




**REPORT OF THE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY & CLAIMS**

SENATE FINANCE &
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
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SENATE OF VIRGINIA

Senate Finance & Appropriations Committee

Report of the Public Safety and Claims Subcommittee

The Honorable Adam P. Ebbin, Chair

February 2, 2025

Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

The Public Safety and Claims Subcommittee has reviewed the proposed budget for the agencies of Public Safety and Homeland Security and Veterans and Defense Affairs.

In this amended budget year, the Subcommittee built on investments made in the 2024 Session in police departments, victims services, and making communities safer. In addition to the \$20.0 million increase funded last year for the biennium for police departments, the Subcommittee recommends \$8.5 million to support rising costs for local criminal justice agencies. The Subcommittee also recommends removing language proposed by the Governor that would withhold funding from law enforcement agencies if they do not comply with new requirements related to federal immigration enforcement.

The Subcommittee also recommends an additional \$7.0 million to foster safe communities, building on the \$66.0 million in the current budget for violence reduction grants. Funding supports hospital-based violence intervention, violence interrupters, youth development programs, and a number of other strategies to reduce violent crime. Finally, the Subcommittee report includes \$3.0 million for victim services agencies, following a \$21.4 million increase provided in 2024. The Subcommittee is focused on maintaining its commitment to both community violence intervention and support for victims.

Madam Chair, this concludes the Public Safety and Claims Subcommittee report. I hope it will be the pleasure of the Committee to adopt our amendments.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Honorable Adam P. Ebbin, Chair

The Honorable L. Louise Lucas

The Honorable David W. Marsden

The Honorable Ryan T. McDougale

The Honorable Todd E. Pillion

The Honorable Ghazala F. Hashmi

Report of the Subcommittee on Public Safety and Claims

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

		General Fund			
		Amendment	FY 2025	FY 2026	Biennium
1	Secretariat of Public Safety and Homeland Security				
2	Department of Corrections				
3	Phase In Dental Services Expansion	\$	-	\$ (467,283)	\$ (467,283)
4	Corrections Special Reserve Fund Deposit	\$	-	\$ 212,632	\$ 212,632
5	Subtotal, Department of Corrections	\$	-	\$ (254,651)	\$ (254,651)
6					
7	Department of Criminal Justice Services				
8	Community Violence Reduction Grants	\$	2,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 7,000,000
9	Unmanned Aircraft Systems Replacement	\$	3,000,000	-	\$ 3,000,000
10	Sexual and Domestic Violence Services Agencies Grants	\$	1,000,000	\$ 1,007,398	\$ 2,007,398
11	Victim Witness Grant Program	\$	-	\$ 968,188	\$ 968,188
12	Forensic Nursing Advisory Council	\$	-	\$ 286,000	\$ 286,000
13	Adjust Appropriation Year of Local Law Enforcement Transportation Reimbursement	\$	3,500,000	\$ (3,500,000)	-
14	Use NGF Funds for School Safety Grants	\$	(6,837,475)	-	\$ (6,837,475)
15	Redirect Communications Infrastructure Grants	\$	(2,500,000)	-	\$ (2,500,000)
16	Redirect Increase in Office of the Attorney General Grant	\$	(200,000)	\$ (200,000)	\$ (400,000)
17	Redirect Administrative Funding for New Office	\$	-	\$ (322,218)	\$ (322,218)
18	Subtotal, Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$	(37,475)	\$ 3,239,368	\$ 3,201,893
19					
20	Department of Emergency Management				
21	Post-Pandemic Workgroups	\$	-	\$ 275,000	\$ 275,000
22	Subtotal, Department of Emergency Management	\$	-	\$ 275,000	\$ 275,000
23					
24	Department of Fire Programs				
25	Adjust Funding for Fire Marshal Positions	\$	-	\$ (458,860)	\$ (458,860)
26	Adjust Appropriation Year for Firefighter Equipment Grants	\$	5,000,000	\$ (5,000,000)	-
27	Subtotal, Department of Fire Programs	\$	5,000,000	\$ (5,458,860)	\$ (458,860)
28					
29	Department of Forensic Science				
30	Support for Crime Commission Mary Jane Burton Serology Study	\$	-	\$ 108,000	\$ 108,000
31	Subtotal, Department of Forensic Science	\$	-	\$ 108,000	\$ 108,000
32					

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		General Fund		
		FY 2025	FY 2026	Biennium
		Amendment		
33 Department of Juvenile Justice				
34	Adjust Appropriation Year for Admission and Placement Funding	\$ 1,829,000	\$ (1,829,000)	\$ -
35	Increase Residential Specialist Salaries	\$ -	\$ 1,600,540	\$ 1,600,540
36	Subtotal, Department of Juvenile Justice	\$ 1,829,000	\$ (228,460)	\$ 1,600,540
37				
38 Department of State Police				
39	SB 1466 - Criminal Record Sealing Systems Changes	\$ 704,275	\$ -	\$ 704,275
40	SB 970 - Fingerprint Technician	\$ -	\$ 88,687	\$ 88,687
41	Adjust Funding for Live Scan Machine Replacements	\$ (876,000)	\$ -	\$ (876,000)
42	Adjust Pay Step Increase	\$ -	\$ (764,000)	\$ (764,000)
43	Subtotal, Department of State Police	\$ (171,725)	\$ (675,313)	\$ (847,038)
44				
45	Total Secretariat of Public Safety and Homeland Security	\$ 6,619,800	\$ (2,994,916)	\$ 3,624,884
46				
47 Secretariat of Veterans and Defense Affairs				
48 Department of Veterans Services				
49	Adjust Veterans Care Center Funding to Account for Additional NGF	\$ (3,000,000)	\$ -	\$ (3,000,000)
50	Phase In New Positions	\$ -	\$ (224,303)	\$ (224,303)
51	Subtotal, Department of Veterans Services	\$ (3,000,000)	\$ (224,303)	\$ (3,224,303)
52				
53 Veterans Services Foundation				
54	Redirect Funding for Travel Costs	\$ -	\$ (7,000)	\$ (7,000)
55	Subtotal, Veterans Services Foundation	\$ -	\$ (7,000)	\$ (7,000)
56				
57 Other Public Safety and Claims Subcommittee Items				
58	Various Language Amendments		Language	
59				
60	Total Secretariat of Veterans and Defense Affairs	\$ (3,000,000)	\$ (231,303)	\$ (3,231,303)

Item 390 #1s

Public Safety and Homeland Security

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Corrections

\$0

\$212,632 GF

Language:

Page 499, line 31, strike "\$204,741,037" and insert "\$204,953,669".

Page 502, line 38, strike "\$987,368" and insert "\$1,200,000".

Page 502, strike lines 43 through 47 and insert:

"1. Senate Bill 746 -- \$50,000

2. Senate Bill 757 -- \$50,000

3. Senate Bill 844 -- \$50,000

4. Senate Bill 848 -- \$50,000

5. Senate Bill 861 -- \$50,000

6. Senate Bill 880 -- \$50,000

7. Senate Bill 881 -- \$50,000

8. Senate Bill 883 -- \$50,000

9. Senate Bill 886 -- \$50,000

10. Senate Bill 891 -- \$50,000

11. Senate Bill 939 -- \$50,000

12. Senate Bill 941 -- \$50,000

13. Senate Bill 970 -- \$50,000

14. Senate Bill 1002 -- \$50,000

15. Senate Bill 1098 -- \$50,000

16. Senate Bill 1108 -- \$50,000

17. Senate Bill 1110 -- \$50,000

18. Senate Bill 1181 -- \$50,000

19. Senate Bill 1182-- \$50,000

20. Senate Bill 1186 -- \$50,000

21. Senate Bill 1220 -- \$50,000

22. Senate Bill 1271 -- \$50,000

23. Senate Bill 1272 -- \$50,000

24. Senate Bill 1329 -- \$50,000"

Page 503, strike lines 1 through 8.

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$212,632 GF the second year for the required deposit to the Corrections Special Reserve Fund, pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, Code of Virginia, for 24 sentencing bills which are being considered by the Senate, and which are projected to increase the number of state-responsible prison beds that will be required over the next six years.)

Item 394 #7s

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$0	\$1,007,398	GF

Language:

Page 505, line 25, strike "\$230,377,002" and insert "\$231,384,400".

Page 509, line 1, strike "\$8,068,114" and insert "\$9,075,512".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$1.0 million GF the second year in grants to sexual assault and domestic violence services agencies, which provide core services to victims of sexual and domestic violence. The amount represents an increase of 5.0 percent over total GF and NGF grants provided to such agencies through the Victim Services Grant Program in FY 2025.)

Item 394 #8s

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$0	\$968,188	GF

Language:

Page 505, line 25, strike "\$230,377,002" and insert "\$231,345,190".

Page 506, line 30, strike "\$8,588,807" and insert "9,556,995".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$968,188 GF the second year for the Victim Witness Grant Program, which supports core services to crime victims such as accompaniment to court hearings and emotional support and safety services. The amount represents an increase of 5.0 percent over total GF and NGF grants provided through the grant program in FY 2025.)
