



REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN RESOURCES

SENATE FINANCE &
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Report of the Health and Human Resources Subcommittee
The Honorable R. Creigh Deeds, Chair
February 22, 2026

Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am pleased to provide the report of the Health and Human Resources Subcommittee. The Subcommittee has worked this session to address the many needs in the Health and Human Resources area. This includes reviewing the Governor's proposed budget in Senate Bill 30, along with many other funding requests, to best serve the needs of individuals in the Commonwealth.

Last November, the projected forecast for Medicaid was reported at \$3.2 billion general fund for fiscal years 2026 through 2028. This rapid growth in Medicaid costs is an issue this Subcommittee has examined carefully, and it is one we will continue to monitor. Medicaid and our children's health insurance program are a critical health insurance safety net for 1.8 million Virginians, and we have a responsibility to ensure they remain both sustainable and effective for those they serve.

To fully meet the needs identified in the Medicaid forecast, the Subcommittee adopts \$591.2 million in Medicaid savings strategies. The Subcommittee carefully reviewed each proposal and determined that to ensure the viability of the program and to address other critical needs, these savings to the Medicaid program are necessary and prudent. In addition, a Medicaid reserve of \$90.0 million in the first year is included as a buffer for program costs.

The Subcommittee does restore the FAMIS prenatal program that provides maternal and prenatal care to thousands of women, recognizing the importance of supporting mothers and healthy births across the Commonwealth.

Another major concern of the Subcommittee is the impact on health insurance for those Virginians who were benefiting from enhanced premium tax credits, which Congress allowed to expire on December 31, 2025. The increase in premiums on the individual market could result in up to 100,000 Virginians losing health insurance coverage this year. I am pleased to inform the Committee that included in these amendments is \$200.0 million in the first year to help those individuals maintain affordable health care coverage.

Another cost driver in Health and Human Resources is the Children's Services Act. The Subcommittee adopts \$136.1 million over the biennium to fully fund the program. This investment funds the increasing growth in caseloads and service costs, particularly in private special education placements. To maintain this critical program for at-risk youth and their families, the Subcommittee endorses \$33.4 million in Children's Services Act savings strategies to better manage this growth.

The Subcommittee has carefully examined the effects of H.R. 1 on our state budget. As you are aware, H.R. 1 is shifting significant costs of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to the states. One major change is that for the first time states are required to share in the costs of the actual benefits paid to families. The state's share could be as high as 15.0 percent, or \$270.0 million a year, based on the state's payment error rate. The most recent error rate was 11.5 percent. However, the introduced budget did not include any funding for the state to match these benefits. The Subcommittee believes that in the interest of fiscal responsibility, that \$135.0 million be set aside in fiscal year 2028 in case the state's error rate triggers a state match.

Given the Department of Social Services' ongoing efforts, the Subcommittee assumes that a reduced error rate between eight and 10 percent is achievable. To further support the Department in lowering the error rate, the Subcommittee recommends \$2.0 million to fund the current

vendor assisting the agency in its efforts. We also adopt \$2.4 million to establish a SNAP quality assurance team. These resources are specifically targeted at lowering the error rate. The other major cost shift in H.R. 1 is related to the increase in the state share of administrative costs for SNAP, which is increasing from 50.0 to 75.0 percent. The Subcommittee adopts the \$100.4 million needed to meet this new requirement.

After meeting the mandatory program costs in Health and Human Resources, the Subcommittee worked diligently to prioritize increasing Medicaid personal care rates by \$44.3 million the second year, along with increasing Developmental Disability Waiver Services rates by an additional \$22.5 million. These rate increases are critical for stabilizing the workforce, supporting providers, and ensuring individuals can continue receiving care in their homes and communities.

The Subcommittee also makes critical investments to strengthen public health. These recommendations include \$50.0 million for drinking water grants, \$18.0 million to stabilize Ryan White services, \$10.0 million for rescue squad assistance, \$10.0 million for free clinics, and \$9.3 million to support epidemiology at the Virginia Department of Health. The Subcommittee also recommends \$11.1 million for increased Graduate Medical Residencies to support the healthcare workforce.

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 much 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.

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(Proposed Amendments to SB 30 as Introduced, 2026 Session)

Amendment	General Fund		Nongeneral Fund	
	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2027	FY 2028
1 Secretary of Health and Human Resources				
2 Task Force on SNAP Error Rate and Community Engagement		Language		
3 Ryan White Program Workgroup		Language		
4 Subtotal, Secretary of Health and Human Resources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6 Children's Services Act				
7 Remove Funding for Study	\$ (100,000)	\$ (100,000)	\$ -	\$ -
8 Special Education Wrap Around Services Language		Language		
9 Private Day Educational Services Rate Growth Clarification		Language		
10 Subtotal, Children's Services Act	\$ (100,000)	\$ (100,000)	\$ -	\$ -
12 Virginia Department of Health				
13 Grants for Drinking Water Projects	\$ 50,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
14 Ryan White HIV/AIDS Services	\$ 12,000,000	\$ 6,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
15 Rescue Squad Assistance Fund	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
16 Association of Free and Charitable Clinics	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
17 Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Services	\$ 4,642,403	\$ 4,642,403	\$ -	\$ -
18 Public Health Campaigns	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 3,300,000	\$ -	\$ -
19 Perinatal Health Hub Pilot	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
20 SB 813: Sickle Cell Network	\$ -	\$ 1,815,358	\$ -	\$ -
21 Enhance Contraceptive and Prevention Services	\$ 600,000	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -
22 Adult Sickle Cell	\$ 880,000	\$ 1,700,000	\$ -	\$ -
23 SB 271: Drug Affordability Board	\$ 895,740	\$ 895,740	\$ -	\$ -
24 Pediatric Sickle Cell	\$ 450,000	\$ 900,000	\$ -	\$ -
25 Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting Program	\$ 300,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 2,700,000
26 Healthier 757 Initiative	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -
27 SB 362: Human Donor Milk	\$ 425,000	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ -
28 Nursing Home Complaint Backlog Positions	\$ 291,627	\$ 291,627	\$ -	\$ -
29 SB 247: Nursing Home Operator License	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
30 Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP) Program	\$ 142,671	\$ 142,671	\$ -	\$ -
31 SB 308 - Drug Overdose Plan	\$ 105,115	\$ 105,115	\$ -	\$ -
32 ETSI Health Clinic	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -
33 All Payer Claims Database	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,075,000
34 Task Force on Primary Care Matching Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 326,700	\$ 326,700

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Amendment	General Fund		Nongeneral Fund	
	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2027	FY 2028
35 Nursing Workforce Programs Administration	Language			
36 Childhood Immunization Schedules Workgroup	Language			
37 340B Contract Pharmacies	Language			
38 Subtotal, Virginia Department of Health	\$ 90,332,556	\$ 26,287,914	\$ 2,426,700	\$ 6,101,700
39				
40 Department of Health Professions				
41 Unconscious Bias and Cultural Competency Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 154,900	\$ 154,900
42 Remove Nursing Center	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (153,850)	\$ (176,620)
43 Prescriptive Authority of Clinical Psychologists Workgroup	Language			
44 Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine Workgroup	Language			
45 Subtotal, Department of Health Professions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,050	\$ (21,720)
46				
47 Department of Medical Assistance Services				
48 Personal Care Rates	\$ -	\$ 44,269,979	\$ -	\$ 49,589,719
49 FAMIS Prenatal Coverage Program	\$ 13,209,963	\$ 16,276,704	\$ 21,432,904	\$ 26,161,845
50 Developmental Disability Waiver Services Rates	\$ 10,621,679	\$ 11,835,816	\$ 10,621,679	\$ 11,835,816
51 Graduate Medical Education Residencies	\$ 5,535,000	\$ 5,535,000	\$ 5,535,000	\$ 5,535,000
52 SB 362: Donor Human Milk	\$ 100,000	\$ 3,145,762	\$ 900,000	\$ 3,337,046
53 Medicaid Program Integrity	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -
54 Telehealth for Office-Based Addiction Therapy	\$ 361,841	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 8,641,557	\$ 9,895,494
55 Vagus Nerve Stimulator Medicaid Payment	\$ 648,103	\$ 649,273	\$ 989,244	\$ 988,074
56 Medicaid Works Eligibility	\$ 554,229	\$ 554,673	\$ 665,341	\$ 665,341
57 Pediatric Primary Care and Early Literacy Program	\$ 252,000	\$ 252,000	468,000	468,000
58 Midwifery Workgroup	\$ 111,841	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
59 Coverage of Children Until 21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 3,424,490
60 Enhance Pharmacy Rebates for Certain Medicaid Members	\$ 892,690	\$ (10,132,354)	\$ 975,342	\$ (38,407,756)
61 Modify Weight Loss Drug Coverage	Language			
62 Pain Management Drugs Parity	Language			
63 Enhanced IME Payments to Riverside Regional Medical Center	Language			
64 Medicaid Growth Workgroup	Language			
65 Indian Health Service and Tribal Health Facilities Reimbursement	Language			
66 Clarify Long-Acting Injectable Reimbursement	Language			
67 Behavioral Health Redesign Implementation	Language			
68 Nursing Home Rebasing	Language			

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Amendment		General Fund		Nongeneral Fund	
		FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2027	FY 2028
69	Performance Metrics for Non-Emergency Transportation	Language			
70	Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters	Language			
71	Expansion of PACE Program in Central Shenandoah Valley	Language			
72	Prospective Payment System Transition Study for STEP-VA Services	Language			
73	Graduate Medical Education Technical Assistance Program	Language			
74	Documentation Exemption for Weekly Group Therapy	Language			
75	Automatic Adjustment Language for Personal Care	Language			
76	Modify Direct Payment Restrictions	Language			
77	Modify Virginia Tech / Carilion Supplemental Payment Language	Language			
78	Reporting on Rural Health Transformation	Language			
79	Maintain Virginia Home Reimbursement	Language			
80	Pharmacy Benefit Manager Implementation	Language			
81	Fiscal Agent Language	Language			
82	Subtotal, Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$ 33,287,346	\$ 73,386,853	\$ 51,729,067	\$ 73,493,069
83					
84	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services				
85	Substance Use Disorder Funding	\$ 6,500,000	\$ 16,600,000	\$ -	\$ -
86	Marcus Alert Funding	\$ 3,600,000	\$ 7,800,000	\$ -	\$ -
87	Hospital Discharge Planning Funds	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
88	Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Programs	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ -
89	State Rental Assistance Program	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
90	Bennett's Village Playground	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ -	\$ -
91	Growing Provider Capacity for DD Waiver Services	\$ 686,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
92	Specially Adapted Resources Clubs (SPARC)	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -
93	Mile High Kids Community Development	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -
94	Marcus Alert Evaluation Analyst	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ -
95	SB: 270 Recovery Residences	\$ -	\$ 455,000	\$ -	\$ -
96	Oversight Language for Permanent Injunction	Language			
97	Study of Community Services Boards Local Match Requirement	Language			
98	Incentivizing Crisis Facilities to Adopt a No-Barrier Model	Language			
99	Service Dogs of Virginia	Language			
100	Consolidate STEP-VA Funding	Language			
101	Medicaid Billing Language	Language			
102	Subtotal, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$ 18,936,000	\$ 33,005,000	\$ -	\$ -

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	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2027	FY 2028
103				
104 Department of Social Services				
105 Appropriation for SNAP Benefits	\$ -	\$ 135,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
106 Child Advocacy Centers	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
107 Payment Error Rate Vendor	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
108 Workforce Development in Fairfax County and Prince William County	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
109 Virginia Children's Partnership	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ -	\$ -
110 Food Assistance Grants	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -
111 Roanoke Pilot Multidisciplinary Law Office	\$ 375,000	\$ 363,450	\$ 125,000	\$ 121,150
112 SB 564: Unlicensed Care Homes	\$ 83,585	\$ 104,562	\$ -	\$ -
113 Modify Centralized Intake	\$ (13,596,414)	\$ (18,080,700)	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -
114 Community Action Agency Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,275,000	\$ 2,275,000
115 Northern Virginia Food Rescue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -
116 Lighthouse Community Center	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
117 Visions of Truth Community Development Corporation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
118 Foster Youth Federal Benefits	Language			
119 Various Language Amendments	Language			
120 Subtotal, Department of Social Services	\$ (7,887,829)	\$ 121,137,312	\$ 6,600,000	\$ 5,496,150
121				
122 Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services				
123 Area Agencies on Aging	\$ 1,900,000	\$ 1,900,000	\$ -	\$ -
124 Workforce Retention for Brain Injury Services	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ -
125 Villages Statewide	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -
126 Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -
127 Subtotal, Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$ 3,700,000	\$ 3,700,000	\$ -	\$ -
128				
129 Health and Human Resources Secretariat				
130 Various Language Amendments	Language			
131				
132 Total Health and Human Resources Secretariat	\$ 138,268,073	\$ 257,417,079	\$ 60,756,817	\$ 85,069,199
133				
134 State Corporation Commission				
135 Marketplace Health Insurance Subsidies	\$ 200,000,000			
136				

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		FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2027	FY 2028
137	Part 3: Miscellaneous				
138	Modify Payment Provisions		Language		
139					
140	Part 4: General Provisions				
141	Restore Expenditure Authority for Abortions Pursuant to State Law		Language		

Item 280 #6s

Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Health	\$300,000	\$900,000	GF
	\$900,000	\$2,700,000	NGF

Language:

Page 319, line 28, strike "\$180,469,119" and insert "\$181,669,119".

Page 319, line 28, strike "\$180,469,119" and insert "\$184,069,119".

Page 320, line 24, after "appropriation", strike "\$500,000" and insert "\$800,000".

Page 320, line 24, after "and", strike "\$500,000" and insert "\$1,400,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$300,000 GF and \$900,000 NGF the first year and \$900,000 GF and \$2.7 million NGF the second year for the Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting program. The evidence-based program provides critical home based services for expectant and new parents in ‘at-risk’ communities throughout the state.)

Item 282 #1s

Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Health	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 323, line 53, strike "\$33,179,983" and insert "\$38,179,983".

Page 323, line 53, strike "\$33,179,983" and insert "\$38,179,983".

Page 325, after line 53, insert:

"4. Out of this appropriation, \$5,000,000 the first year and \$5,000,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the Virginia Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (VAFCC) to support the clinics' delivery of medical, dental, vision, speech, hearing, and behavioral health care as well as prescription medications and substance use disorder services."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$5.0 million GF each year to support the increased demand for the clinics' delivery of medical, dental, vision, speech, hearing, and behavioral health care as well as prescription medications and substance use disorder services.)

Item 291 #10s

Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28
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Department of Medical Assistance	\$648,103	\$649,273	GF
Services	\$989,244	\$988,074	NGF

Language:

Page 334, line 48, strike "\$28,934,352,589" and insert "\$28,935,989,936".

Page 334, line 48, strike "\$30,476,743,886" and insert "\$30,478,381,233".

Page 370, after line 8, insert:

"QQQQQ. Effective July 1, 2026, the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall increase the vagus nerve stimulator device payment for all acute care hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers (ASC) which participate in Medicaid. DMAS shall modify the HCPCS code for providers to use when billing neurostimulator device components for epilepsy diagnoses only utilizing the procedure code, L8679 with the procedure description "IMP NEUROSTI PLS GN ANY TYPE", shall be increased by \$15,396 per procedure payment for epilepsy diagnosis only. DMAS shall have the authority to implement these changes prior to completion of any regulatory process undertaken to effect such change."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$648,103 GF and \$989,244 NGF the first year and \$649,273 GF and \$988,074 NGF the second year for the Commonwealth to meet the needs of Medicaid beneficiaries suffering from drug-resistant epilepsy who are experiencing an access to care issue. The issues are not based on the recommendations of their physician or epileptologist; rather, the lack of care is due to the current Medicaid hospital payments for a Vagus Nerve Stimulator (VNS) device. Because the payments for the treatment are significantly lower than the cost, patients are often left without the option of VNS or remain on a long waitlist at either VCU Health or UVA Health.)

Item 291 #15s

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 352, line 20, strike "2024", insert "2025."

Page 352, line 22, after "or", strike "\$16,000,000", insert "the DSH formula effective in fiscal year 2026".

Page 352, line 22, after "annually", strike the remainder of the line.

Page 352, line 23, strike "prior to Medicaid expansion without regard to the uncompensated care cost limit".

Page 352, line 25, after "hospitals.", strike the remainder of the line.

Page 352, strike line 26.

Page 352, line 27, strike "in this paragraph accordingly."

Explanation:

(This amendment stabilizes Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters' (CHKD) supplemental payment funding to prevent funding fluctuations. This supplemental payment is in lieu of Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Payments for which CHKD is no longer eligible after 2017 Federal changes to the DSH limit. However, the payments remain tied to the State Plan formula for CHKD's DSH, calculated as eligible days multiplied by three times the Type Two DSH per diem. Funding has been volatile due to unintended consequences of Medicaid expansion, rebasing, and anticipated changes under the federal reconciliation passed in 2025. This amendment would establish a funding floor at the FY 2026 level of state support, ensuring stability with no general fund impact.)

Item 301 #2s

Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Grants to Localities	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 390, line 48, strike "\$816,747,052" and insert "\$817,747,052".
Page 390, line 48, strike "\$816,747,052" and insert "\$817,747,052".
Page 394, line 13, after "appropriation,", strike "\$17,185,533", insert "\$18,185,533".
Page 394, line 13, after "first year and", strike "\$17,185,533", insert "\$18,185,533".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million GF each year to support the State Rental Assistance Program (SRAP), which provides rental subsidies for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities. This amendment restores funding for vouchers lost in 2025 and 2026 due to cost-of-living increases and expands the program to make progress towards the goal of serving 10.0 percent of individuals on the Medicaid Developmental Disability Waivers.)

Item 301 #3s

Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Grants to Localities	\$3,600,000	\$7,800,000	GF

Language:

Page 390, line 48, strike "\$816,747,052" and insert "\$820,347,052".
Page 390, line 48, strike "\$816,747,052" and insert "\$824,547,052".
Page 395, line 40, after "appropriation,", strike "\$16,200,000", and insert "\$19,800,000".
Page 395, line 40, after "first year and", strike "\$16,200,000", and insert "\$24,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$3.6 million GF the first year \$7.8 million GF the second year to fund the Marcus Alert program for the remaining thirteen Community Services Boards (CSBs) in time to meet the statutory implementation date of July 1, 2028. Marcus Alert is the statewide framework for providing a behavioral health, rather than public safety, response to a behavioral health crisis.)

	Item 318 #1s		
Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	GF

Language:

Page 401, line 25, strike "\$123,960,176" and insert "\$125,460,176".
Page 401, line 25, strike "\$123,960,176" and insert "\$125,460,176".
Page 403, line 35, after "amount," strike "\$775,000" and insert "\$2,275,000".
Page 403, line 35, after "first year and," strike "\$775,000" and insert "\$2,275,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$1.5 million GF each year for workforce retention for brain injury services providers. The increase is to address workforce retention, increasing costs, and to ensure quality accessible services for people living with brain injuries.)

	Item 333 #1s		
Health and Human Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Social Services	\$375,000	\$363,450	GF
	\$125,000	\$121,150	NGF

Language:

Page 416, line 5, strike "\$295,640,555" and insert "\$296,140,555".
Page 416, line 5, strike "\$301,084,270" and insert "\$301,568,870".
Page 419, after line 5, insert:
"Y. Out of this appropriation, \$375,000 the first year and \$363,450 the second year from the general fund and \$125,000 the first year and \$121,150 the second year from the nongeneral fund shall be used to establish a pilot multidisciplinary law office for parents in child dependency matters in Roanoke City, pursuant to the second enactment of Chapter 428, 2024 Acts of Assembly. The local Roanoke entity establishing such multidisciplinary law office will be the Qualified Legal Services Provider previously approved by the Virginia State Bar, and will enter

into an agreement with a local department of social services or the Department of Social Services to receive the Title IV-E funding for eligible administrative costs of providing legal representation for a parent or guardian of a child who is a candidate for or in Title IV-E foster care to prepare for and participate in all stages of foster care legal proceedings."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$375,000 GF and \$125,000 NGF the first year and \$363,450 GF and \$121,250 NGF the second year to establish a pilot multidisciplinary law office for parents in child dependency (foster care) matters in Roanoke City, pursuant to the second enactment of Chapter 428, 2024 Acts of Assembly, which states that up to two multidisciplinary law offices or programs may be established for the purpose of representing parents in child dependency court proceedings pursuant to a child protective services assessment or investigation in localities, jurisdictions, or judicial districts that affirm they have met criteria developed by the work group established by Chapter 305 of the Acts of Assembly of 2022.)
