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REPORT OF THE HOUSE
APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON

**Transportation &
Public Safety**

House Bill 1600



VIRGINIA HOUSE
APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN LUKE E. TORIAN

REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND 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 Transportation arena, last year's budget (Chapter 2), included a \$325 million general fund infusion including support for transit in Northern Virginia (WMATA) and toll relief in Hampton Roads, in addition to the \$21.7 billion in transportation funds we appropriated over the biennium.

The subcommittee's budget recommendations today include an additional \$175 million general fund for the I-81 Improvement program based on your decision to earmark this funding contingent on the 2024 year-end surplus. This funding not only will expedite construction projects along the I-81 Improvement program but will also save money in the long run.

The subcommittee's other transportation amendments focus on modernizing the distribution of our transportation dollars. To that end, the subcommittee supported legislation to update the allocation formula within the Department of Aviation and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation to ensure our funds are spent in their most efficient manner.

In addition, the subcommittee is recommending \$8.0 million from the Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund be allocated to support a dredging project near the launch site on Wallops Island. This project is needed for the continued development of the rocket launch

site and reflects the direct linkage between transportation improvements and economic development.

A general fund item the Subcommittee felt needed to be supported is \$250,000 for the Department of Transportation to complete a study of the impact the development of the state's highway systems had on African American communities. As we move forward as one Commonwealth it is important to understand our past.

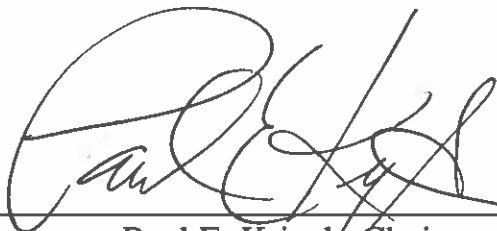
In the area of Public Safety, the subcommittee reports provides \$4.1 million in additional general fund for local sexual assault and domestic violence agencies. This is a critical investment of general fund resources to continue our efforts to offset ongoing declines in federal support for these important services.

The Subcommittee report also recommends over \$6.3 million in new general fund spending to enhance healthcare services for individuals in state correctional facilities, and to expand career and technical education programs. These investments aim to improve conditions within the prison system and support better outcomes for individuals upon release.

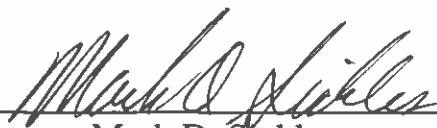
Finally, in the area of Veteran's services, the Subcommittee recommends funding to expand veteran's reentry and suicide prevention programs.

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.

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TRANSPORTATION		2024-26 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
HB 1600 Amendments		General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTEs
OFFICE OF NATURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES				
Marine Resources Commission				
HB 1834 - Transfer Responsibility for Small Dredging Projects to VMRC			4,000,000	
OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION				
Department of Motor Vehicles				
Complete a Review of the DMV Select Program		Language	-	3.00
Department of Rail and Public Transportation				
Restore Funding for WMATA Operating Report		3,330,000	-	0.00
Department of Transportation				
Funding for VDOT to Complete Highway Equity Study		250,000		
Exempt Transit Vehicles from Being Charged Tolls		Language		
Port of Virginia				
HB 1834 - Transfer Responsibility for Small Dredging Projects to VMRC			(4,000,000)	
Funding for NOAA PORTS Sensor Stations as the Non-Federal Sponsor		325,000		0.00
Funding for Dredging Project at Wallops Island		Language	-	0.00
Part 3				
Interfund Transfer				
HB 1834 - Transfer Responsibility for Small Dredging Projects to VMRC		Language		

HB 1600 Amendments	2024-26 BIENNIAL TOTAL		FTEs
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	
EXECUTIVE OFFICES			
Attorney General and Department of Law			
Remove Proposed Expansion of Operation Ceasefire to Northern Virginia	(192,260)		(1.00)
SECRETARY OF FINANCE			
Department of Taxation			
Remove Unnecessary Skill Game Oversight Language	Language		0.00
Exempt TAX from Tobacco Inspection Requirements	Language		0.00
PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY			
Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security			
Remove Proposed Authority to Withhold State Funding from Local Law Enforcement Agencies	Language		0.00
Department of Corrections			
Remove Proposed Change to Eligibility for Enhanced Earned Sentence Credits	Language		0.00
Corrections Special Reserve Fund	tbd		0.00
Department of Criminal Justice Services			
HB 2033 - Human Trafficking Awareness Training	106,516		0.00
HB 2039 - Model Policy, Use of Encrypted Communications	131,516		0.00
HB 2594 - Best Practices for Security at Religious Institutions	273,350		1.00
Maintain Current Support for SRO Incentive Grant Fund	(6,837,475)		0.00
Remove Proposed Communications Infrastructure Grant Fund	(2,500,000)		0.00
Provide \$2 million for ECO/TDO Reimbursement Grant Program	(1,500,000)		0.00
Remove Proposed Use of Victim Witness Fund for Office of the Attorney General	(400,000)		0.00
Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Agencies	4,125,000		0.00
VICTOR Program	350,000		0.00
HB 1736 - Virginia Center for Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention	Language		9.00
Add Newport News to VFVIP Grant Fund Recipients	Language		0.00
Department of Emergency Management			
HB 2350 - Guidelines for Mental Health Support During Disasters	501,522		2.00
Craig County Critical Response Equipment	1,958,000		0.00
Department of Forensic Science			
HB 2730 - Serology Study Position	125,000		1.00
Department of State Police			
HB 1797 - Concealed Handgun Permit Reciprocity	187,656		1.00
HB 1728 - CCTV Use by Child Victims and Witnesses	321,730		0.00
HB 1869 - Firearm Possession, Assault & Battery of Intimate Partner	48,990		0.00
HB 2723 - Sealing of Records	704,275		0.00
HB 2724 - Automatic License Plate Recognition Systems	300,000		1.00

HB 1600 Amendments	2024-26 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTEs
EXECUTIVE OFFICES			
HB 2046 - High Risk Artificial Intelligence	196,608		0.00
HB 2276 - Voter Registration List Maintenance	135,800		0.00
VSP Drone Replacement	1,200,000		0.00
VETERANS AND DEFENSE AFFAIRS			
Department of Veterans Services			
Use NGF Balances for VCC Startup Costs	(3,000,000)	3,000,000	0.00
HB 2071 - Identification of Incarcerated Veterans	113,742		1.00
HB 1738 - Veterans Suicide Prevention Program	145,000		1.00
Central Appropriations			
HB 1711 - Mass Violence Care Fund	Language		0.00
INDEPENDENT AGENCIES			
Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority			
Remove Obsolete Reporting Language	Language		0.00
Virginia Cannabis Control Authority			
HB 2485 - Retail Cannabis Market Framework	Language		0.00
Virginia Gaming Commission			
Establish Virginia Gaming Commission		8,473,048	0.00
PART 4			
Additional Enactments			
Virginia Gaming Commission	Language		0.00

Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 1600, as Introduced

Item 49 #1h

Executive Offices	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Attorney General and Department of Law	\$0 0.00	(\$192,260) -1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 47, line 18, strike "\$57,628,102" and insert "\$57,435,842".
Page 49, line 13, unstrike "\$1,300,000" and strike "\$1,492,260".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$192,260 the second year from the general fund and one position that were proposed in House Bill 1600 to expand Operation Ceasefire to Northern Virginia.)

Item 258 #1h

Finance

Department of Taxation

Language

Language:

Page 316, strike lines 34 through 52.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language included in the existing budget related to skill games regulation from the 2024 Session of the General Assembly that was vetoed by the Governor.)

Item 258 #3h

Finance

Department of Taxation

Language

Language:

Page 317, after line 10, insert:

"GG. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Code of Virginia or this act to the contrary, the Department of Taxation shall not be required to comply with the provisions of Virginia Code § 59.1-293.12 requiring unannounced investigations every 24 months to verify that a retail dealer is not selling retail tobacco products to persons under 21 years of age."

Explanation:

Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 1600, as Introduced

(This amendment exempts the Department of Taxation from provisions of the Code of Virginia that require the unannounced investigation of tobacco licensees every 24 months. House Bill 1946 includes an enactment clause establishing a work group to examine and make recommendations regarding tobacco enforcement over the coming year.)

Item 373 #1h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Marine Resources Commission	\$0 0.00	\$4,000,000 1.00	NGF FTE

Language:

Page 488, line 19, strike "\$26,266,720" and insert "\$30,266,720".

Page 489, after line 18, insert:

"G. Out of amounts in this item, \$4,000,000 the second year from amounts transferred to this item pursuant § 3-1.01 M. of this act, the Authority shall award a grant of funds to a qualified applicant or applicants to support a dredging project or projects that have been approved by the Authority. The source of the grant funds shall be the Virginia Waterway Maintenance Fund created pursuant to § 62.1-132.3:3. Applicants shall be limited to political subdivisions and the governing bodies of Virginia localities. The Authority shall develop guidelines establishing an application process as set out in Chapter 642, 2018 Session of the General Assembly. Projects for which the Authority may award grant funding include (i) feasibility and cost evaluations, pre-project engineering studies, and project permitting and contracting costs for a waterway project conducted by the Commonwealth; (ii) the state portion of a nonfederal sponsor funding requirement for a federal project, which may include the beneficial use of dredged materials that are not covered by federal funding; (iii) the Commonwealth's maintenance of shallow-draft navigable waterway channel maintenance dredging and the design, lease, or purchase of upland containment areas where the material can be selectively excavated and used beneficially for environmental restoration or for mitigation of coastal erosion; and (iv) the beneficial use, for environmental restoration and the mitigation of coastal erosion or flooding, of dredged materials from approved waterway dredging projects conducted by the Commonwealth. Special consideration shall be given to any locality which provides a three-to-one match for any requested funding in the first year."

Explanation:

(This amendment transfers the language and second year funding from the Port of Virginia to the Virginia Marine Resource Commission regarding shallow water dredging projects to reflect the transfer of the program from the Port to the VMRC pursuant to the passage of House Bill 1834.)

Item 377 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security

Language

Language:

Page 492, strike lines 38 through 48.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language proposed in the introduced budget that would authorize the withholding of state funding provided to local law enforcement agencies in certain instances.)

Item 390 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Corrections

Language

Language:

Page 501, line 51, after "Q." strike "1."

Page 502, strike lines 1 through 4.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language proposed in the introduced budget that would further restrict eligibility for enhanced earned sentence credits under § 53.1-202.3, Code of Virginia.)

Item 390 #2h

Public Safety and Homeland Security

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Corrections

\$0

(\$172,372) GF

Language:

Page 499, line 31, strike "\$204,741,037" and insert "\$204,568,665".

Page 502, line 38, strike "\$987,368" and insert "\$814,996"

Page 502, strike lines 43 through 47.

Page 503, strike lines 1 through 8.

Page 402, after line 42, insert:

"1. House Bill 1597 -- \$50,000

2. House Bill 1607 -- \$50,000

3. House Bill 1660 -- \$50,000

4. House Bill 1715 -- \$50,000

5. House Bill 1726 -- \$50,000

6. House Bill 1869 -- \$50,000

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- 7. House Bill 1876 -- \$50,000
- 8. House Bill 1977 -- \$50,000
- 9. House Bill 1998 -- \$50,000
- 10. House Bill 2036 -- \$50,000
- 11. House Bill 2123 -- \$50,000
- 12. House Bill 2165 -- \$50,000
- 13. House Bill 2406 -- \$50,000
- 14. House Bill 2631 -- \$50,000
- 15. House Bill 2657 -- \$64,996
- 16. House Bill 2783 -- \$50,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$814,996 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 for deposit in the Corrections Special Reserve Fund pursuant to 16 House Bill impacting criminal sentencing.)

	Item 392 #1h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$0	\$106,516 GF

Language:

Page 504, line 36, strike "\$3,749,471" and insert "\$3,855,987".

Page 505, after line 16, insert:

"H. Included within the appropriation for this item is \$106,516 the second year from the general fund to provide human trafficking awareness to Alcoholic Beverage Control licensees consistent with the provisions of House Bill 2033 of the 2025 Session of the General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$106,516 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 and two positions to implement human trafficking awareness training pursuant to House Bill 2033.)

	Item 392 #2h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$0	\$131,516 GF

Language:

Page 504, line 36, strike "\$3,749,471" and insert "\$3,880,987".

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Page 505, after line 16, insert:

"H. Included within the appropriation for this item is \$131,516 the second year from the general fund to establish a model policy for the use of encrypted telecommunications by law enforcement agencies consistent with the provisions of House Bill 2039 of the 2025 Session of the General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$131,516 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 pursuant to House Bill 2039.)

	Item 392 #3h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Criminal Justice	\$0	\$273,350 GF
Services	0.00	1.00 FTE

Language:

Page 504, line 36, strike "\$3,749,471" and insert "\$4,022,821".

Page 505, after line 16, insert:

"H. Included within the appropriation for this item is \$273,350 the second year from the general fund to establish statewide best practices and training on the provision of security by religious institutions, consistent with the provisions of House Bill 2594 of the 2025 Session of the General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$273,350 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 pursuant to House Bill 2594.)

	Item 394 #1h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Criminal Justice	(\$6,837,475)	\$0 GF
Services		

Language:

Page 505, line 25, strike "\$235,665,783" and insert "\$228,828,308".

Page 508, line 13, unstrike \$23,116,049".

Page 508, line 13, strike "\$29,953,524".

Explanation:

(This amendment maintains current support for the School Resource Officer Incentive Grant

Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 1600, as Introduced

Fund at \$23.1 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2025.)

		Item 394 #2h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	(\$2,500,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 505, line 25, strike "\$235,665,783" and insert "\$233,165,783".
Page 513, strike lines 25 through 35.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$2.5 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 proposed in the introduced budget to establish a new local communications infrastructure grant program.)

		Item 394 #3h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$0	(\$1,500,000)	GF

Language:

Page 505, line 25, strike "\$230,377,002" and insert "\$228,877,002".
Page 513, line 36, strike "\$3,500,000" and insert "\$2,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million for a proposed grant program to reimburse local law enforcement agencies for time spent transporting an individual under an emergency custody order or a temporary detention order.)

		Item 394 #4h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	(\$200,000)	(\$200,000)	GF

Language:

Page 505, line 25, strike "\$235,665,783" and insert "\$235,465,783".

Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 1600, as Introduced

Page 505, line 25, strike "\$230,377,002" and insert "\$230,177,002".

Page 506, line 29, unstrike "\$5,998,807" and strike "\$6,188,807".

Page 506, line 30, unstrike "\$8,388,807" and strike "\$8,588,807".

Page 506, line 30, strike "Out of all funds available for".

Page 506, strike line 31.

Page 506, line 32, strike "second year shall be provided to the Office of the Attorney General."

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$200,000 from the general fund each year while maintaining and language directing the use of at least \$500,000 each year from the Victim Witness Fund to support the Office of the Attorney General.)

	Item 394 #5h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$0	\$4,125,000 GF

Language:

Page 505, line 25, strike "\$230,377,002" and insert "\$234,502,002".

Page 509, line 1, strike "\$8,068,114" and insert "\$12,193,114".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$4.1 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to increase support for local sexual assault and domestic violence agencies. The funding increase is intended to offset reductions in support received through federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding.)

	Item 394 #6h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$0	\$350,000 GF

Language:

Page 505, line 25, strike "\$230,377,002" and insert "\$230,727,002".

Page 513, after line 47, insert:

"AA. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$350,000 the second year from the general fund to be provided to the City of Newport News to support the VICTOR Program."

Explanation:

Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 1600, as Introduced

(This amendment provides \$350,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to Newport News to support the VICTOR Program, a pilot project for gun violence prevention.)

Item 394 #7h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Criminal Justice Services	0.00	9.00 FTE

Language:

Page 513, after line 47, insert:

"AA. Out of the amounts provided in paragraph N.1.c. of this item, the Department may use up to \$2,500,000 million from the amounts in either year from the general fund and \$1,261,750 the second year from the general fund to establish and operate the Virginia Center for Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention consistent with the provisions of House Bill 1736 of the 2025 Session of the General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes the Department of Criminal Justice Services to use a total of \$3.8 million over the biennium from already appropriated funds to establish and operate the Virginia Center for Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention pursuant to House Bill 1736.)

Item 394 #8h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	Language
Department of Criminal Justice Services	

Language:

Page 510, line 34, strike "\$1,500,000" and insert "\$2,000,000".

Page 510, line 37, strike "first year" and "first year" and insert: "each year" and "each year".

Page 510, line 37, after "Portsmouth" insert "and the City of Newport News, ".

Explanation:

(This amendment adds the City of Newport News to the list of localities receiving a direct grant from the Virginia Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund.)

Item 401 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26
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Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 1600, as Introduced

Department of Emergency Management	\$0 0.00	\$501,522 2.00	GF FTE
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Language:

Page 517, line 28, strike "\$13,267,967" and insert "\$13,769,489".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$501,522 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 and two positions to support the implementation of House Bill 2350.)

Item 404 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Emergency Management	\$0 0.00	\$1,958,000 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 519, line 46, strike "\$23,290,775" and insert "\$25,248,775".

Page 520, after line 17, insert:

"D. Out of the amounts in this item, \$1,958,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the County of Craig to support the critical response system upgrades."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.9 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to Craig County to support the upgrades of its response system.)

Item 408 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Forensic Science	\$0 0.00	\$125,000 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 522, line 23, strike "\$64,682,000" and insert "\$64,807,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$125,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 and one position for the Department of Forensic Science to provide ongoing staff support to the Virginia State Commission relating to activities set out in Item 23, Paragraph A of this act.)

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Item 415 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of State Police	\$0 0.00	\$187,656 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 528, line 41, strike "\$120,388,444" and insert "\$120,576,100".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 pursuant to House Bill 1797. This amendment is a placeholder until a fiscal impact statement for the legislation is produced.)

Item 415 #2h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of State Police	\$0	\$321,730	GF

Language:

Page 528, line 41, strike "\$120,388,444" and insert "\$120,710,174".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$321,730 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 pursuant to the provisions of House Bill 1728.)

Item 415 #3h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of State Police	\$0	\$48,990	GF

Language:

Page 528, line 41, strike "\$120,388,444" and insert "\$120,437,434".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$48,990 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to support the one-time system changes required to implement the provisions of House Bill 1869.)

Item 415 #4h

Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 1600, as Introduced

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of State Police	\$0	\$704,275	GF

Language:

Page 528, line 41, strike "\$120,388,444" and insert "\$121,092,719".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$704,275 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to implement the provisions of House Bill 2723.)

Item 415 #5h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of State Police	\$0	\$300,000	GF
	0.00	1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 528, line 41, strike "\$120,388,444" and insert "\$120,688,444".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$300,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 and one position pursuant to House Bill 2724.)

Item 415 #6h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of State Police	\$0	\$196,608	GF

Language:

Page 528, line 41, strike "\$120,388,444" and insert "\$120,585,052".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$196,608 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to implement the provisions of House Bill 2046.)

Item 415 #7h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of State Police	\$0	\$135,800	GF

Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 1600, as Introduced

Language:

Page 528, line 41, strike "\$120,388,444" and insert "\$120,524,244".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$135,800 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to implement the provisions of House Bill 2276.)

	Item 416 #1h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of State Police	\$0	\$1,200,000 GF

Language:

Page 531, line 22, strike "\$390,661,528" and insert "\$391,861,528".

Page 533, after line 23, insert:

"U. Included within the appropriation for this item is \$1,200,000 the second year from the general fund to support the replacement of unmanned aircraft manufactured by an entity, including its subsidiaries, affiliates, or partners, that is domiciled in a country defined as a foreign adversary pursuant to § 55.1-507, Code of Virginia with unmanned aircraft that are in compliance with §§ 1821-1832 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2024."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.2 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to support the replacement of State Police drones manufactured in countries defined as a foreign adversary with drones in compliance with §§ 1821-1832 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2024.)

Item 426 #1h

Transportation

Department of Motor Vehicles

Language

Language:

Page 543, after line 14, insert:

"P. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall conduct an analysis of the DMV Select Program to evaluate its potential financial impact on participating localities, including any associated costs of program administration and operations. The Department shall complete the analysis and report its findings no later than December 1, 2025."

Explanation:

Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 1600, as Introduced

(This amendment requires the DMV to complete an analysis of the financial impact on localities of the DMV Select program.)

Item 433 #1h

Transportation	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Rail and Public Transportation	\$3,330,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 545, line 33, strike "\$982,561,629" and insert "\$985,891,629".

Page 547, line 2, strike "\$133,570,000" and insert "\$136,900,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment restores \$3.3 million in general fund support for WMATA operating support. The Governor's amendment moved \$73.4 million from the general fund from the second year to the first year and removed all second year funding, reflecting a net savings of \$11.1 million general fund. An updated estimate shows a revised savings of \$7.8 million compared to Chapter 2.)

Item 437 #1h

Transportation	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Transportation	\$250,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 548, line 34, strike "\$153,278,798" and insert "\$153,528,798".

Page 549, after line 18, insert:

"O. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the Department to complete a study of the impact the development of the state's highway systems on African American communities. The study shall include spatial and health analyses, the effects of discriminatory practices, and recommendations for reparative actions and equitable infrastructure planning."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$250,000 general fund in fiscal year 2025 to fund a highway equity study.)

Item 441 #1h

Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 1600, as Introduced

Transportation

Department of Transportation

Language

Language:

Page 553, after line 44, insert:

"E. The Commissioner shall coordinate with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation to ensure that public transit buses are exempt from tolling throughout the Commonwealth."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires the VDOT Commissioner coordinate with the DRRPT to ensure that public transit buses are exempted from tolls.)

Item 451 #1h

Transportation

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Port Authority

\$0

(\$4,000,000) NGF

Language:

Page 564, line 6, strike "\$11,612,325" and insert "\$7,612,325".

Page 564, line 39, strike "and \$4,000,000 the second year".

Page 565, after line 14, insert;

"F. Effective July 1, 2025, the responsibility for administering shallow dredging projects projects and the Waterway Maintenance Fund shall be transferred to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. Any unexpended general or nongeneral funds appropriated in fiscal years prior to fiscal year 2026 shall be transferred to the Commission to support the completion of these projects."

Explanation:

(This amendment strikes \$4.0 million from the nongeneral fund in fiscal year 2026 to support shallow dredging projects. The language transfers responsibility for these projects to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) consistent with the provisions of House Bill 1834. A companion amendment in Item 373 transfers the \$4.0 million from the nongeneral fund appropriation to VMRC.)

Item 451 #2h

Transportation

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Port Authority

\$325,000

\$0 GF

Language:

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Page 564, line 7, strike "\$20,112,325" and insert "\$20,437,325".

Page 565, after line 14, insert:

"F. Out of the amounts in this item, \$325,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the Authority to fund the non-federal sponsorship share of not more than twelve National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System (PORTS) stations in the southern Chesapeake Bay."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$325,000 general fund in fiscal year 2025 for the Port to represent the state match for the NOAA PORTS stations.)

Item 451 #3h

Transportation

Virginia Port Authority

Language

Language:

Page 565, after line 14, insert:

"F.1. Of the amounts in the Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund, up to \$8,000,000 the first year is provided to support dredging near the north end of Wallops Island.

2. The funding provided in this paragraph is contingent on the Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority (Virginia Space) providing copies of the executed building and ground leases for and the total construction costs of the Assembly, Integration, and Testing Facility, referenced in Chapter 1, 2022 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, Item 101, Paragraph T. In executing a ground lease for the property on which the Assembly, Integration, and Testing Facility resides, Virginia Space shall charge the tenant no more than one dollar per year for the duration of the performance period outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding executed August 15, 2023 between the Commonwealth, Rocket Lab USA, INC, Virginia Space, and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority. If at the end of the performance period, Rocket Lab assumes ownership of the Assembly, Integration, and Testing Facility, and sells the building, Virginia Space is hereby required to notify the Chair of the Major Employer and Investment Commission by letter of the sale, which shall include the name of the buyer and the sale price."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$8.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 for a dredging project at Wallops Island to enable barges to deliver rockets and other materials to the launch site and the facilities.)

Item 455 #1h

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Veterans and Defense Affairs	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Veterans Services	(\$3,000,000)	\$0	GF
	\$3,000,000	\$0	NGF

Language:

Page 569, line 5, strike "\$23,760,000" and insert "\$20,760,000".

Page 569, line 6, after "fund" insert:

"and \$3,000,000 the first year from nongeneral funds".

Explanation:

(This amendment offsets \$3.0 million in general funds proposed the first year for startup costs at Puller and Janes & Cabacoy Veterans Care Centers with \$3.0 million the first year from nongeneral fund cash-on-hand held by the agency.)

Item 456 #1h

Veterans and Defense Affairs	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Veterans Services	\$0	\$113,742	GF
	0.00	1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 569, line 18, strike "\$37,095,545" and insert "\$37,209,287".

Page 570, after line 32, insert:

"H. Out of the appropriation for this item, \$113,742 the second year from the general fund is provided to implement the provisions of House Bill 2071 of the 2025 Session of the General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$113,742 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 for the identification of incarcerated veterans pursuant to House Bill 2071.)

Item 456 #2h

Veterans and Defense Affairs	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Veterans Services	\$0	\$145,000	GF
	0.00	1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 569, line 18, strike "\$37,095,545" and insert "\$37,240,545".

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$145,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 and one position pursuant to House Bill 1738, which would establish a Veterans Suicide Prevention Program at the Department of Veterans Services.)

Item 471 #1h

Central Appropriations

Central Appropriations

Language

Language:

Page 589, after line 28, insert:

"J. The balances of any funds originally provided for victims of mass violence pursuant to Item 485, Chapter 1, 2023 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I shall be reappropriated. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall transfer the funds to the Mass Violence Care Fund pursuant to § 9.1-1600, Code of Virginia."

Page 589, strike lines 29 through 34.

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Planning and Budget to \$10 million previously appropriated for victims of mass violence in Chapter 1, 2023 Acts of Assembly Special I to the Mass Violence Care Fund, which would be established pursuant to House Bill 1711.)

Item 489.20 #1h

Independent Agencies

Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority

Language

Language:

Page 603, strike lines 12 through 18.

Page 603, line 19, strike "B." and insert "A."

Page 603, line 21, strike "C." and insert "B."

Page 603, line 23, strike "D" and insert "C."

Page 603, line 26, strike "E." and insert "D."

Page 603, line 34, strike "F." and insert "E."

Explanation:

(This amendment removes obsolete reporting language relating to enterprise information technology projects at the Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.)

Item 489.30 #1h

Independent Agencies

Virginia Cannabis Control Authority

Language

Language:

Page 604, after line 7, insert:

"C. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 4-3.02 of this act, the State Comptroller may authorize an interest-free treasury loan for the Cannabis Control Authority to fund costs associated with the creation of a retail cannabis market in the Commonwealth consistent with the provisions of House Bill 2485 of the 2025 Session of the General Assembly. The amount of the treasury loan may include costs as estimated to be incurred by the Authority and the Department of Taxation for the administration, regulation, enforcement, and oversight of a retail cannabis market in accordance with House Bill 2485 of the 2025 Session of the General Assembly. The Secretary of Finance may extend the repayment plan for any such interest-free treasury loan for a period of longer than twelve months as needed to support Authority costs associated with the administration and regulation of a retail cannabis market. Intended repayment of the treasury loan is with revenues anticipated from fines, fees, and taxes collected pursuant to the legislation."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides for the provision of an interest-free treasury loan to the Cannabis Control Authority to support the creation of a retail cannabis market in the Commonwealth consistent with the provisions of House Bill 2485.)

Item 489.50 #1h

Independent Agencies

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Gaming Commission

\$0
0.00

\$8,473,048 NGF
37.00 FTE

Language:

Page 605, after line 26, insert:

"INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

§ 1-144 Virginia Gaming Commission (XXX)

489.50 Virginia Gaming Commission	\$0	\$8,473,048
Fund Sources: General	\$0	\$0
Special	\$0	\$8,473,048 "

A.1 Pursuant to the provisions of § 4-14 of this act, there is hereby created the Virginia Gaming Commission. No later than June 30, 2026, the appropriations and positions of the agencies listed in the portions of § 4-14 of this Act which establish the Virginia Gaming Commission shall be

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transferred from the agencies listed to the Virginia Gaming Commission.

2. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall include implementation of the actions set forth in this item in the Budget Bill submitted to the 2026 Session of the General Assembly.

B. In order to carry out the provisions of § 4-14 of this act establishing the Virginia Gaming Commission, there is hereby appropriated a sum sufficient amount of nongeneral fund revenues estimated at \$8,473,048 the second year equal to the gaming revenues enumerated in the provisions of § 4-14 of this act establishing the Virginia Gaming Commission.

C. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 4-3.02 of this act, the State Comptroller may authorize an interest-free treasury loan for the Virginia Gaming Commission to fund costs associated with the implementation of the provisions establishing the Virginia Gaming Commission within § 4-14 of this act. The amount of the treasury loan may include costs as estimated to be incurred by the Commission for the administration, regulation, enforcement, and oversight of gaming as specified in § 4-14 of this act. The Secretary of Finance may extend the repayment plan for any such interest-free treasury loan for a period of longer than twelve months as needed to support Commission costs associated with the administration and regulation of gaming. Intended repayment of the treasury loan is with anticipated Commission revenues."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides sum sufficient appropriation and 37 positions to establish the Virginia Gaming Commission pursuant to certain provisions of § 4-14 of House Bill 1600. This amendment authorizes the transfer of appropriations and positions of agencies identified in relevant portions of § 4-14 to the Virginia Racing Commission, and directs the Department of Planning and Budget to include the implementation of such actions in the Budget Bill submitted to the 2026 Session of the General Assembly. This amendment further authorizes the provision of an interest-free treasury loan to support the establishment of the Virginia Gaming Commission.)

Item 3-1.01 #2h

Transfers

Interfund Transfers

Language

Language:

Page 653, line 24, after "and" insert:
"transfer to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission".

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects the transfer of the Virginia Waterway Maintenance for the second year from the Port to the VMRC consistent with the provisions of House Bill 1834.)

