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# **REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN RESOURCES**

SENATE FINANCE &  
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 2, 2025

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**Report of the Health and Human Resources Subcommittee**  
**The Honorable R. Creigh Deeds, Chair**  
**February 2, 2025**

Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

The Subcommittee has worked hard this year to address the many needs in the Health and Human Resources area.

I am pleased to provide the report of the Health and Human Resources Subcommittee. The Subcommittee has reviewed the Governor's proposed budget amendments in Senate Bill 800, along with many other funding requests, to serve the needs of individuals in the Commonwealth. This year, Virginia has seen the largest increase in Medicaid spending for an amended budget, leaving the Subcommittee constrained in its ability to spend additional money on new initiatives or other investments in existing services.

To fully meet the needs of the Medicaid forecast, the Subcommittee adopts \$632.2 million GF to fully fund the increased costs of Medicaid over the biennium. After meeting the mandatory program costs in Health and Human Resources, the Subcommittee worked diligently to prioritize maternal health. The Subcommittee's general fund recommendations include \$2.5 million for maternal mobile health clinics, \$2.2 million to expand remote patient monitoring for pregnant women, \$550,322 to establish reimbursement parity for midwives, \$553,200 to fund an education and awareness campaign for postpartum and perinatal depression, funds two additional postpartum visits for doulas, and other efforts to improve maternal health in the Commonwealth.

Behavioral health continues to be a critically important issue for the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee recommends \$7.8 million to fully fund the state's obligation for crisis co-response programs, \$1.0 million to expand the

Adult Psychiatric Access Line, and \$1.1 million to increase the number of licensed behavioral health professionals in the Commonwealth.

Other general fund recommendations of the Subcommittee include \$25.0 million for a new grant program to fund critically needed drinking water projects, nearly \$700,000 to build capacity for developmental disability waiver providers, \$1.8 million to fund services for individuals with traumatic brain injury, and additional support for key safety net programs. The Subcommittee also recommends Medicaid provider rate increases of \$10.0 million for nursing homes and \$2.2 million for substance use disorder services.

The Subcommittee continues to support the Commonwealth's most vulnerable children and adults by increasing support for kinship care and providing increased funding to Community Action Agencies and Child Advocacy Centers.

Before I conclude, I would like to thank each member of the Subcommittee for their hard work in putting this report together. Their efforts and dedication to providing services to the people of the Commonwealth are appreciated.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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The Honorable R. Creigh Deeds, Chair

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The Honorable Adam P. Ebbin

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The Honorable Mark D. Obenshain

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The Honorable Bryce E. Reeves

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The Honorable Barbara A. Favola

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The Honorable Jennifer B. Boysko

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(Proposed Amendments to SB 800, as Introduced, 2025 Session)

Amendment	General Fund		Nongeneral Fund	
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2025	FY 2026
<b>1 Secretary of Health and Human Resources</b>				
2 Remove Plan for Collegiate Experience Program	\$ (100,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3 Redirect Maternal Health Awareness Funding	\$ (500,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>4 Subtotal, Secretary of Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>\$ (600,000)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
5				
<b>6 Children's Services Act</b>				
7 Reflect One-Time Savings from Cap on State Share of Private Day Special Education Services	\$ -	\$ (9,892,854)	\$ -	\$ -
<b>8 Subtotal, Children's Services Act</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (9,892,854)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
9				
<b>10 Virginia Department of Health</b>				
11 Grants for Drinking Water Projects	\$ 25,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12 Maternal Mobile Health Clinics	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ -
13 Improve Emergency Response in Greenville County	\$ 1,250,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
14 Postpartum Depression Awareness and Education	\$ -	\$ 553,200	\$ -	\$ -
15 Federally Qualified Health Centers	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -
16 Free and Charitable Clinics	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -
17 Free Clinic of Central Virginia	\$ 450,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
18 SB 1186 - Donor Human Milk Banks	\$ -	\$ 425,000	\$ -	\$ -
19 Support for the Office of Internal Audit	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -
20 SB 1393 - Pregnancy Mobile Application	\$ -	\$ 159,600	\$ -	\$ -
21 SB 981 - Community Health Worker Report	\$ 90,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
22 SB 1101 - Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention	\$ -	\$ 66,654	\$ -	\$ -
23 Transfer Funding for All Payer Claims Database	\$ -	\$ (1,025,000)	\$ -	\$ -
24 Redirect Funding for Doulas at Local Health Districts	\$ -	\$ (1,000,000)	\$ -	\$ -
25 Move Funding for a Large Animal Veterinary Loan Repayment Program	\$ -	\$ (450,000)	\$ -	\$ -
26 Guidance for Changing Regional EMS Council Boundaries		Language		
27 Perinatal Health Hub Pilot Program		Language		
28 LPN to RN Scholarships		Language		
29 Funding for Med-Flight Services		Language		
30 Outpatient Data Collection		Language		
<b>31 Subtotal, Virginia Department of Health</b>	<b>\$ 26,790,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,529,454</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
32				
<b>33 Department of Health Professions</b>				
34 System Changes to Prescription Monitoring Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600,000	\$ 400,000

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	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2025	FY 2026
35 Workforce Data Sharing		Language		
36 <b>Subtotal, Department of Health Professions</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600,000	\$ 400,000
37				
38 <b>Department of Medical Assistance Services</b>				
39 Increase Nursing Home Rates	\$ -	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -	\$ 11,650,000
40 Increase Rates for Substance Use Disorder Services	\$ -	\$ 2,225,662	\$ -	\$ 14,082,935
41 Expand Remote Patient Monitoring for Pregnant Women	\$ -	\$ 2,114,450	\$ -	\$ 3,802,256
42 Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver Facility for 25 Beds	\$ -	\$ 1,821,957	\$ -	\$ 3,556,019
43 Transfer Funding for All Payer Claims Database	\$ -	\$ 1,025,000	\$ -	\$ 3,075,000
44 Midwife Parity in Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 550,322	\$ -	\$ 782,108
45 Continuous Glucose Monitoring Coverage	\$ -	\$ 491,638	\$ -	\$ 1,507,096
46 Multi-Systemic Therapy Policy	\$ -	\$ 257,910	\$ -	\$ 312,564
47 SB 1186 - Coverage for Donor Human Milk	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 750,000
48 Post-Partum Doula Visits	\$ -	\$ 4,960	\$ -	\$ 12,228
49 Clarify Reimbursement Policy for Indian Health Clinics	\$ -	\$ (30,411,804)	\$ -	\$ (6,957,850)
50 Remove Funding Reserve for Medicaid Initiatives	\$ -	\$ (972,941)	\$ -	\$ -
51 Remove First Year Administrative Funding	\$ (865,000)	\$ -	\$ (2,815,000)	\$ -
52 Remove Funding for Virginia Task Force on Primary Care	\$ (250,000)	\$ -	\$ (250,000)	\$ -
53 Supplemental Rates to Dental Practice Plan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,522,726
54 Enhance Financial Review Processes		Language		
55 Strengthen External Review to Improve Accountability		Language		
56 Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee Review Process		Language		
57 Review of Federal Actions Impacting Medicaid Expansion		Language		
58 Supplemental Provider Payment Requirements		Language		
59 Adjust Hourly Rate for Adult Day Health Care		Language		
60 Modify Graduate Medical Residency Program		Language		
61 Modify Managed Care Contract Language		Language		
62 Set Out Funding for Eligibility Processing		Language		
63 Review of Applied Behavioral Analysis Services		Language		
64 Review Rehabilitation Hospital Reimbursement Methodology		Language		
65 Enhance Eligibility Process for Pregnant Women		Language		
66 Technical Correction to Number of Funded Poison Control Centers		Language		
67 Provider Appeals Required Through Portal		Language		
68 Authority for Provider Rate Studies		Language		
69 Home Care Worker Training		Language		

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Amendment	General Fund		Nongeneral Fund	
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2025	FY 2026
70 Non-Opioid and Opioid Drug Parity for Pain Management		Language		
71 Paramedicine Study		Language		
72 Pharmacy Benefit Manager Contract		Language		
73 Center-Based Respite Services		Language		
74 Modify Long-Acting Injectables Language		Language		
75 Waiver for Behavioral Health Services in Jail		Language		
<b>76 Subtotal, Department of Medical Assistance Services</b>	<b>\$ (1,115,000)</b>	<b>\$ (12,642,846)</b>	<b>\$ (3,065,000)</b>	<b>\$ 36,095,082</b>
77				
<b>78 Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services</b>				
79 Fully Fund Crisis Co-Response Programs	\$ -	\$ 7,800,000	\$ -	\$ -
80 Increase Licensed Therapists	\$ -	\$ 1,100,000	\$ -	\$ -
81 Adult Psychiatric Access Line	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
82 Developmental Disability Waiver Services Provider Capacity	\$ -	\$ 686,000	\$ -	\$ -
83 Specially Adapted Resource Clubs	\$ -	\$ 186,000	\$ -	\$ -
84 SB 838 - Recovery Residences	\$ -	\$ 115,846	\$ -	\$ -
85 Lock and Talk Program	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -
86 Adjust Funding for Special Conservators of the Peace at Private Hospitals	\$ -	\$ (31,063,751)	\$ -	\$ -
87 Youth Mental Health Matters Initiative	\$ (1,000,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
88 Remove First Year Administrative Funding	\$ (211,692)	\$ -	\$ (211,692)	\$ -
89 Expand Community Housing Options		Language		
90 Local Maintenance of Efforts Requirements		Language		
89 Problem Gambling Treatment		Language		
90 School-Based Mental Health Services		Language		
91 Examine Release Protocols for Permanent Supportive Housing		Language		
92 Align Substance Use Disorder Services with National Criteria		Language		
93 Planning for the Future of Hiram Davis		Language		
94 Central State Hospitals Records Storage		Language		
<b>95 Subtotal, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services</b>	<b>\$ (1,211,692)</b>	<b>\$ (20,150,905)</b>	<b>\$ (211,692)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
96				
<b>97 Department of Social Services</b>				
98 Transition EBT Cards to Chip Cards	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -
99 SB 773 - Housing Plans for Foster Children	\$ -	\$ 479,665	\$ -	\$ -
100 Latisha's House	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
101 Tonsler League	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -
102 Youth for Tomorrow	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -

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	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2025	FY 2026
103 Foster Family Finding Services	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -
104 Community Action Agencies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,275,000
105 Child Advocacy Centers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000
106 Creation of an Addiction Treatment Navigator	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,000
107 Northern Virginia Family Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125,000
108 Redirect Funding for the TANF Full Employment Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (440,000)
109 MOUs for Kinship Care in Surrounding States	Language			
110 Federal Benefits for Foster Youth	Language			
111 Assessment of Services for Survivors of Child Trafficking	Language			
<b>112 Subtotal, Department of Social Services</b>	<b>\$ 300,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,579,665</b>		<b>\$ 7,360,000</b>
113				
<b>114 Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services</b>				
115 Brain Injury Workforce Retention	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -
116 Centers for Independent Living	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -
<b>117 Subtotal, Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 600,000</b>		<b>\$ -</b>
118				
<b>119 Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired</b>				
120 Radio Reading Services	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>121 Subtotal, Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired</b>	<b>\$ 20,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
122				
<b>123 Other Health and Human Resources</b>				
124 Various Language Amendments	Language			
125				
<b>126 Total Health and Human Resources Secretariat</b>	<b>\$ 24,183,308</b>	<b>\$ (37,977,486)</b>	<b>\$ (2,676,692)</b>	<b>\$ 43,855,082</b>



Item 268 #1s

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Children's Services Act	\$0	(\$9,892,854)	GF

**Language:**

Page 330, line 2, strike "\$503,650,250" and insert "\$493,757,396".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reflects the savings from the 2.5 percent limit on the growth rate in state reimbursement to localities for private day special education services in the second year. The introduced budget included the language imposing the limit, but did not reflect any savings in the Children's Services Act budget. This one-time action redirects the savings to fund special education services in public schools to help support these kids in the most least restrictive environment.)

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Item 277 #2s

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Health	\$0	\$2,500,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 343, line 43, strike "\$169,601,819" and insert "\$172,101,819".

Page 345, after line 14, insert:

"J. Out of this appropriation, \$2,500,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the Virginia Department of Health, in consultation with Virginia universities and private businesses, to create a pilot program for mobile clinics within maternal health deserts in Virginia, as well as for funding toward data collection to measure the effectiveness of the program."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$2.5 million GF the second year to the Virginia Department of Health, working with Virginia universities and private businesses, to create a pilot program for mobile clinics within maternal health deserts in Virginia, as well as for funding toward data collection to measure the effectiveness of the program. The goal of the program is to improve access in underserved communities and reduce transportation and geographic barriers.)

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Item 277 #3s

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
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Item 288 #12s

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Medical Assistance	\$0	\$2,225,662	GF
Services	\$0	\$14,082,935	NGF

**Language:**

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,284,590,471".

Page 393, after line 55, insert:

"OOOOO. Effective July 1, 2025, the Department of Medical Assistance services shall increase the rates by 12.5 percent for Office Based Addiction Treatment, Opioid Treatment Services, Partial Hospitalization Services, and Intensive Outpatient Services."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$2.2 million GF and \$14.1 million NGF to support a 12.5 percent rate increase for Substance Use Disorder services. These services are Office Based Addiction Treatment, Opioid Treatment Services, Partial Hospitalization Services, and Intensive Outpatient Services.)

Item 295 #2s

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$0	\$1,100,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 404, line 32, strike "\$167,136,531" and insert "\$168,236,531".

Page 410, after line 52, insert:

"TT. Out of this appropriation, \$1,100,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for a contract with the Virginia Health Care Foundation for a pilot to remove barriers to the mental health workforce, including the payment of supervisory hours for those individuals seeking degrees in social work and counseling."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.1 million the second year from the general fund to increase funding to add 60 slots to the Virginia Health Care Foundation's successful Boost! Program. This pays for required supervision of clinical hours needed for Masters of Social Work (\$10,000) and Masters of Counseling (\$20,000) graduates to become licensed clinical therapists.)

Item 296 #3s

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$0	\$686,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 410, line 55, strike "\$185,618,002" and insert "\$186,304,002".

Page 415, after line 1, insert:

"Z. Out of this appropriation, \$686,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided for a Provider Development Incubator intended to stimulate workforce development and business expansion to grow provider capacity for individuals with disabilities receiving waiver services. Of this amount, \$125,000 shall be provided for grants to providers for startup costs, \$200,000 for a targeted direct support professional workforce development and recruitment campaign, \$50,000 for education development for individuals and families receiving services, \$75,000 for an interactive information packet for new waiver recipients to assist in navigating the service system, and \$236,000 for a project team and administrative costs to implement the program."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds \$686,000 GF the second year for a Provider Development Incubator intended to stimulate workforce development and business expansion to grow provider capacity for individuals with disabilities receiving waiver services. The amount is allocated such that \$125,000 is for grants to providers for startup costs, \$200,000 is for a targeted direct support professional workforce development and recruitment campaign, \$50,000 is for education development for individuals and families receiving services, \$75,000 is for an interactive information packet for new waiver recipients to assist in navigating the service system, and \$236,000 is for a project team and administrative costs to implement the program.)

Item 297 #1s

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Grants to Localities	\$0	\$7,800,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 415, line 19, strike "\$787,892,721" and insert "\$795,692,721".

Page 420, line 17, strike "\$11,400,000", insert "\$19,200,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$7.8 million GF the second year to support the development and establishment of co-response programs between law enforcement officers and clinicians,

especially in those localities that have not yet received funding to implement the Marcus Alert system or that are not required to implement such system due to their population size. This is a recommendation of the Behavioral Health Commission.)

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