-1309 Code of Virginia, the ratio of the increase in the subsidy to the increase in generated revenue shall not exceed 4:1 using a rolling average over the immediately preceding five years."

Page 590, after line 46, insert:

"11. For institutions complying with paragraph C of § 23.1-1309 Code of Virginia "Subsidy percentage" means the subsidy divided by the athletics revenue, provided that revenues allocated to (i) support spirit groups associated with any intercollegiate athletics program, (ii) meet any indirect cost policy requirements, (iii) debt service for previously approved intercollegiate athletics capital outlay projects, or (iv) expenses related to student-athlete health, to include medical expenses, insurance premiums and staff compensation, may be excluded from the subsidy for the purposes of such calculation. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall require the reporting of expenses related to student-athlete health on a separate line per paragraph B of § 23.1-1309."

## **Explanation:**

(This amendment makes technical adjustments to auxiliary fee policy in light of recent NCAA mandates.)

Item 4-8.01 #2h

# **Part IV - Reporting Requirements**

# **Reporting Requirements**

Governor Language

# Language:

Page 627, after line 37, insert:

"e) For reporting on fiscal year 2023 and beyond, reporting requirements on intercollegiate athletic revenues and expenses, specifically related to the share of athletic revenues from school funds and student fees, as set out in § 23.1-1309, Code of Virginia, fiscal years 2020, 2021, and 2022 shall be excluded from the calculated five-year rolling average of the change in generated revenue and student fees also outlined in § 23.1-1309, Code of Virginia."

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment restores language contained in previous budgets and inadvertently deleted in

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Item 4-9.01 #1h

#### **Part IV - Higher Education Assessment Correction (Technical)**

#### **Higher Education Restructuring**

Assessment of Institutional Performance

Language

#### Language:

Page 631, line 14, after, "State Council of Higher Education shall", insert: "biennially".

## **Explanation:**

(This amendment makes a technical correction to clarify that institution performance assessments shall be done biennially.)

Item 4-9.05 #1h

## **Student Transcripts**

#### **Higher Education Restructuring**

FY24-25

FY25-26

**Student Transcripts** 

# Language:

Page 636, after line 19, insert:

"§ 4-9.05 Student Transcripts

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# Page 636, after line 19, insert:

- a. Each public institution of higher education shall release an academic transcript directly to the employer or prospective employer of a student currently or formerly enrolled at such institution upon the request of the student.
- b. No public institution of higher education shall condition the release of an academic transcript to a student currently or formerly enrolled at such institution on the payment of an outstanding debt if:
- 1. Such outstanding debt is less than \$500;

- 2. Such outstanding debt is less than \$1000 and such currently or formerly enrolled student received a Federal Pell Grant; or
- 3. Such currently or formerly enrolled student has enrolled in a repayment plan and has made at least three consecutive monthly payments on such outstanding debt."

## **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides for the treatment of student transcript requests.)