

*Joint
Conference Committee
Report on*

House Bill 30

2024 Session

March 7, 2024

We, the conferees, appointed by the respective bodies to consider and report the disagreeing vote on House Bill 30 report as follows:

- A. We recommend that the House and Senate amendments be rejected.**
- B. We recommend that House Bill 30, as introduced, be amended as follows to resolve the matters under disagreement.**

Respectfully submitted,

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House Conferees

Senate Conferees

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Item 0 #1c

Revenues

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Language

Language:

Page 1, strike lines 25 through 32, and insert:

	"First Year	Second Year	Total
Unreserved Balance	\$2,4903,903,129	\$0	\$2,490,903,129
Additions to Balance	(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)	(\$1,000,000)
Official Revenue Estimates	\$28,869,404,513	\$31,044,901,513	\$59,914,306,026
Transfers	\$1,578,108,079	\$1,536,470,480	\$3,114,578,559
Total General Fund Resources Available for Appropriation	\$32,937,915,721	\$32,580,871,993	\$65,518,787,714"

Page 1, strike lines 34 through 44, and insert:

	"First Year	Second Year	Total
Balance, June 30, 2024	\$12,189,205,926	\$0	\$12,189,205,926
Official Revenue Estimates	\$50,356,626,033	\$52,371,384,479	\$102,728,010,512
Lottery Proceeds Fund	\$877,926,201	\$852,926,201	\$1,730,010,402
Internal Service Fund	\$2,547,892,953	\$2,613,216,074	\$5,161,109,027
Bond Proceeds	\$159,611,001	\$512,907,180	\$672,518,181
Total Nongeneral Fund Revenues Available for Appropriation	\$66,131,262,114	\$56,350,433,934	\$122,481,696,048
TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES	\$99,069,177,135	\$88,931,305,927	\$188,000,483,762"

Explanation:

(This amendment updates the resource assumptions on the front page for House Bill 30 to reflect the committee actions.)

Item 1 #1c

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Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
General Assembly of Virginia	\$15,000	\$15,000	GF

Language:

Page 3, line 5, strike "\$64,422,081" and insert "\$64,437,081".

Page 3, line 5, strike "\$64,422,081" and insert "\$64,437,081".

Page 11, after line 10, insert:

"Joint Subcommittee to Study the Feasibility of Establishing the Virginia Gaming Commission	House Joint Resolution 10, 2024 Acts of Assembly	\$15,000	\$15,000".
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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$15,000 each year from the general fund for member per diems and reimbursements for House Joint Resolution 10, which extends the Joint Subcommittee to Study the Feasibility of Establishing the Virginia Gaming Commission through November 2025.)

Item 1 #2c

Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
General Assembly of Virginia	\$700,000	\$700,000	GF

Language:

Page 3, line 5, strike "\$64,422,081" and insert "\$65,122,081".

Page 3, line 5, strike "\$64,422,081" and insert "\$65,122,081".

Page 6, line 46, after "D.", insert "1."

Page 6, after line 51, insert:

"2. The Offices of the Clerk of the House and the Clerk of the Senate, in collaboration with the Department of General Services, may survey the subbasement of the parking deck at the corner of 9th Street and Broad Street in Richmond for suitability for storage."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$700,000 each year from the general fund for increased General Assembly operational needs related to the new General Assembly Building.)

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Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
General Assembly of Virginia	\$25,648	\$25,648	GF

Language:

Page 3, line 5, strike "\$64,422,081" and insert "\$64,447,729".

Page 3, line 5, strike "\$64,422,081" and insert "\$64,447,729".

Page 10, after line 43, insert:

"Commission to End Hunger House Bill 607, 2024 General Assembly	\$25,648	\$25,648".
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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$25,648 each year from the general fund for member per diems and reimbursements for House Bill 607 which establishes the legislative Commission to End Hunger.)

Item 1 #4c

Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
General Assembly of Virginia	\$28,760	\$28,760	GF

Language:

Page 3, line 5, strike "\$64,422,081" and insert "\$64,450,841".

Page 3, line 5, strike "\$64,422,081" and insert "\$64,450,841".

Page 10, after line 43, insert:

"Commission to Study the History of the Uprooting of Black Communities by Public Institutions of Higher Education	\$28,760	\$28,760".
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Page 12, after line 34, insert:

"A.1. The Commission to Study the History of the Uprooting of Black Communities by Public Institutions of Higher Education in the Commonwealth (the Commission) is established in the legislative branch of state government. The purpose of the Commission is to study and determine (i) whether any public institution of higher education has purchased, expropriated, or otherwise taken possession of property owned by any individual or entity within the boundaries of a community in which a majority of the residents are Black in order to establish or expand the institution's campus and (ii) whether and what form of compensation or relief would be appropriate for any individual described in clause (i) or any of his lineal descendants. As used in

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this chapter, "public institution of higher education" has the same meaning as provided in § 23.1-100, Code of Virginia.

2. The Commission shall consist of 19 members that include ten legislative members, seven nonlegislative citizen members, and 2 ex officio members. Members shall be appointed as follows: six members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; four members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; four nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; three nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and the Secretary of Education and the Director of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia or their designees to serve ex officio with voting privileges. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Commission shall be citizens of the Commonwealth. Unless otherwise approved in writing by the chair of the Commission and the respective Clerk, nonlegislative citizen members shall only be reimbursed for travel originating and ending within the Commonwealth for the purpose of attending meetings.

3. Legislative members and ex officio members of the Commission shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of two years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Legislative members and nonlegislative citizen members may be reappointed. However, no nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than four consecutive two-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. The Commission shall elect a chair and vice-chair from among its membership, who shall be members of the General Assembly.

4. Legislative members of the Commission shall receive such compensation as provided in § 30-19.12, and nonlegislative citizen members shall receive such compensation for the performance of their duties as provided in § 2.2-2813. All members shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. Compensation to members of the General Assembly for attendance at official meetings of the Commission shall be paid by the offices of the Clerk of the House of Delegates or Clerk of the Senate, as applicable. All other compensation and expenses shall be paid from existing appropriations to the Commission or, if unfunded, shall be approved by the Joint Rules Committee.

5. The Commission shall have the following duties:

a. Consult with each public institution of higher education to determine whether the institution has purchased, expropriated, or otherwise taken possession of property owned by any individual within the boundaries of a community in which a majority of the residents are Black in order to establish or expand the institution's campus;

b. Research whether acquisitions similar to those described in subdivision 1 have occurred in other states;

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c. Analyze, in conjunction with the relevant public institution of higher education and such other stakeholders as it deems appropriate, whether and what form of compensation or relief would be appropriate for any individual described in subdivision 1 or any of his lineal descendants; and

d. Consult with such experts as it deems appropriate to assist it in carrying out its duties as set forth in this section."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$28,760 each year from the general fund to establish a legislative Commission to Study the History of the Uprooting of Black Communities by Public Institutions of Higher Education. The Commission would study and determine (i) whether any public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth has purchased, expropriated, or otherwise taken possession of property owned by any individual within the boundaries of a community in which a majority of the residents are Black in order to establish or expand the institution's campus and (ii) whether and what form of compensation or relief would be appropriate for any such individual or any of his lineal descendants.)

Item 1 #5c

Legislative Department

General Assembly of Virginia

Language

Language:

- Page 3, line 9, strike "\$36,167,822" and insert "\$38,968,897".
- Page 3, line 10, strike "\$36,747,822" and insert "\$38,968,897".
- Page 3, line 10, strike "\$23,287,964" and insert "\$25,453,184".
- Page 3, line 11, strike "\$23,887,964" and insert "\$25,453,184".
- Page 3, line 25, strike "\$112,187" and insert "\$126,160".
- Page 3, line 27, strike "483" and insert "469".
- Page 3, line 28, strike "\$306,093" and insert "\$344,216".
- Page 3, line 30, strike "483" and insert "469".
- Page 3, line 31, strike "\$212,920" and insert "\$240,613".
- Page 3, line 34, strike "483" and insert "469".
- Page 3, line 35, strike "\$46,332" and insert "\$52,102".
- Page 3, line 36, strike "\$52,123" and insert "\$60,409".
- Page 3, line 38, strike "483" and insert "469".
- Page 3, line 39, strike "\$17,374" and insert "19,538".
- Page 3, line 43, strike "483" and insert "469".
- Page 4, line 25, strike "\$74,107" and insert "\$83,336".
- Page 4, line 29, strike "483" and insert "469".
- Page 8, strike lines 47 through 53.

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Page 8, line 54, strike "N." and insert "M."

Page 9, line 4, strike "O." and insert "N."

Page 9, strike lines 22 through 28.

Page 10, line 21, strike "FY 2023 FY 2024" and insert:
"FY 2025 FY 2026".

Page 10, strike lines 30 through 31.

Page 10, strike lines 48 through 50.

Page 11, strike lines 1 and 2.

Page 11, line 28, strike "R".

Page 11, line 48, after "shall", strike the remainder of the line.

Page 11, line 49, strike "General Assembly Session and".

Explanation:

(This language amendment makes technical updates to Item 1 for the biennial budget process, to include amendments to reflect prior statewide compensation actions, removal of language and table references for items that have been completed or expired, and technical corrections to item references to match House Bill 30 numbering.)

	Item 1 #6c	
Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26
General Assembly of Virginia	\$25,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 3, line 5, strike "\$64,422,081" and insert "\$64,447,081".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$25,000 general fund in fiscal year 2025 pursuant to the passage of Senate Joint Resolution 28 which establishes a legislative Joint Subcommittee to study long-term, sustainable, dedicated funding and cost-containment controls and strategies to ensure the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), Virginia Railway Express (VRE), and all Northern Virginia transit systems meet the growing needs of public transit in the region.)

	Item 1 #7c	
Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26
General Assembly of Virginia	\$89,336	\$89,336 GF

Language:

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Page 3, line 5, strike "\$64,422,081" and insert "\$64,511,417".

Page 3, line 5, strike "\$64,422,081" and insert "\$64,511,417".

Page 4, line 27, after "Senate,", insert "Chair of the Senate Committee on Rules."

Page 6, line 32, after "Senate,", insert "the Chair of the Senate Committee on Rules,".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding for additional legislative staff for certain Committees consistent with how other Committees are handled.)

Item 2 #1c

Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26
Auditor of Public Accounts	\$200,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 12, line 40, strike "\$17,073,164" and insert "\$17,273,164".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$200,000 the first year from the general fund to support moving costs for the Auditor of Public Accounts to relocate to Old City Hall.)

Item 2 #2c

Legislative Department	Language
Auditor of Public Accounts	

Language:

Page 13, after line 43, insert:

"G. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall include in the annual Specifications for Audits of Counties, Cities, and Towns, and Specifications for Audits of Authorities, Boards, and Commissions, for the independent certified public accountants auditing localities and local government entities, requirements to ensure that each city and county and applicable local government entity comply with the provisions of Article 12 (§ 2.2-2365 et seq.) of Chapter 22 of Title 2.2, Code of Virginia, and any guidelines, procedures, and criteria set forth by the Opioid Abatement Authority relating to opioid abatement funds. Any such adjustment to the requirements in the Specifications for Audits of Counties, Cities, and Towns and the Specifications for Audits of Authorities, Boards, and Commissions, shall be exempt from the Administrative Process Act and shall be required for audits effective for fiscal years beginning on July 1, 2023, and thereafter."

Explanation:

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(This language only amendment directs annual audits of local expenditures to include a review of the use of any opioid settlement funds. Such review is to ensure compliance with guidelines, procedures, and criteria set forth by the Opioid Abatement Authority, and in turn, compliance with specific national agreements and Virginia court orders related to such settlements, the overarching statewide memorandum of understanding for allocation of opioid abatement monies, and the provisions of Article 12, Chapter 22 of the Code of Virginia. A companion amendment to House Bill 29 proposes the same language to require such reviews in the current fiscal year.)

Item 2 #3c

Legislative Department

Auditor of Public Accounts

Language

Language:

Page 13, strike lines 15 through 21.

Page 13, line 22, strike "2." and insert "D."

Explanation:

(This language amendment removes the requirement that localities establishing a utility or enacting a system of service charges to support a local stormwater management program pursuant to § 15.2-2114, Code of Virginia, shall provide to the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) a report as to each program funded by these fees and the expected nutrient and sediment reductions for each of these programs. Other language remains in the budget that ensures stormwater management funds are expended in accordance with § 15.2-2114 A.)

Item 2 #4c

Legislative Department

Auditor of Public Accounts

Language

Language:

Page 13, strike lines 39 through 43.

Explanation:

(This language amendment makes technical updates to Item 2 for the biennial budget process, specifically removing language related to an action taken in the prior biennium.)

Item 3 #1c

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Legislative Department

Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program

Language

Language:

Page 14, strike lines 9 through 13.

Explanation:

(This language amendment makes technical updates to Item 3 for the biennial budget process, specifically removing reference to a completed report.)

Item 4 #1c

Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Division of Capitol Police	\$594,705 1.00	\$594,705 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 14, line 20, strike "\$16,332,429" and insert "\$16,927,134".

Page 14, line 20, strike "\$16,332,429" and insert "\$16,927,134".

Explanation:

(This amendment includes \$594,705 from the general fund each year to increase starting salaries for sworn members of the Capitol Police to \$51,000. The amendment provides funding for compensation adjustments for current staff and wage employees as well as funding for a full time IT coordinator.)

Item 5 #1c

Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Division of Legislative Automated Systems	(\$150,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 14, line 32, strike "\$7,100,723" and insert "\$6,950,723".

Page 15, after line 7, insert:

"C. The Director, Division of Legislative Automated Systems, shall provide a detailed accounting of funding provided since fiscal year 2020 for the replacement of the legacy legislative tracking system, and separately for other legislative system replacements and upgrades. Such accounting shall be provided to the Chairs of the Joint Rules Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee by

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October 1, 2024."

Page 15, line 8, strike "C" and insert "D".

Page 15, line 11, strike "D" and insert "E".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces by \$150,000 the first year from the general fund and directs the Director of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems to provide a detailed accounting of funding provided since fiscal year 2020 for upgrades to legislative systems.)

Item 6 #1c

Legislative Department

Division of Legislative Services

Language

Language:

Page 16, line 3, strike "September", and insert "December".

Explanation:

(This amendment extends the Joint Subcommittee to Examine the Commonwealth's Pandemic Response until December 1, 2024.)

Item 6 #2c

Legislative Department

FY24-25

FY25-26

Division of Legislative Services

2.00

2.00 FTE

Language:

Explanation:

(This amendment increases the position level for the Division of Legislative Services (DLS), which is statutorily responsible for providing staff support to the Joint Commission on Technology and Science (JCOTS). Legislation has been introduced to authorize JCOTS to hire its own staff. Currently, the Appropriation Act for the Legislative Department provides JCOTS with two positions, which DLS is using to support JCOTS.)

Item 6 #3c

Legislative Department

Division of Legislative Services

Language

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Language:

Page 15, strike lines 36 through 49.

Page 15, line 50, strike "2." and insert "D."

Page 16, line 2, after "needed", strike the remainder of the line.

Page 16, line 3, strike "day of the 2024 General Assembly Session, and", and insert "to".

Page 16, strike lines 6 through 9.

Page 16, line 10, strike "the Division to" and insert:

"E. The Division shall".

Explanation:

(This language amendment makes technical updates to Item 6 for the biennial budget process)

	Item 9 #1c	
Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26
Joint Commission on Technology and Science	\$200,000	\$200,000 GF

Language:

Page 16, line 40, strike "\$256,028" and insert "\$456,028".

Page 16, line 40, strike "\$256,028" and insert "\$456,028".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$200,000 each year from the general fund to augment staffing and operational capabilities of the Joint Commission on Technology and Science (JCOTS). This funding will combine with base budget amounts to strengthen the legislative agency's capacity to respond to research requests.)

	Item 14 #1c	
Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26
Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Committee	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 18, line 11, strike "\$25,312" and insert "\$1,025,312".

Page 18, line 11, strike "\$25,312" and insert "\$1,025,312".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million each year from the general fund for distribution in accordance with § 30-231.8, Code of Virginia, which directs provision of these monies to

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provide a public education to persons who were denied an education in the public schools of Virginia between 1954 and 1964, in jurisdictions in which the public schools were closed to avoid desegregation.)

Item 15 #1c

Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council	\$107,203 1.00	\$107,203 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 18, line 19, strike "\$789,730" and insert "\$896,933".

Page 18, line 19, strike "\$789,730" and insert "\$896,933".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$107,203 each year from the general fund to provide an additional position for the Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council.)

Item 15 #2c

Legislative Department		Language
Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council		

Language:

Page 18, line 24, after "Out of", strike "the".

Explanation:

(This language amendment makes technical updates to Item 15 for the biennial budget process.)

Item 19 #1c

Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Chesapeake Bay Commission	\$12,070	\$12,070	GF

Language:

Page 20, line 28, strike "\$357,930" and insert "\$370,000".

Page 20, line 28, strike "\$357,930" and insert "\$370,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$12,070 from the general fund each year for increased operating

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costs for the Chesapeake Bay Commission.)

Item 21 #1c

Legislative Department

Behavioral Health Commission

Language

Language:

Page 21, strike lines 10 through 27.

Explanation:

(This amendment makes technical updates to Item 21 for the biennial budget process; specifically removing language referencing a completed study.)

Item 22 #1c

Legislative Department

Virginia Commission on Youth

FY24-25

\$100,000

FY25-26

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 21, line 33, strike "\$414,807" and insert "\$514,807".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 the first year from the general fund to support a review of Virginia's special education dispute resolution system. Funds allocated in the first year may be carried over to the second year to support this initiative.)

Item 23 #1c

Legislative Department

Virginia State Crime Commission

Language

Language:

Page 22, line 2, before "Included" insert "A."

Page 22, after line 4, insert:

"B. The Virginia State Crime Commission shall conduct a study on juvenile restitution including: (i) the frequency of court-ordered juvenile restitution in the Commonwealth; (ii) the average amount of restitution ordered; (iii) the percentage of juveniles who pay court-ordered

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restitution in full; (iv) the percentage of juveniles penalized for failure to pay restitution; (v) the percentage of victims completely compensated with restitution; and (vi) the demographics of juveniles ordered to pay restitution and make recommendations based on its findings to make the juvenile restitution process more rehabilitative while ensuring victims of crimes are compensated. The Commission shall report its findings and recommendations by November 30, 2024.”

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Virginia Crime Commission to study juvenile restitution practices in Virginia and to make recommendations based on its findings by November 30, 2024.)

Item 23 #2c

Legislative Department

Virginia State Crime Commission

Language

Language:

Page 22, line 2, before "Included" insert "A."

Page 22, after line 4, insert:

"B. The Virginia State Crime Commission shall review cases at the Virginia Department of Forensic Science (Department), in consultation with the Department's Scientific Advisory Committee, where testing or analysis was performed by Mary Jane Burton and report on the total number of the following: (i) case files that contain at least one named suspect; (ii) cases where scientific testimony was provided; and (iii) named suspects who were convicted of an offense related to such testing, categorized by persons: (a) currently incarcerated, on probation, or on parole; (b) executed; or, (c) deceased.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Crime Commission and other state and local agencies may receive and disseminate to individuals, state and local agencies, and private organizations involved in the completion of this review (i) personal or case identifying information related to the named suspects, (ii) Virginia criminal history record information related to the named suspects, (iii) expunged or sealed police and court records related to the Department case file of a named suspect, and (iv) any other information that may be necessary to the successful and timely completion of the review. Information received or disseminated for purposes of this review shall not be subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700).

The Virginia State Crime Commission shall have the authority to review additional case files to address related matters as deemed appropriate, in consultation with the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees. The Crime Commission shall report on its findings by the first day of each General Assembly Session until completion of this review."

Explanation:

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(This amendment directs the Virginia State Crime Commission, in consultation with the Virginia Department of Forensic Science (DFS) Scientific Advisory Committee, to review DFS cases performed by Mary Jane Burton in the 1970s and 1980s and report on the number of cases in certain categories, including cases in which scientific testimony was provided and the individual is currently incarcerated, on probation, on parole, executed, or deceased.)

Item 23 #3c

Legislative Department

Virginia State Crime Commission

Language

Language:

Page 22, line 2, before "Included", insert "A."

Page 22, after line 4, insert:

"B.1. For the purpose of carrying out its duties and notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, the Virginia State Crime Commission shall have the legal authority to access the records, information, facilities, and employees of every department, division, board, bureau, commission, authority, or other agency created by the Commonwealth or to which the Commonwealth is a party or from any political subdivision of the Commonwealth. Upon request, such entities shall provide the Virginia State Crime Commission with records and any other information deemed necessary by the Virginia State Crime Commission for the performance of its duties. Additionally, upon request, such entities shall allow the Virginia State Crime Commission access to their facilities and ample opportunity to observe their operations. Such entities may not require the Virginia State Crime Commission to pay a fee to obtain records or any other information, or to access their facilities or observe their operations. Upon request, the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia shall provide the Virginia State Crime Commission with case data, in an electronic format, from its district and circuit court case management systems for all adults and juveniles charged with a criminal offense, civil offense, or traffic violation. If a clerk of the circuit court does not participate in the statewide Circuit Case Management System maintained by the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia, then upon request such clerk of the circuit court shall provide the Virginia State Crime Commission with case data, in an electronic format, from its own case management system for all adults and juveniles charged with a criminal offense, civil offense, or traffic violation.

2. The Virginia State Crime Commission may use the data provided by the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia or any clerk of the circuit court for research, evaluation, or statistical purposes only and shall ensure the confidentiality and security of the data. The Virginia State Crime Commission shall not publish personal or case identifying information, including names, social security numbers, and dates of birth, which may be included in the data from the case management systems. Upon transfer to the Virginia State Crime Commission, such data shall not be subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Except for the

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publishing of personal or case identifying information, including names, social security numbers, and dates of birth, the restrictions in this section shall not prohibit the Virginia State Crime Commission from publishing aggregate data as part of its reports or presentations, or from sharing aggregate data when requested by a member of the General Assembly, a member of the Virginia State Crime Commission, the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of the Governor, or a member of the Governor's Cabinet."

Explanation:

(This language amendment stipulates additional responsibilities and authorities for the Virginia State Crime Commission.)

Item 23 #4c

Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia State Crime Commission	\$200,000 2.00	\$200,000 2.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 21, line 44, strike "\$1,644,034" and insert "\$1,844,034".
Page 21, line 44, strike "\$1,644,034" and insert "\$1,844,034".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the second year from the general fund and two positions to augment staffing and operations of the Virginia State Crime Commission.)

Item 23 #5c

Legislative Department	
Virginia State Crime Commission	Language

Language:

Page 22, strike lines 2 through 4.

Explanation:

(This language amendment makes technical updates to Item 23 for the biennial budget process, specifically removing language that no longer needs to be set out.)

Item 24.50 #1c

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Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26
General Assembly of Virginia	\$20,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 22, after line 24, insert:

"§ 1-12.60 American Revolution 250 Commission (400)

24.50 Historic and Commemorative Attraction Management (50200)	\$20,000,000	\$0
Fund Sources: General	\$20,000,000	\$0 "

Page 26, after line 53, insert:

"A. All agencies and institutions of the Commonwealth shall, upon request, designate liaisons and provide assistance and advice to the American Revolution 250 Commission and the Virginia Commemorations, Inc. for the planning, coordination, and implementation of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution.

B. Any employees paid from this appropriation shall be exempt from the Virginia Personnel Act. Employees shall not be entitled to severance and unemployment as stipulated in hiring agreements.

C. The American Revolution 250 Commission and the Virginia Commemorations, Inc. may perform the following actions directly relating to the planning, coordination, and implementation of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution:

1. Solicit and accept donations of materials and services to defray expenses;
2. Retain all nongeneral funds from grants, donations, contributions, gifts, fees, sales, or other funds received, collected, or undertaken by the American Revolution 250 Commission for the 250th anniversary commemoration. Such nongeneral funds shall be retained and not reverted back to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year;
3. Procure, with the maximum delegated authority available to any executive branch agency or institution in the Commonwealth, any goods and services with which there are minimum procurement requirements associated;
4. Hire employees up to the Maximum Employment Level for the Foundation as provided in the general appropriation act, despite any potential suspension from hiring that may be mandated for state agencies;
5. Receive assistance and advice from agencies and institutions of the Commonwealth without charge; and
6. Contact international, national, interstate, state, regional, and local elected and appointed officials.

D. The American Revolution 250 Commission and the Virginia Commemorations, Inc. may

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enter into agreements or contracts with private entities for the promotion of tourism through marketing without competitive sealed bidding or competitive negotiation provided a demonstrable cost savings can be realized by the Commission and such agreements or contracts are based on competitive principles.

E. Except as provided otherwise in this paragraph, the provisions of the Virginia Public Procurement Act shall not apply to the expenditure of funds from the 250th anniversary commemoration. However, the provisions of this paragraph shall not be effective until such time as the American Revolution 250 Commission has adopted guidelines generally applicable to the procurement of goods and services by the Commonwealth. The guidelines shall implement a system of competitive negotiation for goods and services that: (i) shall prohibit discrimination because of race, religion, color, sex, age, disability, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, political affiliation, veteran status, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination; (ii) may take into account in all cases the dollar amount of the intended procurement, the term of the anticipated contract, and the likely extent of competition; (iii) may implement a prequalification procedure for contractors or products; (iv) may include provisions for cooperative procurement arrangements; shall incorporate the prompt payment principles of §§ 2.2-4350 and 2.2-4354, Code of Virginia; and may implement provisions of law.

F. The American Revolution 250 Commission shall establish guidelines, procedures, and objective criteria for the award and distribution of grants from the appropriation to state agencies, localities, and non-government organizations. Activities eligible for grants from the appropriation shall be focused on high-impact, collaborative projects that focus on the ideals of the American Revolution. The American Revolution 250 Commission shall advertise the availability of grant funds and shall solicit, receive, and review grant applications as defined by adopted guidelines. The decisions regarding who receives the grant awards shall be the responsibility of the American Revolution 250 Commission.

G. All general funds received by the American Revolution 250 Commission shall be retained and not reverted back to the general fund at the end of any fiscal year."

Explanation:

(This amendment transfers the American Revolution 250 Commission funding from Central Appropriations and sets the Commission out as an agency in the legislative branch.)

Item 25 #1c

Legislative Department

Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission

Language

Language:

Page 25, strike lines 37 through 52.

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Page 26, strike lines 1 through 22.
Page 26, strike lines 45 through 46.

Explanation:

(This language amendment makes technical updates to Item 25 for the biennial budget process, specifically by removing outdated language related to reviews that have already occurred).

	Item 26 #1c	
Legislative Department	FY24-25	FY25-26
Virginia Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation	\$20,000	\$20,000 GF

Language:

Page 27, line 2, strike "\$860,021" and insert "\$880,021".
Page 27, line 2, strike "\$860,021" and insert "\$880,021".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$20,000 each year from the general fund to cover the increased costs of dues for intergovernmental organizations.)

	Item 27 #1c
Legislative Department	Language
Legislative Department Reversion Clearing Account	

Language:

Page 27, strike lines 27 through 39.

Explanation:

(This language amendment makes technical updates to Item 27 for the biennial budget process.)

	Item 31 #1c	
Judicial Department	FY24-25	FY25-26
Supreme Court	\$679,649	\$679,649 GF

Language:

Page 30, line 1, strike "\$51,036,295" and insert "\$51,715,944".
Page 30, line 1, strike "\$53,286,295" and insert "\$53,965,944".

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Page 32, after line 20, insert:

"S. Included in the amounts appropriated for this item is \$679,649 the first year and \$679,649 the second year from the general fund to increase per diem compensation to \$350 for substitute judges in district courts when working a full day and \$175 if the substitute judge serves for less than a full court docket or less than four hours, notwithstanding § 16.1-69.44, Code of Virginia."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$679,649 from the general fund each year to increase the substitute judge per diem payment for private attorneys to \$350, an increase of \$150.)

	Item 31 #2c	
Judicial Department	FY24-25	FY25-26
Supreme Court	\$46,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 30, line 1, strike "\$51,036,295" and insert "\$51,082,295".

Page 32, after line 20, insert:

"S. The Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES) shall contract with the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) and collaborate with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) to study existing statewide jail diversion programs and initiatives for individuals with a serious mental illness in Virginia and other states, and the feasibility of implementing an expedited diversion to court-ordered treatment (EDCOT) process to divert individuals with a serious mental illness to court-supervised mental health treatment. In conducting such study, OES shall work with DBHDS to (i) identify existing statewide jail diversion programs and initiatives for individuals with a serious mental illness in Virginia and determine the scope and effectiveness of such programs and initiatives, including the populations served; (ii) assess in what ways and to what extent an EDCOT process could divert individuals with a serious mental illness who are not currently served by existing programs in Virginia; (iii) examine the operational, legal, funding, and other barriers identified by stakeholders that would be required to address EDCOT implementation; and (v) determine the feasibility of implementing an EDCOT process or similar diversion program in Virginia to allow for diversion of individuals with a serious mental illness not currently served by existing statewide diversion programs. OES shall work with NCSC to evaluate whether other states use diversion best practices that could more effectively and efficiently serve individuals with a mental illness who could be diverted to mental health treatment through an EDCOT process, and who are not currently served by existing statewide diversion programs in the Commonwealth. OES and DBHDS shall provide ample opportunities for meaningful collaboration and cooperation with stakeholders impacted by the potential implementation of an EDCOT process and changes to diversion programs in Virginia. OES shall report on its findings to the Behavioral Health Commission by November 1, 2025."

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$46,000 from the general fund the first year for the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court to study, in collaboration with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, existing jail diversion programs for individuals with a serious mental illness and the feasibility of implementing an expedited diversion to court-ordered treatment process to divert individuals with a serious mental illness to court-supervised mental health treatment. This is a recommendation from the Behavioral Health Commission.)

	Item 31 #3c		
Judicial Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Supreme Court	\$0	(\$750,000)	GF

Language:

Page 30, line 1, strike "\$53,286,295" and insert "\$52,536,295".

Page 32, after line 20, insert:

"S. Included in this appropriation is \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the second year from the general fund to support specialty dockets."

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$750,000 from the general fund the second year proposed in the introduced budget for specialty treatment dockets, maintaining an increase of \$750,000 from the general fund each year for such purpose.)

	Item 31 #4c		
Judicial Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Supreme Court	\$814,605	\$77,547	GF
	1.00	1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 30, line 1, strike "\$51,036,295" and insert "\$51,850,900".

Page 30, line 1, strike "\$53,286,295" and insert "\$53,363,842".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$814,605 the first year and \$77,547 the second year from the general fund and one position for the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) of the Supreme Court to implement the provisions of House Bill 893. These amounts include one-time funding the first year for OES to make necessary system changes to establish the listing of pre-authorized attorneys required by the bill. Funding assumptions include matching federal Title IV-E funding

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for the position responsible for administering the program that would establish requirements for attorneys qualified to handle cases related to child dependency and/or termination of parental rights.)

Item 31 #5c

Judicial Department	FY24-25	FY25-26
Supreme Court	\$112,252	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 30, line 1, strike "\$51,036,295" and insert "\$51,148,547".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$112,252 the first year from the general fund for one-time system programming costs by the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES) to comply with the provisions of House Bill 102).

Item 31 #6c

Judicial Department	FY24-25	FY25-26
Supreme Court	\$239,252	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 30, line 1, strike "\$51,036,295" and insert "\$51,275,547".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$239,252 the first year from the general fund for one-time system programming costs by the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES) to comply with the provisions of House Bill 73).

Item 32 #1c

Judicial Department	Language
Court of Appeals of Virginia	

Language:

Page 33, after line 7, insert:

"E. The Court of Appeals shall examine options for workload metrics that could be used to objectively determine the necessary number of positions, including judgeships and personnel in the Clerk's Office and the Office of the Chief Attorney. The Court of Appeals shall provide a

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report to the General Assembly on its findings and recommendations by November 15, 2025."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Court of Appeals to examine options for workload metrics that could be used to objectively determine the necessary number of employees at the Court of Appeals and report to the General Assembly by November 15, 2025.)

		Item 33 #1c	
Judicial Department		FY24-25	FY25-26
Circuit Courts		\$0	\$100,000 GF

Language:

Page 33, line 13, strike "\$121,042,361" and insert "\$121,142,361".

Page 34, after line 45, insert:

"J. The Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court shall deposit \$100,000 the second year from the general fund to the Sealing Fee Fund established in § 17.1-205.1, Code of Virginia."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 from the general fund the second year to support court-appointed attorneys handling criminal record sealing cases. This amount is intended to serve as start-up funding when the provisions of Chapter 524, 2021 Special Session I, take effect on July 1, 2025. After the initial deposit from the general fund, the intent is for the Sealing Fee Fund to be sustained through fee revenue.)

		Item 33 #2c	
Judicial Department		FY24-25	FY25-26
Circuit Courts		\$1,318,888 4.00	\$1,305,688 GF 4.00 FTE

Language:

Page 33, line 13, strike "\$121,042,361" and insert "\$122,361,249".

Page 33, line 13, strike "\$121,042,361" and insert "\$122,348,049".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.3 million each year from the general fund and four positions for additional circuit court judgeships in the First, Ninth, Fifteenth, and Twenty-fifth Judicial Circuits, pursuant to House Bill 310 and Senate Bill 710. These additional judgeships were recommended by the Judicial Council.)

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Item 33 #3c

Judicial Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Circuit Courts	\$6,500,000	\$13,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 33, line 13, strike "\$121,042,361" and insert "\$127,542,361".

Page 33, line 13, strike "\$121,042,361" and insert "\$134,042,361".

Page 33, line 46, strike "\$130,509,997" and "\$130,509,997" and insert: "\$137,009,997" and "\$143,509,997".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$6.5 million the first year and \$13.0 million the second year from the general fund for the provisions of House Bill 102 and Senate Bill 356, which increase the statutory caps for court-appointed attorney pay. The additional funds are appropriated to the Criminal Fund, from which court-appointed attorney costs are paid. A companion amendment to the Supreme Court provides funding in the first year to implement system changes to accommodate the increases.)

Item 33 #4c

Judicial Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Circuit Courts	(\$642,258)	(\$1,091,839)	GF

Language:

Page 33, line 13, strike "\$121,042,361" and insert "\$120,400,103".

Page 33, line 13, strike "\$121,042,361" and insert "\$119,950,522".

Page 33, line 46, strike "\$130,509,977" and "\$130,509,997" and insert: "\$129,867,719" and "\$129,418,138".

Explanation:

(This amendment adjusts the general fund appropriation each year to account for reduced payments made from the Criminal Fund pursuant to House Bill 1014, which authorizes the establishment of a public defenders office for Harrisonburg and Rockingham. A companion amendment under the Indigent Defense Commission provides funding and positions for the new office location. The reductions assumed herein account for a phased-in first year for the new office and a minimal continued need for court-appointed attorneys due to public defender workloads and conflicts of interest.)

Item 33 #5c

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Judicial Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Circuit Courts	\$3,173,460	\$3,108,000	GF

Language:

Page 33, line 13, strike "\$121,042,361" and insert "\$124,215,821".
Page 33, line 13, strike "\$121,042,361" and insert "\$124,150,361".
Page 33, line 46, strike "\$130,509,977" and "\$130,509,997" and insert:
"\$133,683,437" and "\$133,617,997".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.2 million the first year and \$3.1 million the second year from the general fund for deposit to the Criminal Fund to support the provisions of House Bill 893, which raises court-appointed attorney fees for child dependency cases. A companion amendment to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court provides funding to enact the remaining provisions of the bill.)

Item 34 #1c

Judicial Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
General District Courts	\$1,033,559	\$1,033,559	GF

Language:

Page 34, line 51, strike "\$152,115,434" and insert "\$153,148,993".
Page 34, line 51, strike "\$152,115,434" and insert "\$153,148,993".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million each year from the general fund pursuant to the provisions of House Bill 125, which increases the fee that a special justice or judge receives for presiding over emergency custody and voluntary and involuntary civil admissions. These fees are paid out of the Involuntary Mental Commitment Fund, which is supported through general fund appropriation. Fee amounts are incurred by the General, Juvenile and Domestic Relations, and Combined District Courts, and funding allocations will be split accordingly upon final enrollment.)

Item 35 #1c

Judicial Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
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Juvenile and Domestic Relations	\$607,024	\$600,424	GF
District Courts	2.00	2.00	FTE

Language:

Page 35, line 39, strike "\$121,115,904" and insert "\$121,722,928".

Page 35, line 39, strike "\$121,115,904" and insert "\$121,716,328".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$607,024 the first year and \$600,424 the second year from the general fund and two positions for additional juvenile and domestic relations court judgeships in the Twentieth and Thirty-first Judicial Districts, pursuant to House Bill 310 and Senate Bill 710. These additional judgeships were recommended by the Committee on District Courts.)

Item 40 #1c

Judicial Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Indigent Defense Commission	\$1,630,756 18.00	\$2,174,341 18.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 38, line 15, strike "\$85,040,403" and insert "\$86,671,159".

Page 38, line 15, strike "\$85,040,403" and insert "\$87,214,744".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.6 million the first year and \$2.2 million the second year from the general fund and 18 positions pursuant to House Bill 1014 which adds Harrisonburg and Rockingham County to the list of localities approved for a public defender office. Amounts include \$1,877,293 for personnel costs and an additional \$297,048 for ongoing office operational support. A companion amendment reduces general fund appropriation for the Criminal Fund in an amount estimated to account for reduced payments to court-appointed representation after the opening of the additional location proposed by this bill.)

Item 41 #1c

Judicial Department	
Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission	Language

Language:

Page 39, after line 27, insert:

"C. The Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court shall provide for the transfer of juvenile case information maintained in electronic format in a case management system to the Virginia

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Criminal Sentencing Commission. Such information shall include: (i) case identifying information, including names, complete dates of birth and social security numbers, and case or docket numbers; (ii) charges, including statutes, descriptions, and Virginia Crime Codes established by § 19.2-390.01; (iii) offenses for which the juvenile was found delinquent, including statutes, descriptions, and Virginia Crime Codes; (iv) dispositions in delinquency cases, and; (v) information to identify cases in which a preliminary hearing was held pursuant to § 16.1-269.1 and cases transferred for trial in circuit court. The Commission may use the data only for research, evaluation, or statistical purposes, for the preparation or assistance with the preparation of sentencing guidelines required by § 19.2-298.01, or for aggregate analysis necessary for the development or revision of sentencing guidelines as provided in § 17.1-806. The data may also be used in the preparation of aggregate reports required by law or requested by a member or office of the General Assembly, the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of the Governor, or a member of the Governor's Cabinet. The Commission shall ensure the confidentiality and security of the data. The Commission shall not publish personal or case identifying information, including names, social security numbers, and dates of birth, included in the data. Upon transfer, such data shall not be subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides language authorizing the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court to transfer electronic juvenile case information to the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission. The Sentencing Commission intends to use the data for research, evaluation, and other limited purposes.)

	Item 44 #1c	
Executive Offices	FY24-25	FY25-26
Office of the Governor	(\$4,590,000)	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 41, line 4, strike "\$14,529,735" and insert "\$9,939,735".

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$4.6 million the first year from the general fund for the Permitting Enhancement and Evaluation Platform.)

	Item 44 #2c	
Executive Offices	FY24-25	FY25-26
Office of the Governor	(\$1,816,772)	(\$1,816,772) GF

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Language:

Page 41, line 4, strike "\$14,529,735" and insert "\$12,712,963".

Page 41, line 4, strike "\$9,339,735" and insert "\$7,522,963".

Page 41, strike lines 36 through 38.

Explanation:

(This amendment transfers \$1.8 million each year from the general fund to restore a separate program for the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.)

Item 44 #3c

Executive Offices

Office of the Governor

Language

Language:

Page 41, after line 38, insert:

"G. The Governor shall ensure that Executive Branch rulemakings that are exempt from Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act shall not be subject to the Executive Branch Review process. Furthermore, the Governor shall ensure that any agencies and regulations with a full or partial exemption from either Article 1 or Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act not be required to comply with any requirements other than those specifically required by the Code of Virginia pertaining to other regulatory activity, including petitions for rulemaking, meeting notices, agendas and minutes, the periodic review of existing regulations, and guidance documents."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides direction to the Governor on the regulatory process to ensure agencies implement regulations in accordance with the Code of Virginia requirements in a timely, efficient, and effective manner.)

Item 44 #4c

Executive Offices

Office of the Governor

Language

Language:

Page 41 after line 38, insert:

"G. The Governor shall direct the Director, Department of Human Resources Management to include in the quarterly report required by § 2.2-607, Code of Virginia. the funding amount, including fund sources from the agencies that are covering the payroll for such employee, for

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state employees that are transferred from one state agency to another without transferring appropriations."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Governor to require the Director, Department of Human Resources Management to include the funding amount in the quarterly report on state employees that are transferred from one state agency to another without transferring appropriations.)

Item 44 #5c

Executive Offices	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Office of the Governor	(\$600,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 41, line 4, strike "\$14,529,735" and insert "\$13,929,735".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces by \$600,000 the first year from the general fund for five unnamed artificial intelligence pilot programs.)

Item 44.50 #1c

Executive Offices	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Office of the Governor	\$1,816,772	\$1,816,772	GF

Language:

Page 41, after line 38, insert:

"44.50 Human Relations Management	\$1,816,772	\$1,816,772
Fund Sources: General	\$1,816,772	\$1,816,772 "

Page 41, after line 38, insert:

"Authority: Title 2.2, Chapter 6, Article 1, Code of Virginia.

If the Governor has not appointed a Director of the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion by July 1, 2024, pursuant to § 2.2-435.12, Code of Virginia, the Director, Department of Planning and Budget shall transfer the appropriation in this Item to the Virginia Cannabis Equity Business Loan Fund."

Explanation:

(This amendment restores \$1.8 million from the general fund each year for the program within the Office of the Governor for the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. The introduced

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budget consolidated the funding for the Office in the general budget for the Governor's Office.)

Item 48 #1c

Executive Offices

Lieutenant Governor

Language

Language:

Page 42, line 40, after "compensation of", insert:
"up to three".

Explanation:

(This amendment restores the budget language to how it reads in Chapter 1, 2023 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I.)

Item 49 #1c

Executive Offices

FY24-25

FY25-26

Attorney General and Department of
Law

(\$267,437)

(\$267,437) GF

Language:

Page 43, line 2, strike "\$59,479,931" and insert "\$59,212,494".
Page 43, line 2, strike "\$59,479,931" and insert "\$59,212,494".

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$267,437 from the general fund each year for two positions included in the introduced budget for ratepayer advocacy.)

Item 49 #2c

Executive Offices

Attorney General and Department of Law

Language

Language:

Page 43, after line 40, insert:
"E.1. Pursuant to Chapter 577 of the Acts of Assembly of 2008, the Office of the Attorney General shall provide legal service in civil matters and consultation and legal advice in suits and other legal actions to soil and water conservation district directors and districts upon the request of those district directors or districts at no charge, inclusive of all fees, expenses, or other costs

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associated with litigation, excluding the payment of damages.

2. If the Office of the Attorney General is unable to provide legal services to the soil and water conservation districts, and as a result the districts incur costs from retaining other counsel, then the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget shall transfer general fund appropriations from the Office of the Attorney General to the Department of Conservation and Recreation in an amount equal to the cost incurred by the soil and water conservation districts to be used to reimburse the districts for costs incurred."

Page 43, line 41, strike "E." and insert "F."

Page 43, line 47, strike "F." and insert "G."

Page 44, line 20, strike "G.1" and insert "H.1."

Page 44, line 31, strike "H." and insert "I."

Page 44, line 35, strike "I" and insert "J".

Explanation:

(This amendment restores language removed in the introduced budget that directs the Office of the Attorney General to not charge for services rendered to soil and water conservation districts.)

		Item 49 #3c	
Executive Offices	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Attorney General and Department of Law	\$423,348 4.00	\$423,348 4.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 43, line 2, strike "\$59,479,931" and insert "\$59,903,279".

Page 43, line 2, strike "\$59,479,931" and insert "\$59,903,279".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$423,348 each year from the general fund and four positions to support costs related to legislation passed during the 2024 General Assembly Session.)

		Item 49 #4c	
Executive Offices	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Attorney General and Department of Law	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	GF

Language:

Page 43, line 2, strike "\$59,479,931" and insert "\$60,779,931".

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Page 43, line 2, strike "\$59,479,931" and insert "\$60,779,931".

Page 44, after line 38, insert:

"J. Out of this appropriation, \$1,300,000 the first year and \$1,300,000 the second year from the general fund is designated for supporting group violence intervention efforts as defined in Item 394, subsection N of this act."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.3 million each year from the general fund to the Office of the Attorney General to continue the group violence intervention efforts that are currently supported by a grant from the Operation Ceasefire Grant Fund administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Services.)

	Item 49 #5c	
Executive Offices	FY24-25	FY25-26
Attorney General and Department of Law	(\$3,500,000)	(\$3,500,000) NGF

Language:

Page 43, line 2, strike "\$59,479,931" and insert "\$55,979,931".

Page 43, line 2, strike "\$59,479,931" and insert "\$55,979,931".

Page 44, line 32, strike "Department of".

Page 44, line 33, strike "Behavioral Health and Developmental Services" and insert "Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth".

Page 44, line 35, strike the first "\$4,000,000" and insert "\$500,000".

Page 44, line 35, strike the second "\$4,000,000" and insert "\$500,000".

Page 44, line 37, strike " Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services" and insert "Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides for the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth to conduct a youth vaping prevention campaign and opioid crisis marketing campaign rather than the money provided to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services as included in the introduced budget. The funding for the opioid crisis marketing campaign is also reduced to \$500,000 each year.)

	Item 51 #1c	
Executive Offices	FY24-25	FY25-26
Attorney General and Department of Law	(\$500,000)	(\$500,000) NGF

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Language:

Page 44, line 45, strike "\$7,286,546" and insert "\$6,786,546".
Page 44, line 45, strike "\$7,286,546" and insert "\$6,786,546".
Page 44, line 50, strike "\$1,750,000" and "\$1,750,000" and insert:
"\$1,250,000 " and "\$1,250,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment adjusts nongeneral fund appropriation to reflect a restoration of the transfer from the Regulatory, Consumer Advocacy, Litigation, and Enforcement Revolving Trust Fund so that it remains at the the current level.)

Item 55 #1c

Executive Offices	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Secretary of the Commonwealth	(\$169,377)	(\$169,377)	GF
	-2.00	-2.00	FTE

Language:

Page 46, line 45, strike "\$3,170,839" and insert "\$3,001,462".
Page 46, line 45, strike "\$3,170,839" and insert "\$3,001,462".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$169,377 from the general fund each year and two new positions included in the introduced budget for the Secretary of the Commonwealth related to notary oversight and restoration of rights.)

Item 55 #2c

Executive Offices	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Secretary of the Commonwealth	\$160,250	\$160,250	GF
	1.00	1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 46, line 45, strike "\$3,170,839" and insert "\$3,331,089".
Page 46, line 45, strike "\$3,170,839" and insert "\$3,331,089".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$160,250 each year from the general fund and one position in support of House Bill 1157, which directs the establishment of an Ombudsman for Tribal Consultation in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.)

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Item 56 #1c

Executive Offices	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Office of the State Inspector General	\$787,515	\$718,855	GF
	4.00	4.00	FTE

Language:

Page 47, line 11, strike "\$8,042,053" and insert "\$8,829,568".

Page 47, line 11, strike "\$8,042,053" and insert "\$8,760,908".

Page 48, line 5, strike the first instance of "\$250,000" and insert "\$1,037,515."

Page 48, line 5, strike the second instance of "\$250,000" and insert "\$968,555".

Page 48, line 6, after "general fund" strike the remainder of the line and insert:

"to support the Office of the Department of Corrections Ombudsman and the Corrections Oversight Committee."

Page 48, strike lines 7 through 45 and insert:

"2. The Ombudsman shall develop a short-term and long-term strategic plan that (i) is informed by visits to Department facilities, at least two public meetings, consultation with stakeholders, and review of best practices in other states; (ii) includes procedures for coordination with existing employees at the Office of the State Inspector General and the Department, in collaboration with those employees and with the goal of complementing existing efforts; and (iii) includes potential options and recommendations for legislation and budget actions that would support its short-term and long-term goals. The Office shall provide a report on its initial activities and strategic plan to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before November 15, 2025."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$787,515 from the general fund the first year and \$718,855 from the general fund the second year for the Office of the Department of Corrections Ombudsman within the Office of the State Inspector General codified by House Bill 555 and Senate Bill 456, bringing the total appropriation for the Office to \$1.0 million the first year and \$968,555 the second year.)

Item 60 #1c

Administration

Compensation Board

Language

Language:

Page 53, after line 51, insert:

"Q. 1. The Compensation Board shall report on the allocation of funds first appropriated in

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Chapter 2, 2022 Special Session I, to increase compensation for sworn officers, including specific measures of effectiveness that indicate the degree to which these salary adjustments reduce the number of departures and vacancies. A report is due to the Governor, the Chairs of the House Appropriation and Senate Finance and Appropriation Committees, and the Director, Department of Planning and Budget no later than October 15, 2023.

2. The Compensation Board shall report on retention data for deputies with law enforcement duties compared to deputies without law enforcement duties, including information on local salary supplements. The report shall include information on the distribution of time allocated for law enforcement, court security and jail responsibilities in localities in which the sheriff has law enforcement authority. The report shall also include data on the degree to which individual deputies are moved across the different responsibilities or assigned to one specific responsibility. The report shall be provided to such committees and agencies no later than October 15, 2024."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides language restoring a reporting requirement from the 2022-2024 biennium. Chapter 2, 2022 Special Session I, provided a compensation increase for deputy sheriffs and directed the Compensation Board to report on the allocation and effectiveness of the funding by October 15, 2023. The language adds a reporting requirement related to retention of deputies with law enforcement duties due October 15, 2024.)

	Item 60 #2c	
Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26
Compensation Board	\$185,665	\$185,665 GF

Language:

Page 50, line 29, strike "\$649,885,072" and insert "\$650,070,737".

Page 50, line 29, strike "\$641,385,072" and insert "\$641,570,737".

Page 53, line 21, strike "\$1,856,649" and "\$1,856,649" and insert: "\$2,042,314" and "\$2,042,314".

Page 53, after line 40, insert:

"3. Notwithstanding § 18.2-308.2:2, Code of Virginia, the Department of State Police may operate telephone, mail, VCheck, or other authorized communication response systems to provide dealers in firearms with information on the legal eligibility of prospective purchasers to possess or transport firearms covered under these regulations. This information may be released only to authorized dealers and/or those who have registered to receive notifications through the Virginia VINE Protective Order Notification System, including victims (or a legal representative of a victim), crime victim and witness assistance program employees, law enforcement officials and court officials."

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$185,665 each year from the general fund to support a ten percent increase in the cost of the services provided by the Virginia Center for Policing Innovation. These services implement and maintain the interface between all local and regional jails in the Commonwealth and the Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) system, provide for SAVIN program coordination, maintain the interface between SAVIN and the Virginia Sex Offender Registry, and provide for automated protective order notifications. Additionally, this amendment authorizes the Virginia State Police to provide information to authorized dealers and/or those who have registered to receive notifications through the Virginia VINE Protective Order Notification System.)

Item 60 #3c

Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26
Compensation Board	(\$500,000)	\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 50, line 29, strike "\$649,885,072" and insert "\$649,385,072".
Page 53, strike lines 49 through 51.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$500,000 the first year from nongeneral funds proposed in the introduced budget for a jail-based substance use disorder treatment program administered by the Compensation Board. A companion amendment in Item 394 provides \$2.0 million the first year from nongeneral funds to the Virginia Opioid Use Reduction and Jail-Based Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Transition Fund administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Services, to be used for a similar purpose.)

Item 64 #1c

Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26
Compensation Board	\$752,147	\$828,042 GF

Language:

Page 58, line 32, strike "\$102,292,840" and insert "\$103,044,987".
Page 58, line 32, strike "\$101,492,840" and insert "\$102,320,882".
Page 61, after line 2, insert:
"K. Included in this appropriation is \$752,147 the first year and \$828,042 the second year from the general fund for the allocation of an additional 18 paralegal positions."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$752,147 the first year and \$828,042 the second year from the general fund for 18 paralegal positions for Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices that are required under the Compensation Board staffing standards but are not currently funded.)

Item 65 #1c

Administration

Compensation Board

Language

Language:

Page 62, line 42, after "above", strike "." and insert:

", however, upon taking into consideration the size of the office of a circuit court clerk and their staffing capacity, the Compensation Board may determine there are extenuating circumstances in which any salary increases should not be withheld."

Explanation:

(This language amendment allows the Compensation Board to take into account the staffing capacity of a circuit court clerk's office to determine whether or not to withhold statewide salary increases from Circuit Court Clerks who fail to take corrective action for any internal control matters identified by the Auditor of Public Accounts.)

Item 65 #2c

Administration

Compensation Board

Language

Language:

Page 63, after line 19, insert:

"N. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, subdivision plats deemed valid through July 1, 2020 pursuant to § 15.2-2209.1.A., Code of Virginia, that were unable to be recorded prior to the commencement of the Judicial Emergency that extended from March 16, 2020 through July 19, 2020, hereby have validity extended to December 31, 2024."

Explanation:

(This language amendment extends the validity of subdivision plats which, due to the Judicial Emergency that lasted from March 16, 2020 through July 19, 2020, and were thus unable to be recorded by July 1, 2020, until December 31, 2024.)

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Item 67 #1c

Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26
Compensation Board	\$400,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 64, line 28, strike "\$5,497,945" and insert "\$5,897,945".

Page 68, after line 6, insert:

"V.1. The Compensation Board shall work with the Virginia Circuit Court Clerks' Association to examine the staffing standards used to determine and distribute funding and positions allocated to circuit court clerks' offices. The examination shall identify funding needs to support staffing for statutorily prescribed duties, as well as any discretionary duties and current local supplemental funds allocated. To assist in this goal, the Compensation Board shall contract with the National Center for State Courts (the Center) to perform a time study as to the comprehensive duties and responsibilities of circuit court clerks including, but not limited to, expungement/rights restoration and sealing volume as well as other obligations reflected in the Code of Virginia (e.g. duties prescribed under Title 17.1 et seq). The Compensation Board shall develop a revised staffing standard for circuit court clerks' offices based on the results of the study. Included within this appropriation is \$400,000 the first year from the general fund for the purpose of contracting with the Center to perform the study. All circuit court clerks shall participate in the study as needed and as identified by the Compensation Board and the Center.

2. The Compensation Board shall provide a status report on the progress of the study and participants to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1, 2024. The Compensation Board shall submit a report containing the results of the study, anticipated costs, and staffing standards methodology revisions under review or approved by the Compensation Board to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1, 2025."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$400,000 from the general fund the first year for the Compensation Board, in coordination with the Virginia Circuit Court Clerks' Association, to examine the staffing standards used to determine and distribute funding and positions allocated to circuit court clerks' offices. The Compensation Board is directed to submit to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees a status report by November 1, 2024, and a final report by November 1, 2025.)

Item 67 #2c

Administration	Language
Compensation Board	

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Language:

Page 65, line 11, strike each instance of "1,332" and insert "1,350".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides a technical adjustment to the Compensation Board position count table to align with positions funded in Item 64.)

	Item 68 #1c		
Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of General Services	(\$20,363,179)	(\$20,363,179)	GF
	(\$29,943,419)	(\$29,943,419)	NGF

Language:

Page 68, line 15, strike "\$50,306,598" and insert "\$0".

Page 68, line 15, strike "\$50,306,598" and insert "\$0".

Page 68, strike lines 15 through 51.

Page 69, strike lines 1 through 5.

Explanation:

(This amendment is one of six amendments under the Administration Secretariat that moves the Department of General Services to Independent Agencies.)

	Item 69 #1c		
Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of General Services	(\$73,099,266)	(\$73,099,266)	NGF

Language:

Page 69, line 6, strike "\$73,099,266" and insert "\$0".

Page 69, line 6, strike "\$73,099,266" and insert "\$0".

Page 69, strike lines 6 through 26.

Explanation:

(This amendment is one of six amendments under the Administration Secretariat that moves the Department of General Services to Independent Agencies.)

	Item 70 #1c		
Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26	

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Department of General Services \$250,000 \$0 GF

Language:

Page 69, line 27, strike "\$67,972,051" and insert "\$68,222,051".

Page 70, after line 9, insert:

"F. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1404 of the 2024 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$250,000 the first year from the general fund to the Department of General Services to update the state's electronic procurement system, eVA to accommodate the provisions of House Bill 1404 of the 2024 General Assembly.)

Item 70 #2c

Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of General Services	(\$150,298)	(\$150,298)	GF
	(\$67,821,753)	(\$67,821,753)	NGF

Language:

Page 69, line 27, strike "\$67,972,051" and insert "\$0".

Page 69, line 27, strike "\$67,972,051" and insert "\$0".

Page 69, strike lines 27 through 50.

Page 70, strike lines 1 through 9.

Explanation:

(This amendment is one of six amendments under the Administration Secretariat that moves the Department of General Services to Independent Agencies.)

Item 71 #1c

Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of General Services	(\$3,628,101)	(\$3,128,101)	GF
	(\$58,020,975)	(\$52,038,470)	NGF

Language:

Page 70, line 10, strike "\$61,649,076" and insert "\$0".

Page 70, line 10, strike "\$55,166,571" and insert "\$0".

Page 70, strike lines 10 through 53.

Page 71, strike lines 1 through 50.

Explanation:

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(This amendment is one of six amendments under the Administration Secretariat that moves the Department of General Services to Independent Agencies.)

Item 71 #2c

Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of General Services	4.00	4.00	FTE

Language:

Explanation:

(This amendment provides four full-time positions for the Department of General Services for additional facility operational support for the new General Assembly Building. A companion amendment provides funding to support these positions.)

Item 72 #1c

Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of General Services	(\$19,964,863)	(\$19,964,863)	NGF

Language:

Page 71, line 51, strike "\$19,964,863" and insert "\$0".

Page 71, line 51, strike "\$19,964,863" and insert "\$0".

Page 71, strike lines 51 through 52.

Page 72, strike lines 1 through 20.

Explanation:

(This amendment is one of six amendments under the Administration Secretariat that moves the Department of General Services to Independent Agencies.)

Item 73 #1c

Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of General Services	(\$7,165,761) (\$162,079)	(\$7,165,761) (\$162,079)	GF NGF

Language:

Page 72, line 21, strike "\$7,327,840" and insert "\$0".

Page 72, line 21, strike "\$7,327,840" and insert "\$0".

Page 72, strike lines 21 through 53.

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Page 73, strike lines 1 through 6.

Explanation:

(This amendment is one of six amendments under the Administration Secretariat that moves the Department of General Services to Independent Agencies.)

Item 74 #1c

Administration

Department of Human Resource Management

Language

Language:

Page 74, after line 55, insert:

"J. The Department of Human Resource Management shall gather data from the localities concerning Workers Compensation Claims files pursuant to § 65.2-107, Code of Virginia. The Department shall report to the General Assembly on the number of claims, average cost of claims and the number of claims which are limited based on the 52 week cap."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires a report on the number and scope of workers compensation claims pursuant to PTSD, of anxiety disorder, or depressive disorder.)

Item 74 #2c

Administration

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Human Resource Management

\$75,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 73, line 8, strike "\$122,299,053" and insert "\$122,374,053".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$75,000 from the general fund in one-time funding in fiscal year 2025 for systems changes pursuant to the passage of House Bill 806 which authorizes DHRM to enable the DBHDS to schedule nurses in their facilities to work three 12-hour shifts a week and retain full-time status.)

Item 75 #1c

Administration

Administration of Health Insurance

Language

Language:

Page 76, after line 6, insert:

"H. The Department of Human Resource Management shall notify the General Assembly at least 30 days prior to any proposed modifications to the benefit structure or any solicitation for health insurance for state employees, and shall include on the evaluation committee for any solicitation the staff directors, or their designees, of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, and a designated staff member from the office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia."

Explanation:

(This amendment includes language to ensure oversight of any proposed modifications to the state employee health insurance plan.)

Item 77 #1c

Administration

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Elections

\$190,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 77, line 2, strike "\$22,016,957" and insert "\$22,206,957".

Page 77, after line 43 insert:

"F. Out of this appropriation, \$190,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 588, Senate Bill 4, and House Joint Resolution 45 of the 2024 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$190,000 in the first year from the general fund for the Department of Elections to hold a constitutional referendum on expanding the current tax exemption for real property available to the surviving spouses of soldiers killed in action to the surviving spouses of soldiers who died in the line of duty with a Line of Duty determination from the U.S. Department of Defense.)

Item 77 #2c

Administration

Department of Elections

Language

Language:

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Page 77, after line 43 insert:

"F.1. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections C and D of § 24.2-671.2., Code of Virginia, a risk-limiting audit of a presidential election or an election for the nomination of candidates for the office of President shall not be conducted.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 24.2-653.01, 24.2-671, and 24.2-678 of the Code of Virginia, local electoral boards shall, no more than 10 days following the date of the November 2024 general election, meet to determine the validity of provisional ballots, certify the results of the election, and submit the abstract of votes to the State Board of Elections."

Explanation:

(This amendment clarifies that a risk-limiting audit relating to a presidential election shall not be conducted and extends the time by three days for local electoral boards to determine the validity of provisional ballots, certify the results of the election, and submit the abstract of votes to the State Board of Elections.)

Item 77 #3c

Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Elections	\$200,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 77, line 2, strike "\$22,016,957" and insert "\$22,216,957".

Page 77, after line 43 insert:

"F. Out of this appropriation, \$200,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1177 and Senate Bill 606 of the 2024 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$200,000 the first year from the general fund to support Virginia entering and maintaining membership in the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC). The amounts in this amendment would support the completion of an Eligible but Unregistered (EBU) mailing, required for ERIC membership every two years. It is anticipated the Department of Elections can accommodate the \$87,000 ERIC membership fee with existing resources, due to Virginia's previous participation in this program.)

Item 79 #1c

Administration	Language
Virginia Information Technologies Agency	

Language:

Page 80, after line 3, insert:

"F.1. The Secretary of Administration, in cooperation with the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA), and the Office of Data Governance and Analytics (ODGA), shall conduct a needs assessment of the cost and options to implement a data analytics platform that collects, analyzes, interprets, and shares opioid related data from relevant agencies across the Commonwealth of Virginia. The needs assessment shall include a review of existing state software platforms, data sets, and functional requirements, as well as utility among state agencies and local governments and other interested stakeholders. The following agencies shall support the needs assessment effort: Department of Health, Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA), Department of Criminal Justice Services, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Department of Social Services, Department of Corrections, Department of Health Professions, Department of Medical Assistance Services, and any other state agency that may house opioid related data or programs. The VITA and ODGA shall solicit stakeholder involvement in the needs assessment from organizations that represent local governments, addiction service providers and others such as, the Virginia Association of Counties, the Virginia Municipal League, the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards, the Virginia Association of Recovery Residences, and the Substance Abuse and Addiction Recovery Alliance, among others.

2. If the needs assessment concludes that such a platform is necessary and can be implemented in a cost effective manner, the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA), in conjunction with the Office of Data Governance and Analytics (ODGA), is authorized to pursue a grant from the Opioid Abatement Authority to procure the platform. The platform shall provide the comprehensive capture of substance use disorder and opioid public data across the Commonwealth, utilizing common methodologies, metrics, and indicators to implement a statewide substance use disorder abatement enterprise data platform."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Secretary of Administration, in cooperation with others, to conduct a needs assessment to determine whether to continue or replace a data analytics platform that collects, analyzes, interprets, and shares opioid related data from relevant agencies across the Commonwealth of Virginia. If the needs assessment determines that such a platform is necessary and can be implemented in a cost effective manner, VITA, in conjunction with Office of Data Governance and Analytics (ODGA), is authorized to pursue a grant from the Opioid Abatement Authority to procure the platform.)

Item 86 #1c

Agriculture and Forestry

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Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	(\$589,070) (\$60,000) -1.00	(\$589,070) (\$60,000) -1.00	GF NGF FTE
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Language:

Page 85, line 34, strike "\$27,048,267" and insert "\$26,399,197".

Page 85, line 34, strike "\$26,828,967" and insert "\$26,179,897".

Page 86, strike lines 37 through 40.

Page 87, after line 12, insert:

"L. The department shall transfer the June 30, 2024, fund balances in the Virginia Farmland Preservation Fund (02013) and the Agricultural Vitality Program Fund (09092) to the Department of Forestry (411) following final close of Fiscal Year 2024 in accordance with House Bill 892 of the 2024 General Assembly Session."

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$589,000 each year from the general fund and \$60,000 each year from the nongeneral fund pursuant to House Bill 892, which transfers the responsibilities of the Office of Farmland Preservation from VDACS to the Department of Forestry. A companion amendment to the Department of Forestry appropriates these funds.)

Item 86 #2c

	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Agriculture and Forestry			
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$25,000	\$25,000	GF

Language:

Page 85, line 34, strike "\$27,048,267" and insert "\$27,073,267".

Page 85, line 34, strike "\$26,828,967" and insert "\$26,853,967".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$25,000 each year from the general fund pursuant to House Bill 1460, which establishes the Virginia Verified Meat certification process.)

Item 87 #1c

	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Agriculture and Forestry			
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	(\$1,000,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

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Page 87, line 13, strike "\$6,352,698" and insert "\$5,352,698".

Page 87, line 18, strike "\$3,250,000" and insert "\$2,250,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides for a first year increase of \$1.0 million from the general fund for deposit to the Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund.)

		Item 87 #2c	
Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	(\$2,000,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 87, line 13, strike "\$6,352,698" and insert "\$4,352,698".

Page 87, strike lines 31 through 37.

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$2.0 million the first year from the general fund proposed in House Bill 30 as introduced to establish a new agricultural technology research grant program.)

		Item 87 #3c	
Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$0	\$250,000	GF

Language:

Page 87, line 13, strike "\$1,852,698" and insert "\$2,102,698".

Page 87, line 28, after "first year" insert, "and \$250,000 the second year".

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$250,000 the second year to the Blue Catfish Processing, Flash Freezing, and Infrastructure Grant Program to level-fund the program.)

		Item 87 #4c	
Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$100,000	\$350,000	GF

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Language:

Page 87, line 13, strike "\$6,352,698" and insert "\$6,452,698".
Page 87, line 13, strike "\$1,852,698" and insert "\$2,202,698".
Page 87, line 25, strike "\$500,000" and insert "\$600,000".
Page 87, line 25, strike "\$250,000" and insert "\$600,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 the first year and \$350,000 the second year from the general fund to maintain support at the fiscal year 2024 level for the Dairy Producer Margin Coverage Premium Assistance Fund established pursuant to § 3.2-3305.1, Code of Virginia.)

Item 88 #1c

Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$485,000 1.00	\$485,000 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 87, line 38, strike "\$5,105,671" and insert "\$5,590,671".
Page 87, line 38, strike "\$5,105,671" and insert "\$5,590,671".
Page 88, after line 12, insert:
"D. Out of the amounts appropriated in this item, \$485,000 the first year and \$485,000 the second year from the general fund and one position is provided to the department to support one additional staff position and related expenses for invasive species management and to take steps to eradicate or slow the spread of priority species."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$485,000 each year from the general fund and one position at the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to mitigate the impact of invasive species in support of the goals outlined by the Virginia Invasive Species Management Plan. Companion amendments to the Departments of Forestry, Conservation and Recreation, and Wildlife resources support corresponding funding and positions.)

Item 88 #2c

Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$292,525	\$292,525	GF

Language:

Page 87, line 38, strike "\$5,105,671" and insert "\$5,398,196".

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Page 87, line 38, strike "\$5,105,671" and insert "\$5,398,196".

Page 87, line 46, after "A." insert "1."

Page 87, after line 50, insert:

"2. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$292,525 the first year and \$292,525 the second year from the general fund is provided to enhance the cooperative agreement between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the department regarding the Wildlife Damage Cooperative Program to maintain the technical assistance provided to help landowners with wildlife depredation from coyotes, black vultures and other wildlife."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$292,525 each year from the general fund to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to support the grant agreement with the US Department of Agriculture to provide technical assistance to livestock producers dealing with wildlife depredation.)

Item 92 #1c

Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$273,243 3.00	\$273,243 3.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 88, line 49, strike "\$16,724,887" and insert "\$16,998,130".

Page 88, line 49, strike "\$16,724,887" and insert "\$16,998,130".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$273,243 from the general fund each year and three positions for the department's cannabis and hemp enforcement responsibilities as outlined in House Bill 698 and Senate Bill 448.)

Item 96 #1c

Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Forestry	\$175,000 1.00	\$175,000 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 90, line 31, strike "\$44,214,578" and insert "\$44,389,578".

Page 90, line 31, strike "\$43,954,578" and insert "\$44,129,578".

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$175,000 each year from the general fund and one position for the Department of Forestry to establish a position focused on the analysis, development, and implementation of policy related to the Department's mission and objectives. The Department has increasing needs for policy expertise on complex issues, including Carbon Lifecycle Analysis, the Forest Sustainability Fund, the Invasive Species Management Plan, as well as the increasing complexities of managing state forests.)

Item 96 #2c

Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Forestry	\$940,000	\$940,000	GF
	2.00	2.00	FTE

Language:

Page 90, line 31, strike "\$44,214,578" and insert "\$45,154,578".

Page 90, line 31, strike "\$43,954,578" and insert "\$44,894,578".

Page 91, after line 47, insert:

"M. Out of the amounts in this item, \$940,000 the first year and \$940,000 the second year from the general fund and two positions are provided to support the implementation of strategies and to determine metrics to mitigate the impact of invasive species in support of the objectives outlined in the Virginia Invasive Species Management Plan (2018). The Department shall take steps to eradicate or slow the spread of priority species on private and public lands; support the creation of additional Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISMs); and provide statewide coordination of invasive species management working with VDACS, DCR, and DWR, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$940,000 each year from the general fund and two positions at the Department of Forestry to mitigate the impact of invasive species in support of the goals outlined by the Virginia Invasive Species Management Plan. Companion amendments to the Departments of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Conservation and Recreation, and Wildlife Resources support corresponding funding and positions.)

Item 96 #3c

Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Forestry	\$630,000	\$530,000	GF
	1.00	1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 90, line 31, strike "\$44,214,578" and insert "\$44,844,578".

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Page 90, line 31, strike "\$43,954,578" and insert "\$44,484,578".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$630,000 the first year and \$530,000 the second year and one position for the development of a statewide forest conservation plan, pursuant to House Bill 309.)

	Item 96 #4c		
Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Forestry	\$589,070	\$589,070	GF
	\$60,000	\$60,000	NGF
	1.00	1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 90, line 31, strike "\$44,214,578" and insert "\$44,863,648".

Page 90, line 31, strike "\$43,954,578" and insert "\$44,603,648".

Page 91, after line 47, insert:

"M. Out of the amounts in this item, \$437,500 the first year and \$437,500 the second year from the general fund shall be deposited to the Virginia Farmland and Forestland Preservation Fund established in § 10.1-119.3, Code of Virginia."

Explanation:

(This amendment appropriates \$589,000 each year from the general fund and \$60,000 each year from nongeneral funds and one position pursuant to House Bill 892, which transfers the responsibilities of the Office of Farmland Preservation from VDACS to the Department of Forestry. A companion amendment to VDACS removes these funds.)

	Item 96 #5c		
Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Forestry	\$2,500,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 90, line 31, strike "\$44,214,578" and insert "\$46,714,578".

Page 91, after line 47, insert:

"M. Out of the amounts of this item, \$2,500,000 the first year from the general fund shall be deposited to the Forest Sustainability Fund established pursuant to § 58.1-3242.1, Code of Virginia."

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$2.5 million from the general fund the first year to the Forest Sustainability Fund authorized in § 58.1-3242.1.)

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Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Forestry	(\$260,000)	(\$100,000)	GF

Language:

Page 90, line 31, strike "\$44,214,578" and insert "\$43,954,578".

Page 90, line 31, strike "\$43,954,578" and insert "\$43,854,578".

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects support for removal of derelict fire towers by \$260,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year from the general fund. A balance of \$500,000 from the general fund remains in each year to complete the statewide assessment of tower conditions and begin removal.)

Item 96 #7c

Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Forestry	\$50,000	\$50,000	GF

Language:

Page 90, line 31, strike "\$44,214,578" and insert "\$44,264,578".

Page 90, line 31, strike "\$43,954,578" and insert "\$44,004,578".

Page 91, line 42, strike "\$50,000 the first year and \$50,000" and insert: "\$100,000 the first year and \$100,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$50,000 from the general fund each year to restore funding for the Virginia Natural Resources Leadership Institute to the fiscal year 2024 level of support.)

Item 98 #1c

Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Racing Commission	\$300,000	\$0	GF

Language:

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Page 92, line 15, strike "\$3,400,000" and insert "\$3,700,000".

Page 92, after line 19, insert:

"Out of this appropriation, \$300,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the County of Rockbridge to support the Virginia Horse Center."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$300,000 the first year from the general fund to Rockbridge County to support parking lot paving at the Virginia Horse Center.)

Item 101 #1c

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Economic Development Incentive
Payments

(\$130,000,000)

(\$30,000,000)

GF

Language:

Page 94, line 20, strike "\$281,536,441" and insert "\$151,536,441".

Page 94, line 20, strike "\$137,235,171" and insert "\$107,235,171".

Page 96, line 25, strike "\$150,000,000" and "\$50,000,000" and insert:
"\$20,000,000" and \$20,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides a \$20.0 million from the general fund base budget for the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program.)

Item 101 #2c

Commerce and Trade

Economic Development Incentive Payments

Language

Language:

Page 97, after line 27, insert:

"T.1. The Secretary of Finance shall approve a short-term, interest-free, state-supported treasury loan in an amount up to \$40,000,000 to the City of Newport News to support a capital investment from the United States Navy related to housing infrastructure.

2. The Secretary of Finance shall approve and release the loan under the following conditions: (i) the United States Navy has committed sufficient resources to fund the project; (ii) the City has provided matching funds for the project; and (iii) seventy-five percent of non-state funds secured for the project have been expended."

Explanation:

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(This amendment authorizes a \$40.0 million treasury loan to help secure an investment of up to \$400.0 million from the U.S. Navy to build housing for sailors docked in the City of Newport News.)

Item 101 #3c

Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Economic Development Incentive Payments	(\$25,000,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 94, line 20, strike "\$281,536,441" and insert "\$256,536,441".

Page 97, strike lines 18 through 22.

Page 97, line 23, strike "S." and insert "R.".

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$25.0 million the first year from the general fund proposed for the Business Ready Sites Acquisition Fund to other priorities.)

Item 101 #4c

Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Economic Development Incentive Payments	(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,000,000)	GF

Language:

Page 94, line 20, strike "\$281,536,441" and insert "\$280,536,441".

Page 94, line 20, strike "\$137,235,171" and insert "\$136,235,171".

Page 95, line 21, strike "5,000,000" and "5,000,000", and insert: "4,000,000" and "4,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment adjusts funding for the Motion Picture Opportunity Fund by \$1.0 million each year from the general fund that reflects the removal of a one-time investment provided in 2022.)

Item 101 #5c

Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
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Economic Development Incentive Payments	(\$1,300,000)	(\$1,300,000)	GF
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Language:

Page 94, line 20, strike "\$281,536,441" and insert "\$280,236,441".

Page 94, line 20, strike "\$137,235,171" and insert "\$135,935,171".

Page 96, strike lines 2 through 4.

Page 96, line 5, strike "J" and insert "I".

Page 96, line 16, strike "K" and insert "J".

Page 96, line 19, strike "L" and insert "K".

Page 96, line 22, strike "M" and insert "L".

Page 96, line 25, strike "N" and insert "M".

Page 96, line 39, strike "O" and insert "N".

Page 96, line 43, strike "P" and insert "O".

Page 96, line 46, strike "Q" and insert "P".

Page 97, line 18, strike "R" and insert "Q".

Page 97, line 23, strike "S" and insert "R".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes the anticipated grants payments for an economic development incentive project for Morgan Olson. This project is in the process of being canceled and the funds are no longer required.)

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Economic Development Incentive Payments	(\$21,250,000)	(\$21,250,000)	GF
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Language:

Page 94, line 20, strike "\$281,536,441" and insert "\$260,286,441".

Page 94, line 20, strike "\$137,235,171" and insert "\$115,985,171".

Page 96, line 22, strike "42,500,000" and "42,500,000" and insert: "21,250,000" and "21,250,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces proposed advance deposits to the Major Headquarters Workforce Grant Fund by \$21.3 million each year. With a deposit of \$42.5 million from the general fund over the biennium combined with previous appropriations, \$163.0 million will be available for payments to Amazon starting in fiscal year 2027.)

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FY24-25

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Economic Development Incentive
Payments

\$208

\$255 GF

Language:

Page 94, line 20, strike "\$281,536,441" and insert "\$281,536,649".
Page 94, line 20, strike "\$137,235,171" and insert "\$137,235,426".
Page 97, line 23, strike "\$1,633,008" and "\$1,403,988" and insert:
"\$1,633,216" and "\$1,404,243".

Explanation:

(This amendment adjusts initial grant payments included in House Bill 30 for the Wells Fargo economic development project.)

Item 101 #8c

Commerce and Trade

Economic Development Incentive Payments

Language

Language:

Page 96, line 32, after "acres" strike the remainder of the line.
Page 96, line 33, strike "Regions 1 and 2".

Explanation:

(This amendment updates language in the budget for the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program to conform with the provisions of House Bill 233 of the 2024 General Assembly.)

Item 101 #9c

Commerce and Trade

Economic Development Incentive Payments

Language

Language:

Page 96, line 45, after "Virginia." insert:
"The funds provided in this paragraph are directed to a company made eligible for grants from the Cloud Computing Infrastructure Grant Fund in Item 113, Paragraph S., Chapter 1, 2023 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I. The eligibility criteria, methodology for calculating the grant payments owed to the company, and total aggregate cap of grant payments that may be

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awarded to the eligible company as directed in Item 113, Paragraph S., Chapter 1, 2023 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, shall continue."

Explanation:

(This amendment connects the grant payments provided to AWS in House Bill 30 to the budget language in Chapter 1, 2023 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I which makes the company eligible for grant awards from the Cloud Computing Infrastructure Grant Fund.)

Item 101 #10c

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Economic Development Incentive Payments

Language

Language:

Page 96, after line 38, insert:

"4. For purposes of the definition of "eligible site" under the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program Fund set forth in § [2.2-2240.2:1](#), Code of Virginia, an otherwise eligible site shall not be considered noncontiguous solely because it is bisected by a roadway and other utility related infrastructure."

Explanation:

(This language amendment permits the participation of sites that may be bisected by a roadway or other utility related infrastructure in the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program.)

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Economic Development Incentive Payments

(\$10,000,000)

\$2,500,000 GF

Language:

Page 94, line 20, strike "\$281,536,441" and insert "\$271,536,441".

Page 94, line 20, strike "\$137,235,171" and insert "\$139,735,171".

Page 96, line 46, strike "\$10,000,000 the first year" and insert:

"\$2,500,000 the second year".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.5 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 for the continued development of an inland port in Southwest Virginia.)

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Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 99, after line 39, insert:

"M.1. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 10.1-1330, Code of Virginia, the department shall utilize \$5,000,000 of unobligated balances in the Low-Income Energy Efficiency Program Fund (02017) for the purpose of establishing a pilot program to assist residents of a manufacturing home park or organizations exempt from taxation under 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code with acquiring manufactured home parks located in Virginia.

2. The department shall award the funds provided in this paragraph as revolving loans to either: (i) associations consisting of residents of one or more manufactured home parks in Virginia, or (ii) organizations exempt from taxation under 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code that provide, construct, or renovate affordable housing in Virginia.

3. The department shall develop criteria and guidelines for this pilot program on or before December 1, 2024. At a minimum, the guidelines shall prohibit any loans that result in the involuntary displacement of any person residing in the park at the time of its acquisition. The interest rate of loans issued under this pilot program shall not exceed the lowest annual interest rate offered on a loan from the Virginia Housing Trust Fund.

4. Up to twenty-five percent of funds provided in this paragraph may be distributed to organizations exempt from taxation under 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code that provide, construct, or renovate affordable housing in Virginia that have been assigned a right of first refusal to purchase a manufactured home park by a locality, pursuant to the provisions of House Bill 1397 of the 2024 General Assembly. Upon receipt of notice from a nonprofit that they have: (i) been assigned right of first refusal by a locality to purchase manufactured home parks, or (ii) received notice from the locality that such owner has entered into a contract to sell the park contingent upon providing the right of first refusal, the department shall expedite the application for a loan, and notify the applicant of its decision within 30 days of receiving the application.

5. The department shall report to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2025, the results of the pilot program. At a minimum, the report shall contain information on the number of applications, the number and dollar amount of loans made, number of parks acquired, and the estimated costs of continuing the program.

6. The department may recover administrative costs from the amounts provided in this paragraph."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$5.0 million the first year from unobligated balances of the Regional

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Greenhouse Gas Initiative for the Department of Housing and Community Development to launch a new program to assist nonprofits and associations of tenants residing in manufactured home parks acquire land on which homes reside.)

	Item 102 #2c	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$150,000	\$150,000 GF

Language:

Page 97, line 38, strike "\$297,250,885" and insert "\$297,400,885".

Page 97, line 38, strike "\$297,250,885" and insert "\$297,400,885".

Page 99, after line 39, insert:

"M. Out of this appropriation, \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the department's housing division."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$300,000 from the general fund over the biennium for the Department of Housing and Community Development's housing division.)

	Item 102 #3c	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$12,500,000	\$12,500,000 GF

Language:

Page 97, line 38, strike "\$297,250,885" and insert "\$309,750,885".

Page 97, line 38, strike "\$297,250,885" and insert "\$309,750,885".

Page 98, line 29, strike "\$75,000,000" and "\$75,000,000" and insert: "\$87,500,000" and "\$87,500,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$25.0 million over the biennium from the general fund for deposit to the Virginia Housing Trust Fund.)

	Item 102 #4c	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26

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Department of Housing and Community Development	\$150,000	\$150,000	GF
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Language:

Page 97, line 38, strike "\$297,250,885" and insert "\$297,400,885".
Page 97, line 38, strike "\$297,250,885" and insert "\$297,400,885".
Page 99, line 12, strike "\$3,300,000" and "\$3,300,000" and insert:
"\$3,450,000" and "\$3,450,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$150,000 from the general fund in each year for the Virginia Eviction Reduction Program, which provides funding to local and regional eviction prevention programs through a competitive grant process administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development. Grantees use these funds to prevent evictions in their communities and funds may be used to pay any cost or debt putting a household at risk of eviction, including and especially past due rent.)

Item 102 #5c

Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$125,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 97, line 38, strike "\$297,250,885" and insert "\$297,375,885".
Page 99, after line 39, insert:
"M. Out this appropriation, \$125,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Richmond for Housing Opportunities Made Equal to provide statewide education and outreach about the protected classes covered under Virginia's Fair Housing law."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$125,000 the first year from the general fund to Housing Opportunities Made Equal for statewide education and outreach on Virginia's Fair Housing Law.)

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Commerce and Trade		
Department of Housing and Community Development		Language

Language:

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Page 99, after line 39, insert:

"M.1. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 10.1-1330, Code of Virginia, the department shall utilize \$5,000,000 of unobligated balances in the Low-Income Energy Efficiency Program Fund (02017) for the purpose of creating a down payment assistance pilot program. The grants awarded under this pilot program shall be issued as a forgivable, second trust mortgage. New homes purchases with a grant from this program must meet Earth Craft or Energy Star energy efficiency standards or their equivalent.

2. The department, in administrating the funds provided in this paragraph, may elect to contract with an organization exempt from taxation under 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code with expertise in providing, constructing, or renovating affordable housing.

3. The department shall develop criteria and guidelines for the pilot program on or before December 1, 2024. At a minimum, the guidelines shall include eligibility criteria that targets grants to recipients earning less than 60 percent of the Area Median Income. The guidelines shall also stipulate a process for forgiving the grants awarded by the department that includes: (i) regular payments by the recipients on the first mortgage and (ii) residing in the home for at least fifteen years from date of closing. The guidelines shall detail a process for recovering any awards made under the pilot program.

4. The department shall develop performance metrics and monitoring mechanism to evaluate the long term effectiveness of the program and its outcomes.

5. The department shall report on or before December 1, 2025, to the General Assembly the results of this pilot program. The report, at a minimum, shall contain information on the number of applicants, number and dollar amount of grants made, number of homes purchased, and an estimated cost of continuing the program.

6. The department may recover administrative costs from the amounts provided in this paragraph."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$5.0 million the first year from the unobligated balances of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative for the Department of Housing and Community Development to create a new grant program to provide second forgivable mortgages to home buyers.)

	Item 102 #7c	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$675,000	\$675,000 GF

Language:

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Page 97, line 38, strike "\$297,250,885" and insert "\$297,925,885".

Page 97, line 38, strike "\$297,250,885" and insert "\$297,925,885".

Page 98, line 20, strike "\$1,100,000" and "\$1,100,000" and insert: "\$1,775,000" and "\$1,775,000".

Page 98, line 26, after "benefits." insert:

"The department shall provide these funds as grants in a formula determined by the department with input from stakeholders. Any balances for the purposes specified in this paragraph which are unexpended on June 30, 2025, and June 30, 2026, shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$675,000 from the general fund each year to Continuum of Care lead agencies to expand their organizational capacity to serve the growing population of Virginians at risk of or experiencing homelessness. This investment will translate to \$25,000 for each of the 27 Continuum of Care lead agencies in the Commonwealth, and provide for programmatic and operational capacity to leverage local, federal, and private resources.)

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Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 104, after line 48, insert:

"10. The department shall add layers to the Map to demonstrate broadband availability in: (i) rural areas and (ii) on farmlands. The department, in collaboration with the Center for Rural Virginia, shall determine an appropriate definition of rural for effectuating the purposes of this paragraph. The Map shall utilize information from the Virginia Land and Energy Navigator, produced by the Virginia Cooperative Extension at Virginia Tech to showcase broadband availability on Virginia prime farmland. The Virginia Cooperative Extension at Virginia Tech shall provide this data to the department at no cost."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Housing and Community Development to add layers to the state's broadband map to reflect broadband availability on Virginia prime farmland and in rural areas.)

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Department of Housing and
Community Development

\$525,000

\$525,000 GF

Language:

Page 99, line 40, strike "\$127,802,325" and insert "\$128,327,325".

Page 99, line 40, strike "\$78,802,325" and insert "\$79,327,325".

Page 100, strike lines 6 through 43, and insert:

"1. To the Lenowisco Planning District Commission, \$114,971 the first year and \$114,971 the second year, which includes \$38,610 the first year and \$38,610 the second year for responsibilities originally undertaken and continued pursuant to § [15.2-4207](#), Code of Virginia, and the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority.

2. To the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission, \$114,971 the first year and \$114,971 the second year, which includes \$42,390 the first year and \$42,390 the second year for responsibilities originally undertaken and continued pursuant to § [15.2-4207](#), Code of Virginia, and the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority.

3. To the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission, \$114,971 the first year and \$114,971 the second year.

4. To the New River Valley Planning District Commission, \$114,971 the first year and \$114,971 the second year.

5. To the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, \$114,971 the first year and \$114,971 the second year.

6. To the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission, \$114,971 the first year and \$114,971 the second year.

7. To the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission, \$114,971 the first year and \$114,971 the second year.

8. To the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, \$190,943 the first year and \$190,943 the second year.

9. To the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission, \$114,971 the first year and \$114,971 the second year.

10. To the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission, \$114,971 the first year and \$114,971 the second year.

11. To the Region 2000 Local Government Council, \$114,971 the first year and \$114,971 the second year.

12. To the West Piedmont Planning District Commission, \$114,971 the first year and \$114,971 the second year.

13. To the Southside Planning District Commission, \$114,971 the first year and \$114,971 the second year.

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14. To the Commonwealth Regional Council, \$114,971 the first year and \$114,971 the second year.

15. To the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission, \$152,957 the first year and \$152,957 the second year.

16. To the George Washington Regional Commission, \$114,971 the first year and \$114,971 the second year.

17. To the Northern Neck Planning District Commission, \$114,971 the first year and \$114,971 the second year.

18. To the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission, \$114,971 the first year and \$114,971 the second year.

19. To the Crater Planning District Commission, \$114,971 the first year and \$114,971 the second year.

20. To the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission, \$114,971 the first year and \$114,971 the second year.

21. To the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission \$190,943 the first year, and \$190,943 the second year."

Page 101, strike lines 1 through 4.

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$25,000 each year from the general fund for the operations of Virginia's 21 Planning District Commissions.)

	Item 103 #3c	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$100,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 99, line 40, strike "\$127,802,325" and insert "\$127,902,325".

Page 106, after line 4, insert:

"V. Out of this appropriation, \$100,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to Prince William County to support workforce development training programs in the eastern part of the county."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 the first year from the general fund to support workforce

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development programs in Eastern Prince William County.)

		Item 103 #4c	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$0	\$125,000	GF

Language:

Page 99, line 40, strike "\$78,802,325" and insert "\$78,927,325".

Page 106, after line 4, insert:

"V. Out of the amounts in this item, \$125,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority to address telehealth and telemedicine needs in Planning Districts 1 and 2."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$125,000 from the general fund in the second year for the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority to address telehealth and telemedicine needs throughout Southwest Virginia.)

		Item 103 #5c	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$200,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 99, line 40, strike "\$127,802,325" and insert "\$128,002,325".

Page 106, after line 4, insert:

"V.1. Out of the amounts in this item, \$100,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to Tazewell County to explore expansion of a natural gas pipeline to the Wardell Industrial Park to determine if utilizing available natural gas resources benefits economic development of the County.

2. Out of the amounts in this item, \$100,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to Russell County to explore expansion of a natural gas pipeline from the connection point of the current natural gas pipeline near Castlewood, Virginia, west along US Highway 58 to the Russell and Wise County line to determine if using available natural gas resources benefits economic development of the County."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$200,000 from the general fund the first year to Tazewell and

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Russell Counties to explore expansion of natural gas pipelines to benefit economic development in the communities.)

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\$25,000

\$25,000 GF

Language:

Page 99, line 40, strike "\$127,802,325" and insert "\$127,827,325".

Page 99, line 40, strike "\$78,802,325" and insert "\$78,827,325".

Page 101, line 14, strike "\$445,000" and "\$445,000" and insert:
"\$470,000" and "\$470,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$25,000 from the general fund each year to support the Center for Rural Virginia's work to sustain economic growth in the rural areas of the Commonwealth.)

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Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 103, line 42, after "Fund" insert:

"on or before December 1st of each year".

Page 103, line 46, after "outcomes." insert:

"The department shall utilize the information provided in this report to create a public facing performance dashboard to be updated annually that, at a minimum, includes individual projects organized by Region, total GO Virginia resources committed to the project, anticipated outcomes, and final outcomes submitted to the department at the close of the project. This information shall further be disaggregated by year and shall feature all projects receiving GO Virginia grants."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires GO Virginia to develop a public facing dashboard to report on the outcomes achieved by individual projects receiving funds from this grant program.)

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Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 102, line 26, strike "an annual" and insert "a quarterly".

Page 102, line 29, strike "on or before November 1st of each year, ".

Page 102, line 30, strike "annual" and insert "quarterly".

Page 102, line 35, strike "annual" and insert "quarterly".

Page 102, line 35, after "milestones." insert:

"The quarterly report shall be due within 30 days of the close of the quarter."

Page 102, line 36, after "underperformance." insert:

"The department in providing such risk assessment shall include a reason for the project's delay."

Explanation:

(This amendment updates reporting language for Virginia Telecommunications Initiative funded projects, which requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to report to the General Assembly any projects at risk for incompleteness or underperformance and the reason for the project's delay. It also updates frequency of the required reporting.)

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Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 105, strike lines 34 through 36, and insert:

"T. 1. The department is hereby authorized to use federal funding received by Virginia from the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program of the Federal Infrastructure and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58).

2. In its implementation of Public Law 117-58, the department shall first confirm that sufficient funds are allocated to ensure the deployment of service to all unserved locations and all underserved locations, followed by coverage to Community Anchor Institutions in a manner consistent with Public Law 117-58 and related federal guidance.

3. Of the federal funding remaining after Paragraph T.2., the department shall take such measures as necessary to allocate the additional funding to include the purposes outlined below, drawn from the National Telecommunications Information Administration BEAD Notice of Funding Opportunity ("NOFO"):

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- (i) User training with respect to cybersecurity, privacy, and other digital safety matters;
- (ii) Remote learning or telehealth services/facilities;
- (iii) Digital literacy/upskilling (from beginner-level to advanced);
- (iv) Computer science, coding and cybersecurity education programs;
- (v) Implementation of Eligible Entity digital equity plans to supplement, but not to duplicate or supplant, Planning Grant funds received by the Eligible Entity in connection with the Digital Equity Act of 2021;
- (vi) Broadband sign-up assistance and programs that provide technology support;
- (vii) Multi-lingual outreach to support adoption and digital literacy;
- (viii) Prisoner education to promote pre-release digital literacy, job skills, online job acquisition skills, etc.;
- (ix) Digital navigators;
- (x) Direct subsidies for use toward broadband subscription, where the Eligible Entity shows the subsidies will improve affordability for the end user population and to supplement, but not to duplicate or supplant, the subsidies provided by the Affordable Connectivity Program;
- (xi) Costs associated with stakeholder engagement, including travel, capacity-building, or contract support;
- (xii) Other allowable costs necessary to carrying out programmatic activities of an award, not to include ineligible costs described in Section V.H.2 of the NOFO; and
- (xiii) Broadband resiliency to include utility pole replacements, mid-span pole installations, and undergrounding.

4. Prior to entering a contract with a sub recipient from the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program of the Federal Infrastructure and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58), the department shall receive approval from the National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) validating eligibility under the BEAD program."

Explanation:

(This amendment outlines the uses of Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program funds.)

Item 103 #10c

Commerce and Trade

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Department of Housing and
Community Development

(\$24,000,000)

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 99, line 40, strike "\$127,802,325" and insert "\$103,802,325".

Page 105, strike lines 37 through 56.

Page 106, strike lines 1 through 4, and insert:

"U.1. Out of this appropriation, \$1,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the department to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Reynolds Community College to establish a child care facility for the benefit of state employees near the seat of state government in Richmond, Virginia.

2. The funds provided in this paragraph shall be used to retrofit space on the campus for the child care facility. At a minimum, the department, in negotiating the MOU with Reynolds Community College, shall: (i) establish market rates by child care age groups to support center operations; (ii) develop a detailed operations plan to include class size and appropriate staff ratios; (iii) provide training opportunities for community college students; (iv) set a timeline for the development of the center and its opening; (v) accept the child care subsidy as defined § [22.1-289.02](#), Code of Virginia; and (vi) provide frequent reporting and updates on center operations.

3. The department shall provide annual reports on or before November 1, 2024, and thereafter on the status of this center including operations, development timeline, and state employees served or expected to be served. The department shall also provide recommendations on utilizing additional state resources for retrofitting space on community college campuses for child care across the Commonwealth to serve community college students and the broader public in its 2025 annual report.

4. The funding provided in this paragraph shall be used for no other purpose than those outlined above."

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$24.0 million and provides \$1.0 million from the general fund to develop a child care center for state employees.)

Item 103 #12c

Commerce and Trade

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Housing and
Community Development

(\$10,000,000)

\$10,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 99, line 40, strike "\$127,802,325" and insert "\$117,802,325".

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Page 99, line 40, strike "\$78,802,325" and insert "\$88,802,325".

Page 101, line 42, strike "\$20,000,000 the first year" and insert:

"\$10,000,000 the first year and \$10,000,000 the second year".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$10.0 million from the general fund each year for the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative.)

Item 103 #13c

Commerce and Trade

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Housing and
Community Development

\$30,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 99, line 40, strike "\$127,802,325" and insert "\$157,802,325".

Page 101, line 42, strike "20,000,000" and insert "50,000,000".

Page 101, line 48, after "reappropriated" insert "with the exception of the amounts designated in 7. of this paragraph L."

Page 102, after line 41, insert:

7.a. Out of the amounts in this paragraph, the department shall utilize up to \$30,000,000 in the first year from the general fund to establish a program to provide supplements to current Virginia Telecommunication Initiative grant projects for "make ready" costs. Projects receiving money from these funds shall be limited to projects funded with resources from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund or the Capital Projects Fund of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which were awarded during the fiscal year 2022 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative grant round. The department shall limit "make ready" costs to utility pole replacements and mid-span pole installations. Any balances, for the purposes specified in this paragraph 7., which are unexpended on June 30, 2025, shall revert to the general fund.

b. The department shall establish an application process for the unit of government under contract with the department for the delivery of passings in mutual agreement with its private-sector partner to apply for a grant to supplement "make ready" costs occurring on or after January 1, 2024. Applicants shall be required to submit the following information: (i) the number, cost, and location of pole replacements or mid-span pole installations; (ii) documentation sufficient to establish that the pole replacements or mid-span pole installations described in the application have been completed or will be completed within 120 days of the receipt of funds; (iii) documentation sufficient to establish the costs for which funds are requested; (iv) documentation that demonstrates estimated project costs for utility pole replacements and mid-span pole installations included in the approved fiscal year 2022 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative grant application; and (v) any other information, protections, or criteria determined by the department as necessary to effectuate the provisions of this paragraph

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c. The department shall award funds on a competitive basis to projects that, in the determination of the department, are “at-risk” for completion by December 31, 2026.

d. The department shall develop scoring criteria to prioritize eligible applications that (i) facilitate broadband service to the greatest number of unserved/underserved contiguous locations per mile; (ii) include a match from the project's private sector partner, which will be determined by the department; (iii) will accelerate the completion of projects; (iv) are cost effective; and (v) incorporate other criteria determined by the department. The department shall review and award funds monthly starting on September 1, 2024, and award funds no later than June 1, 2025.

e. Any awards made to an eligible applicant shall be limited to a percentage of the make ready costs included in the unit of government's fiscal year 2022 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative grant application as determined by the department. In no circumstance shall the department award more than \$30,000 per mile for pole replacements and/or mid-span installation costs included in any application for these funds.

f. The department may award the funds provided in this paragraph 7. to supplement undergrounding costs for redesigned projects that change the deployment method from aerial to underground. Redesigned projects must be approved by the department prior to any release of these funds for undergrounding costs. The relevant provisions of paragraphs 7.a. through 7.e. shall apply for any undergrounding application process established by the department. No more than \$30,000 per mile shall be awarded for undergrounding costs."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$30.0 million the first year from the general fund to the Virginia Make Ready Initiative to supplement costs for make ready work related to projects funded under the fiscal year 2022 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative.)

Item 103 #14c

Commerce and Trade

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 106, after line 4, insert:

"V.1. The provisions of Item 115, paragraph Y.1. through Y.5. of House Bill 29 of the 2024 General Assembly shall continue in the event the state's subgrantee selection process for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program is delayed beyond June 1, 2024, and shall last until the subgrantee process for BEAD begins.

2. Any American Rescue Plan Act funds returned during this process shall be deposited to the

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State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (12110) or the Capital Projects Fund (12120) for transfer in accordance with the provisions of Item 472 of this act."

Explanation:

(This amendment continues language included in House Bill 29 that outlines a process for the Department of Housing and Community Development to ensure locations are made eligible for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program that are connected to fiscal year 2022 American Rescue Plan Act funded Virginia Telecommunications Initiative projects.)

Item 104 #1c

Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$1,000,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 106, line 5, strike "\$15,313,490" and insert "\$16,313,490".

Page 106, line 10, after "Item," strike "\$14,750,000" and insert "\$15,750,000".

Page 106, line 18, after "Item." insert:

"Notwithstanding the provisions of § 59.1-548, Code of Virginia, or any other provision of law, moneys for enterprise zone real property investment grants shall be used to support the inclusion of rooftop solar or solar canopies for parking lots as a component of a real property project awarded a grant through the program."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$1.0 million from the general fund the first year for the Enterprise Zone grant program and directs the Department of Housing and Community Development to prioritize investing in real property improvements through the Enterprise Zone program that include either rooftop solar or solar canopies for parking lots as a part of the project's overall design and scope.)

Item 106 #1c

Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$150,000 1.00	\$150,000 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 106, line 26, strike "\$418,822" and insert "\$568,822".

Page 106, line 26, strike "\$418,822" and insert "\$568,822".

Page 106, after line 29, insert:

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"Out of the amounts in this item, \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the second year from the general fund and one position is provided for the Commission on Local Government pursuant to Senate Bill 645 of the 2024 General Assembly Session."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$150,000 from the general fund each year and one position for the Commission on Local Government to implement the provisions of Senate Bill 645.)

Item 108 #1c

Commerce and Trade

Department of Energy

Language

Language:

Page 107, after line 35, insert:

"G. The department shall identify and apply for any available federal or other non-generational funds for the purposes of waste coal and garbage of bituminous coal remediation in the coal fields region of the Commonwealth. The department shall report on such efforts and resulting funding by November 1, 2024, and by November 1 of each succeeding year to the Governor and General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires the Department of Energy to pursue funding to remediate waste coal and garbage of bituminous coal and report on its findings on or before November 1, 2024, to the Governor and General Assembly.)

Item 109 #1c

Commerce and Trade

Department of Energy

Language

Language:

Page 108, after line 14, insert:

"E. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to expand capacity at the department to focus on solar and energy efficiency projects. This funding shall support the following activities: (i) securing and maximizing federal grants; (ii) building relationships with federal agencies; and (iii) supporting economic development of renewable energy industries and their relevant supply chains."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs \$250,000 each year included in House Bill 30, as introduced, to

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expand capacity at the Department of Energy to focus on solar and energy efficiency projects.)

Item 110 #1c

Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Energy	(\$6,000,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 108, line 15, strike "\$11,866,474" and insert "\$5,866,474".

Page 108, strike lines 21 through 22.

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$6.0 million from the general fund provided in House Bill 30 for the Virginia Power Innovation Fund to other initiatives. The General Assembly capitalized this Fund with \$4.0 million in Chapter 1, Acts of Assembly, 2023 Special Session I.)

Item 111 #1c

Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity	\$1,299,202 5.00	\$598,403 5.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 108, line 33, strike "\$8,826,797" and insert "\$10,125,999".

Page 108, line 33, strike "\$8,826,797" and insert "\$9,425,200".

Page 110, after line 14, insert:

"I. Out of this appropriation, \$1,299,202 the first year and \$598,403 the second year from the general fund is provided to the department to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1404 of the 2024 General Assembly. Of these amounts, \$500,000 shall be used by the department to produce a new statewide disparity study."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.2 million the first year and \$598,403 the second year from the general fund and five positions to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1404 of the 2024 General Assembly, which codifies many of the provisions included in Executive Order 35 related to Small, Women, and Minority owned business utilization in state contracts.)

Item 112 #1c

Commerce and Trade

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Fort Monroe Authority

Language

Language:

Page 111, after line 2, insert:

"C. Out of this appropriation, \$318,981 the first year and \$359,982 the second year from the general fund is provided for the authority to address the costs of its public works contracts.

D. Out of this appropriation, \$93,654 the first year from the general fund is provided for the authority to address critical tree maintenance."

Explanation:

(This amendment sets out additional appropriations for the Fort Monroe Authority included in House Bill 30, as introduced.)

	Item 112 #2c	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Fort Monroe Authority	\$358,053	\$358,053 GF

Language:

Page 110, line 26, strike "\$7,435,210" and insert "\$7,793,263".

Page 110, line 26, strike "\$7,382,557" and insert "\$7,740,610".

Page 110, line 30, strike "\$7,435,210" and insert "\$7,793,263".

Page 110, line 30, strike "\$7,382,557" and insert "\$7,740,610".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional operating support for increased utility commodity prices. Fort Monroe Authority, working through its public works contractor, maintains the Commonwealth-owned natural gas, water, and sewer infrastructure and the Authority is responsible for energy and water commodity costs.)

	Item 113 #1c	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Virginia Economic Development Partnership	\$200,000	\$200,000 GF

Language:

Page 111, line 6, strike "\$54,201,862" and insert "\$54,401,862".

Page 111, line 6, strike "\$54,701,862" and insert "\$54,901,862".

Page 113, after line 3, insert:

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"Q. Out of this appropriation, \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the authority to enhance cyber security initiatives."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$400,000 over the biennium from the general fund for the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to improve its cyber security functions.)

Item 113 #2c

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Virginia Economic Development Partnership

(\$200,000)

(\$200,000) GF

Language:

Page 111, line 6, strike "\$54,201,862" and insert "\$54,001,862".

Page 111, line 6, strike "\$54,701,862" and insert "\$54,501,862".

Page 113, after line 3, insert:

"Q. Out of this appropriation, \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to support the opening of the Virginia-Taiwan Trade Office."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$600,000 from the general fund over the biennium to support the opening of the Virginia-Taiwan Trade Office.)

Item 113 #3c

Commerce and Trade

Virginia Economic Development Partnership

Language

Language:

Page 112, strike line 53.

Page 113, strike lines 1 through 3.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language requiring approval of the Secretary of Finance for the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to access \$1.5 million per year to expand its administration capacity.)

Item 113 #4c

Commerce and Trade

Virginia Economic Development Partnership

Language

Language:

Page 113, after line 3, insert:

"Q. Notwithstanding any provision of subsection D of § 2.2-2237.1, Code of Virginia, to the contrary, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority may include in its annual report on its operational plan the most recent audit report from the Auditor of Public Account's examination of the Authority's accounts and books pursuant to § 2.2-2242, Code of Virginia, in lieu of the audited financial statements of the Authority for the year ending the previous June 30."

Explanation:

(This amendment clarifies the audit provisions in the Code of Virginia related to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority.)

Item 113 #5c

Commerce and Trade

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Economic Development Partnership

\$1,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 111, line 6, strike "\$54,201,862" and insert "\$55,201,862".

Page 112, line 24, strike "\$1,983,600" and insert "\$2,983,600".

Page 112, after line 44, insert:

"5. Of these amounts, \$1,000,000 the first year shall be used to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1083 of the 2024 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$1.0 million in the first year for the Virginia Office of Education Economics to assume management of the Virginia Longitudinal Data System, and effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1083 of the 2024 General Assembly.)

Item 113 #6c

Commerce and Trade

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Economic Development Partnership

(\$1,000,000)

(\$1,000,000) GF

Language:

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Page 111, line 6, strike "\$54,201,862" and insert "\$53,201,862".

Page 111, line 6, strike "\$54,701,862" and insert "\$53,701,862".

Page 113, after line 3, insert:

"Q. Out of this appropriation, \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,250,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to support reorganizing economic development services at the authority."

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$1.0 million from the general fund each year for other priorities from the funding provided in House Bill 30 as introduced to launch the innovative framework for economic growth. The Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority retains \$2.25 million over the biennium for the new initiative.)

Item 113 #7c

Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Economic Development Partnership	(\$250,000)	(\$250,000)	GF

Language:

Page 111, line 6, strike "\$54,201,862" and insert "\$53,951,862".

Page 111, line 6, strike "\$54,701,862" and insert "\$54,451,862".

Page 112, line 17, strike "\$1,812,500" and insert "\$1,562,500".

Page 112, line 17, strike "\$1,812,500" and insert "\$1,562,500".

Page 112, line 21, after "of Virginia" strike "and".

Page 112, line 21, after "Code of Virginia," insert:

"and House Bill 1125 of the 2024 General Assembly".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces by \$250,000 each year the general fund support provided for administration of the Business Ready Sites program.)

Item 114 #1c

Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Tourism Authority	\$150,000	\$150,000	GF

Language:

Page 113, line 8, strike "\$25,964,929" and insert "\$26,114,929".

Page 113, line 8, strike "\$24,864,929" and insert "\$25,014,929".

Page 113, line 37, strike "\$3,900,000" and "\$3,100,000" and insert:

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"\$4,050,000" and "\$3,250,000".

Page 113, line 41, strike "\$300,000" and "\$300,000" and insert:
"\$450,000" and "\$450,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$150,000 in each year for the Heart of Appalachia Tourism Authority, bringing total annual support to \$450,000 from the general fund.)

Item 114 #2c

Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Virginia Tourism Authority	\$100,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 113, line 8, strike "\$25,964,929" and insert "\$26,064,929".

Page 114, after line 37, insert:

"N. Out of this appropriation, \$100,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Virginia Beach for the development of a Hampton Roads African American Heritage travel guide."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 in fiscal year 2025 for the city of Virginia Beach to develop a Hampton Roads African American Heritage travel guide.)

Item 114 #3c

Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Virginia Tourism Authority	\$5,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 113, line 8, strike "\$25,964,929" and insert "\$30,964,929".

Page 114, after line 37, insert:

"N. Out of this appropriation, \$5,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for sponsorship and partnership with and promotion of the Ladies Professional Golf Association's (LPGA) 2024 Solheim Cup hosted in Gainesville, Virginia. The authority shall use these funds to: (i) promote Prince William County and other Virginia Tourism assets during this event, and (ii) provide grants to Prince William County to address public safety and transportation services required for the domestic and international travelers attending the event."

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$5.0 million in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund to support the Ladies Professional Golf Association's (LPGA) 2024 Solheim Cup hosted in Gainesville, Virginia.)

	Item 114 #4c	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Virginia Tourism Authority	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 113, line 8, strike "\$25,964,929" and insert "\$26,964,929".
Page 113, line 8, strike "\$24,864,929" and insert "\$25,864,929".
Page 113, line 37, strike "\$3,900,000" and insert "\$4,900,000."
Page 113, line 37, strike "\$3,100,000" and insert "\$4,100,000."
Page 113, line 43, strike "\$1,900,000" and insert "\$2,900,000".
Page 113, line 44, strike "\$1,100,000" and insert "\$2,100,000".
Page 114, line 5, strike "on or before August 1, 2024" and insert:
"by September 1 each year."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million each year from the general fund to increase support for the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority for the Spearhead Trails initiative, bringing total support to \$5.0 million over the biennium. The amendment also continues the financial reporting requirements.)

	Item 114 #5c
Commerce and Trade	Language
Virginia Tourism Authority	

Language:

Page 114, after line 37, insert:
"N. Out of the amounts in this item, \$330,012 the first year and \$330,012 the second year from the general fund is provided to promote and advertise tourism in Virginia. These amounts include \$130,012 in the first year and \$130,012 in the second year for a partnership operated by the Virginia Association of Broadcasters to advertise Virginia Tourism, provided the Association contributes a total of at least \$390,036 in television and radio advertising value to promote tourism in Virginia in the first year and \$390,036 in the second year. Also included in these amounts is \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year to promote Virginia Parks, and \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year to promote Virginia's wineries.

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O. Out of the amounts in this item, \$497,544 the first year and \$497,544 the second year from the general fund is provided to purchase media in the Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Baltimore, Maryland markets through a partnership operated by the Virginia Association of Broadcasters, in association with its affiliates in other states in the region, provided that the Association can obtain contributions of at least \$1,492,632 the first year and \$1,492,632 the second year in television, radio, and station-related internet advertising value to promote tourism in Virginia."

Explanation:

(This amendment restores two public private partnerships operated by the Virginia Association of Broadcasters in affiliation with the Virginia Tourism Authority to advertise Virginia. The funding is contingent on the Association contributing advertising to promote tourism in Virginia that is at least three times the value of the general funds appropriated. These funds would be used to promote tourism throughout Virginia as well as the Washington, D.C., Virginia and Baltimore media markets. The funds supporting these two public private partnerships were not reduced in the House Bill 30, as introduced.)

Item 115 #1c

Commerce and Trade

Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority

Language

Language:

Page 118, strike lines 36 through 37.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language associated with the one-time funding initiative at the Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing.)

Item 115 #2c

Commerce and Trade

Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority

Language

Language:

Page 120, after line 1, insert:

"Q. Any additional funds transferred to the Authority as a result of actions pursuant to Item 126.10, paragraph S.5 of the Chapter 854, 2019 Acts of Assembly may be used: (1) to enable the establishment of a fund of funds that will permit the Commonwealth to invest in one or more syndicated private investment funds; (2) to enhance direct investment programs by placing

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additional investments in partnership with Virginia accelerators and university technology commercialization programs; and (3) to enable the establishment of a sustainable program to enhance discovery of, and early investment in, technologies aligned with the Virginia Innovation Index. Decisions to invest in private funds shall be subject to approval by the Board of Directors. Investments in such funds shall be monitored by the Board of Directors."

Explanation:

(This amendment reinserts budget language that was eliminated in House Bill 30, as introduced that directs how the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority can utilize the funds it received from the sale of the Center for Innovative Technology building.)

Item 115 #3c

Commerce and Trade

Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority

Language

Language:

Page 117, after line 46, insert:

"9. On or before August 1st of each year, the Virginia Bioscience Health Research Corporation shall submit information on the financial performance of the organization to the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority to include (i) budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures to planned revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year; (ii) total investments broken out into various investment activities; and (iii) cash balances by funding source."

Page 118, after line 37, insert:

"7. On or before August 1st of each year, the Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing shall submit information on the financial performance of the organization to the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority to include (i) budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures to planned revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year; (ii) total investments broken out into various investment activities; and (iii) cash balances by funding source."

Page 119, after line 10, insert:

"5. On or before August 1st of each year, the Commonwealth Cyber Initiative shall submit information on the financial performance of the organization to the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority to include (i) budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures to planned revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year; (ii) total investments broken out into various investment activities; and (iii) cash balances by funding source."

Page 119, after line 21, insert:

"3. On or before August 1st of each year, the Commonwealth Center for Advanced Logistics shall submit information on the financial performance of the organization to the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority to include (i) budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures to planned revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year; (ii) total investments broken out into various investment activities; and (iii) cash balances by funding source."

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Explanation:

(This amendment requires each Center of Excellence receiving pass-through funding from the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority to submit annual financial information to the authority.)

		Item 115 #4c	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority	(\$78,997,520)	\$69,050,754	GF

Language:

Page 114, line 41, strike "\$142,486,085" and insert "\$63,488,565".

Page 114, line 41, strike "\$42,486,085" and insert "\$111,536,839".

Page 119, strike lines 28 through 56.

Page 120, strike line 1, and insert:

"P. Out of this appropriation, \$6,500,000 the first year and \$40,000,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the University of Virginia's Institute for Biotechnology. The University of Virginia shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority that includes performance objectives for the hiring of up to 30 researchers or more over the biennium, including research faculty and staff, to support the work of the Institute, with a final target to be established during the MOU process, and additional near-term and long-term performance objectives agreed to by both parties. In addition to performance metrics for the state's investments, the MOU shall also identify: (i) the research specialization of the initiative; (ii) sources of private philanthropic and other funding; (iii) opportunities for joint research projects and clinical trials; and (iv) commitments to non-competition for research in life sciences. These amounts shall remain unallotted by the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget until such time as an executed MOU has been received from the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority. On or before August 1st of each year, upon the signature of the MOU, the University of Virginia shall submit information on the financial performance of the initiative to the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority to include: (i) budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures to planned revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year; (ii) total investments broken out into various investment activities; and (iii) cash balances.

Q. Out of this appropriation, \$6,000,000 the first year and \$20,500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University's Patient Research Center. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority that includes performance objectives for the hiring of up to 40 researchers or more over five years, including research faculty and staff to support the work of the Center, with a final target to be established during the MOU process, and additional near-term and long-term performance

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objectives agreed to by both parties. In addition to performance metrics for the state's investments, the MOU shall also identify: (i) the research specialization of the initiative; (ii) sources of private philanthropic and other funding; (iii) opportunities for joint research projects and clinical trials; and (iv) commitments to non-competition for research in life sciences. These amounts shall remain unallotted by the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget until such time as an executed MOU has been received from the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority. On or before August 1st of each year, upon the signature of the MOU, the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University shall submit information on the financial performance of the initiative to the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority to include (i) budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures to planned revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year; (ii) total investments broken out into various investment activities; and (iii) cash balances.

R. Out of this appropriation, \$6,500,000 the first year and \$6,500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for Virginia Commonwealth University's Medicines for All Institute. Virginia Commonwealth University shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority that includes performance objectives for the hiring of up to 20 or more researchers over five years, including research faculty and staff to support the work of the Institute, with a final target to be established during the MOU process, and additional near-term and long-term performance objectives agreed to by both parties. In addition to performance metrics for the state's investments, the MOU shall also identify: (i) the research specialization of the initiative; (ii) sources of private philanthropic and other funding; (iii) opportunities for joint research projects and clinical trials; and (iv) commitments to non-competition for research in life sciences. These amounts shall remain unallotted by the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget until such time as an executed MOU has been received from the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority. On or before August 1st of each year, upon the signature of the MOU, the Virginia Commonwealth University shall submit information on the financial performance of the initiative to the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority to include: (i) budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures to planned revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year; (ii) total investments broken out into various investment activities; and (iii) cash balances.

S. Out of this appropriation, \$2,002,480 the first year and \$2,050,754 the second year from the general fund is provided for Old Dominion University's Digital Patient Model. Old Dominion University shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority that includes performance objectives on new models developed through this investment, researcher collaborations, number of new technologies conceptualized, developed or tested, and additional near-term and long-term performance objectives agreed to by both parties. In addition to performance metrics for the state's investments, the MOU shall also identify: (i) the research specialization of the initiative; (ii) sources of private philanthropic and other funding; (iii) opportunities for joint research projects and clinical trials; and (iv) commitments to non-competition for research in life sciences. These amounts shall remain unallotted by the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget until such time as an executed MOU has been received from the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority. On or before August 1st of each year, upon the signature of the MOU, Old Dominion

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University shall submit information on the financial performance of the organization to the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority to include (i) budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures to planned revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year; (ii) total investments broken out into various investments activities; and (iii) cash balances.

T. The institutions listed in paragraphs P., Q., R., and S. of this item shall work in collaboration with the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority, Virginia Health Bioscience Research Corporation, and Virginia Biotechnology Research Partnership Authority to develop a proposal for a research center of life science in Virginia. This proposal shall include at a minimum: (i) an estimate of costs to continue the initiatives funded in paragraphs P., Q., R., and S. of this item; (ii) opportunities for joint research projects and clinical trials between the initiatives; (iii) a model that centralizes the funding for these initiatives, similar to the Commonwealth Cyber Initiative; (iv) opportunities to consolidate state funded life science efforts, programs, and initiatives; and (v) options for including additional higher education institutions, especially Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the statewide effort. The proposal shall be submitted on or before June 30, 2025, to the General Assembly, the Chairs of the House Committee on Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee."

Explanation:

(This amendment invests \$90.1 million over the biennium from the general fund in four life sciences efforts in the Commonwealth.)

Item 116 #1c

Education: Elementary and Secondary

Secretary of Education

Language

Language:

Page 121, after line 40, insert:

"D. The Offices of the Secretary of Education and the Secretary of Finance shall evaluate the feasibility and determine the initial and ongoing fiscal impact of converting the Virginia Museum of Transportation into a state agency or authority and develop a plan for the conversion if determined to be financially feasible and beneficial to the Commonwealth. The Secretary may consult representatives from the Virginia Museum of Transportation, the City of Roanoke, the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce, and any other appropriate stakeholders. The Offices of the Secretary of Education and Secretary of Finance shall report the findings to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1, 2024."

Explanation:

(This amendment is self-explanatory.)

Item 116 #2c

Education: Elementary and Secondary

Secretary of Education

Language

Language:

Page 121, strike lines 26 through 40.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates language proposed in the introduced budget related to a teacher pay study.)

Item 117 #1c

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Education, Central Office Operations

(\$7,200,000)

(\$7,200,000) GF

Language:

Page 121, line 46, strike "\$515,129,653" and insert "\$507,929,653".

Page 121, line 46, strike "\$539,690,133" and insert "\$532,490,133".

Page 125, strike lines 39 through 44 and insert:

"R. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall enter into a statewide contract with one or more telehealth providers to provide high-quality mental health care services to public school students. School divisions may opt to purchase such services through this contract."

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$7.2 million from the general fund each year for mental health and telehealth services in the introduced budget to other education initiatives and provides language for a statewide contract.)

Item 117 #2c

Education: Elementary and Secondary

Department of Education, Central Office Operations

Language

Language:

Page 125, after line 44, insert:

"S. The Department of Education shall work collaboratively with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the Department of Medical Assistance Services on a

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plan for creating a new program to deliver flexible mental health funds to divisions. The program should provide flexible funding to participating divisions for maintaining school-based mental health services and supports as well as technical assistance and evaluation capabilities to build out their mental health programs within a multi-tiered system of supports and consider maximizing existing funding and positions funded through the Standards of Quality such as specialized student support positions. The plan should include: (i) a proposed vision and goals for Virginia's school-based mental health program and action steps to meet these goals; (ii) proposed outcome measures to determine program success; (iii) a recommendation on the amount of funding that should be appropriated annually; (iv) a proposed funding mechanism to ensure funding flexibility and consistency over time; and (v) a structure for providing technical assistance and evaluation capabilities that will ensure the program is positively impacting the outcomes of students. The Department of Education shall provide such plan to the Chairs of the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee and the House Appropriations Committee and the Behavioral Health Commission no later than December 1, 2024."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides for development of a plan to provide ongoing school-based mental health funding. This is a recommendation of the Behavioral Health Commission.)

Item 117 #3c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Education, Central Office Operations	\$100,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 121, line 46, strike "\$515,129,653" and insert "\$515,229,653".

Page 125, after line 44, insert:

"S. Out of this appropriation, \$100,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to identify and create model curriculum, tools, and resources to support local school divisions in teaching Asian American history, including the history of Virginians of Asian descent, as part of the History and Social Science Standards of Learning and supporting programming for Asian American and Pacific Islander History Month."

Explanation:

(This amendment is self-explanatory.)

Item 117 #4c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26
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Department of Education, Central Office Operations	(\$1,000,000)	\$0	GF
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Language:

Page 121, line 46, strike "\$515,129,653" and insert "\$514,129,653".
 Page 125, strike lines 3 through 10.
 Page 125, line 11, strike "P" and insert "O".
 Page 125, line 23, strike "Q" and insert "P".
 Page 125, line 39, strike "R" and insert "Q".

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates \$1.0 million from the general fund in the first year proposed to establish a digital wallet platform to host early learning and child care accounts.)

Item 117 #5c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Education, Central	(\$173,258,588)	(\$237,815,584)	GF
Office Operations	(\$168,868,282)	(\$131,518,476)	NGF

Language:

Page 121, line 46, strike "\$515,129,653" and insert "\$173,002,783".
 Page 121, line 46, strike "\$539,690,133" and insert "\$170,356,073".
 Page 124, strike lines 18 through 57.
 Page 125, strike lines 1 and 2.
 Page 125, line 3, strike "O" and insert "K".
 Page 125, strike lines 11 through 21.
 Page 125, line 22, strike "Q" and insert "L".
 Page 125, line 39, strike "R" and insert "M".

Explanation:

(This amendment relocates Child Care Subsidy Program funds to the new Early Childhood Care and Education item, Item 125.10.)

Item 117 #6c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Education, Central	\$5,660,000	\$3,660,000	GF
Office Operations			

Language:

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Page 121, line 46, strike "\$515,129,653" and insert "\$520,789,653".

Page 121, line 46, strike "\$539,690,133" and insert "\$543,350,133".

Page 125, strike lines 22 through 38, and insert:

"Q.1 Out of this appropriation, \$10,300,000 the first year and \$8,300,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the University of Virginia's Virginia Literacy Partnership for implementation of literacy instruction aligned with science-based reading research. The Director of Planning and Budget shall transfer this amount to the University of Virginia to support the Virginia Literacy Partnership for the activities within this Item. bsp

2. To maximize remaining federal pandemic relief funds in the first year, remaining balances from the Learning Acceleration Grants program after its May 31, 2024 expiration shall be used to supplant the general funds in paragraph S.1 and such supplanted general fund amounts shall be unallotted.

3. Of this amount, \$3,400,000 the first year and \$3,400,000 the second year shall be used to support literacy coaching, technical assistance and professional development.

4. Of this amount, \$6,900,000 the first year and \$4,900,000 the second year shall be used to support development and implementation of a statewide literacy screener, the Virginia Language and Literacy Screening System (VALLSS).

5. For the review of literacy materials conducted by the University of Virginia's Virginia Literacy Partnership on behalf of the Department of Education, the Partnership shall be authorized to collect reasonable fees from applicants to offset costs incurred as part of such review. Prior to the collection of any such fees, the Partnership shall establish a schedule of fees.

6. Notwithstanding §22.1-253.13:1 G and H of the Code of Virginia, for students in grades 4 through 8, the administration of literacy screeners and development of student literacy plans shall not be required until the 2025-2026 school year."

Explanation:

(This amendment (i) provides \$6.9 million the first year and \$4.9 million the second year to develop and maintain the Virginia Language and Literacy Screening System (VALLS), (ii) provides \$3.4 million each year to continue support for literacy coaching, technical assistance and professional development as required by the Virginia Literacy Act (VLA), (iii) authorizes the Virginia Literacy Partnership to collect fees from publishers to offset costs to review reading curriculum materials for alignment with the VLA, (iv) redirects existing funding related to the implementation of the VLA to the University of Virginia's Literacy Partnership, and (v) delays the implementation of literacy screener for grades 4-8 and associated literacy plans for one year. The amendment also directs remaining federal pandemic relief balances from Learning Acceleration Grants be used to supplant general funds in the first year. This represents a net increase of \$5.7 million in fiscal year 2025 and \$3.7 million in fiscal year 2026 from the amounts proposed in the introduced budget for implementation of the VLA.)

Item 117 #7c

Education: Elementary and Secondary

Department of Education, Central Office Operations

Language

Language:

Page 125, after line 44, insert:

"S. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall enter into a statewide contract with a provider experienced in attendance recovery services for at-risk students to assist public school divisions with outreach and support for disengaged, chronically absent, or struggling students. The provider should be able to scale up the number of students served if necessary based on demand from school divisions. School divisions may opt to purchase services through this contract."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to enter into a statewide contract with a provider experienced in attendance recovery services.)

Item 118 #1c

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Education, Central Office Operations

\$2,200,000

\$2,200,000 GF

Language:

Page 125, line 45, strike "\$18,628,186" and insert "\$20,828,186".

Page 125, line 45, strike "\$18,628,186" and insert "\$20,828,186".

Page 125, after line 44, insert:

"S.1. Out of this appropriation, \$2,200,000 the first year and \$2,200,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to support families of special education students, and professional development and coaching as required by House Bill 1089 and Senate Bill 220.

2. To maximize remaining federal pandemic relief funds, in the first year, remaining balances from the Learning Acceleration Grants program after its May 31, 2024 expiration shall be used to supplant the general funds in paragraph S.1 and such supplanted general fund amounts shall be unallotted.

3. Out of this amount, \$1,100,000 the first year and \$1,100,000 the second year shall be provided to Virginia's Parent Training and Information Center in the Commonwealth designated pursuant to 20 U.S.C. § 1471(e) to support eight regional special education family support centers.

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4. Out of this amount, \$1,100,000 the first year and \$1,100,000 the second year shall be provided to support the development of professional development materials and ongoing special education coaching."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.2 million each year from the general fund to implement provisions of House Bill 1089 and Senate Bill 220 related to establishing eight regional special education family support centers, provision of professional development, and ongoing special education coaching. The amendment also directs remaining federal pandemic relief balances from Learning Acceleration Grants be used to supplant general funds in the first year.)

Item 119 #1c

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Education, Central
Office Operations

(\$25,000,000)

(\$15,000,000) GF

Language:

Page 127, line 46, strike "\$65,051,012" and insert "\$40,051,012".

Page 127, line 46, strike "\$55,051,012" and insert "\$40,051,012".

Page 128, strike lines 3 through 9, and insert:

"2. a. Pursuant to Chapter 760, 2022 Acts of the the General Assembly, the Department shall include in its annual report a plan to implement a new state assessment system, including a revised timeframe; estimated short- and long-term costs, including the costs to transition to the new system; staffing and training needs; key milestones; and project deliverables. The Department shall request the funding needed to implement the new contract for inclusion in the Governor's introduced budget bill for the 2025 Regular Session. The Department may consider issuing a request for information (RFI) as part of the process to better determine the costs and requirements of the new system. The Department shall submit the annual report no later than November 1, 2024.

b. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of law, the Department of Education is authorized to extend current assessment contracts for one additional year to provide sufficient time for the Department to initiate procurement processes as necessary to select an assessment vendor."

Explanation:

(This amendment captures \$25.0 million from the general fund the first year and \$15.0 million from the general fund the second year. It directs the Department of Education to initiate the procurement process to select the vendor for its new Standards of Learning assessment contract prior to requesting funds and authorizes an extension of the current contract to allow time for this to occur.)

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Item 120 #1c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Education, Central Office Operations	\$1,922,461	\$1,922,461	GF

Language:

Page 128, line 28, strike "\$8,116,880" and insert "\$10,039,341".

Page 128, line 28, strike "\$8,116,880" and insert "\$10,039,341".

Page 125, after line 44, insert:

"S. 1. Out of this appropriation, \$1,922,461 the first year and \$1,922,461 the second year from the general fund is provided to the Office of School Quality to assist low performing schools.

2. The Department of Education shall submit an initial report that contains: (i) the level of staffing, amount of funding, and opportunities and challenges of the Office for FY 2023 and FY 2024; (ii) the planned organizational structure, staffing, and resource needs of the Office over the next five years; (iii) the goals and expected outcomes of the Office and how the Office will collaborate with staff and units within the Department of Education to support schools based on their specific needs; and (iv) a plan to evaluate the effectiveness of the Office, including feedback from school divisions and stakeholders to determine both the impact and quality of the assistance received.

3. The Superintendent shall submit the initial report by July 1, 2024, to the Chairs of the Senate Education and Health and Finance and Appropriations Committees, and the Chairs of the House Education and Appropriations Committees. The Superintendent shall submit a report on the progress of implementing the goals of the Office by June 1, 2025. Funding for the first year and second year shall be unallotted and the Department of Planning and Budget shall transfer funds allocated to the Office in the corresponding year upon submission of the reports."

Explanation:

(This amendment restores \$1.9 million from the general fund in each year to the Office of School Quality and establishes reporting requirements.)

Item 123 #1c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Education, Central Office Operations	(\$200,000) -1.00	(\$200,000) -1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 130, line 16, strike "\$27,054,418" and insert "\$26,854,418".

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Page 130, line 16, strike "\$27,054,418" and insert "\$26,854,418".

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$200,000 from the general fund each year and one position from the Chief School Mental Health Officer position in the introduced budget.)

		Item 123 #2c	
Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Education, Central Office Operations	\$140,000 1.00	\$140,000 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 130, line 16, strike "\$27,054,418" and insert "\$27,194,418".

Page 130, line 16, strike "\$27,054,418" and insert "\$27,194,418".

Page 131, after line 32, insert:

"I. The Office of Community Schools shall provide an annual report and make it publicly available on its website that includes: the number of schools that have adopted the Community School framework; the status of these schools in implementing and evaluating the framework; an update and outcome of state grants awarded; and an assessment of the services provided by the Office to support schools."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$140,000 from the general fund each year for one position in the proposed Office of Community Schools.)

		Item 123 #3c	
Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Education, Central Office Operations	\$300,000 2.00	\$300,000 2.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 130, line 16, strike "\$27,054,418" and insert "\$27,354,418".

Page 130, line 16, strike "\$27,054,418" and insert "\$27,354,418".

Page 125, after line 44, insert:

"S. Out of this appropriation, \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for staffing and contracted services through the finance office to support activities related to the Joint Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education Funding. These positions may also be used to support the Department's fiscal operations following the conclusion of the Joint Subcommittee's work."

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$300,000 from the general fund each year and up to two positions to support the Joint Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education Funding through increased staffing and contracted services.)

		Item 124 #1c
Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26
Direct Aid to Public Education	(\$500,000)	(\$500,000) GF

Language:

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$89,063,467" and insert "\$88,563,467".
Page 131, line 45, strike "\$88,308,467" and insert "\$87,808,467".
Page 135, line 47, strike "\$2,504,000" and insert "\$2,004,000".
Page 135, line 48, strike "\$2,504,000" and insert "\$2,004,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment captures \$500,000 each year in general fund savings by level funding Communities in Schools at \$2.0 million annually. The introduced budget proposed a \$500,000 increase.)

		Item 124 #2c
Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$90,000	\$90,000 GF

Language:

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$89,063,467" and insert "\$89,153,467".
Page 131, line 45, strike "\$88,308,467" and insert "\$88,398,467".
Page 133, after line 11, insert:
"Soundscapes Newport News \$90,000 \$90,000".
Page 143, after line 51, insert:
"SS. Out of this appropriation, \$90,000 the first year and \$90,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to Newport News Public Schools to expand the Soundscapes program and increase student participation in intensive music study and ensemble performances."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$90,000 in each year for the Soundscapes program in Newport News Public Schools.)

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Item 124 #3c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$306,100	\$306,100	GF

Language:

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$89,063,467" and insert "\$89,369,567".

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$88,308,467" and insert "\$88,614,567".

Page 133, after line 11, insert:

"VPI Provisional Teacher Licensure \$306,100 \$306,100".

Page 143, after line 51, insert:

"SS. Out of this appropriation, \$306,100 the first year and \$306,100 the second year from the general fund is allocated for the Department of Education to provide grants of no more than \$30,000 each for local school divisions that have applied for such funds for the sole purpose of providing financial incentives to provisionally licensed teachers teaching students enrolled in the Virginia Preschool Initiative or other publicly-funded preschool programs operated by the school division and who are actively engaged in coursework and professional development, toward achieving the required degree and license that satisfy the licensure requirements reflected in § 22.1-299, Code of Virginia. School divisions must submit applications to the Department of Education by December 1 of each year. Priority for awarding grants shall be given to hard-to-staff schools and schools with the highest number of provisionally licensed teachers teaching students enrolled in the Virginia Preschool Initiative or other publicly-funded preschool programs operated by the school division. The Department of Education shall develop the application process to be provided to school divisions that have provisionally licensed preschool teachers employed and are teaching students enrolled in the Virginia Preschool Initiative or other publicly-funded preschool programs operated by the school division."

Explanation:

(This amendment relocates the VPI Provisional Teacher Licensure program from Item 125 to Item 124. Corresponding amendments relocate all VPI language from Item 125 to Items 124 and 125.10)

Item 124 #4c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	(\$36,500,000)	(\$36,500,000)	GF

Language:

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$89,063,467" and insert "\$52,563,467".

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Page 131, line 45, strike "\$88,308,467" and insert "\$51,808,467".

Page 133, line 4, strike "\$37,750,000" and "\$37,750,000" and insert:
"\$1,250,000" and "\$1,250,000".

Page 138, line 42, strike "\$37,750,000" and "\$37,750,000" and insert:
"\$1,250,000" and "\$1,250,000".

Page 138, strike lines 50 through 55.

Page 139, strike lines 1 through 57.

Page 140, strike lines 1 through 14.

Explanation:

(This amendment relocates funding for Mixed Delivery early childhood slots to the new consolidated Early Childhood Care and Education item, Item 125.10.)

Item 124 #5c

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY24-25

FY25-26

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$150,000

\$150,000 GF

Language:

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$89,063,467" and insert "\$89,213,467".

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$88,308,467" and insert "\$88,458,467".

Page 132, line 21, strike "\$100,000" and "\$100,000" and insert:
"\$250,000" and "\$250,000".

Page 143, line 6, strike "\$100,000" and "\$100,000" and insert:
"\$250,000" and "\$250,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment increases funding to EduTutorVA by \$150,000 from the general fund each year.)

Item 124 #6c

Education: Elementary and Secondary

Direct Aid to Public Education

Language

Language:

Page 140, line 40, after "STEM Competition Team Grants" insert:
"as part of the STEM+C Competition Team Grant Fund."

Page 140, line 41, after "each." insert:

"At least half of this appropriation should be provided to public elementary and secondary schools in the Commonwealth at which at least 60 percent of students qualify for free or

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reduced lunch."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides language for STEM+C Competition Team Grants.)

Item 124 #7c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$600,000	\$600,000	GF

Language:

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$89,063,467" and insert "\$89,663,467".

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$88,308,467" and insert "\$88,908,467".

Page 133, line 2, strike "\$2,250,000" and "\$2,250,000" and insert: "\$2,850,000" and "\$2,850,000".

Page 138, line 11, strike "\$2,250,000" and "\$2,250,000" and insert: "\$2,850,000" and "\$2,850,000".

Page 138, line 20, strike "\$500,000" and "\$500,000" and insert: "\$1,100,000" and "\$1,100,000".

Page 138, line 21, after "continue" insert "and expand".

Page 138, line 21, after "support" strike the remainder.

Page 138, line 22, strike "residents and 20 elementary school".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$600,000 in each year for the Richmond Teacher Residency Program at VCU.)

Item 124 #8c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$200,000	\$200,000	GF

Language:

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$89,063,467" and insert "\$89,263,467".

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$88,308,467" and insert "\$88,508,467".

Page 132, line 9, strike "\$298,021" and "\$298,021" and insert: "\$498,021" and "\$498,021".

Page 133, line 32, strike "\$298,021" and "\$298,021" and insert: "\$498,021" and "\$498,021".

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides an additional \$200,000 from the general fund each year for Virginia's Career and Technical Education Resource Center.)

Item 124 #9c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$500,000	\$500,000	GF

Language:

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$89,063,467" and insert "\$89,563,467".

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$88,308,467" and insert "\$88,808,467".

Page 132, line 6, strike "\$350,000" and "\$350,000" and insert: "\$850,000" and "\$850,000".

Page 142, line 6, strike "\$350,000" and "\$350,000" and insert: "\$850,000" and "\$850,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$500,000 each year from the general fund for PBS Blue Ridge, for a total appropriation of \$850,000 each year.)

Item 124 #10c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$50,000	\$50,000	GF

Language:

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$89,063,467" and insert "\$89,113,467".

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$88,308,467" and insert "\$88,358,467".

Page 133, after line 11, insert:

"Public Safety Training Center - Prince William County \$50,000 \$50,000".

Page 143, after line 51, insert:

"SS. Out of this appropriation, \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to Prince William County Public Schools for a Public Safety Training Center at Unity Reed High School, which prepares students for a career in fire fighting."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50,000 in each year to Prince William County Public Schools for a Public Safety Training Center at Unity Reed High School, which prepares students for a career in fire fighting.)

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Item 124 #11c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$250,000	\$250,000	GF

Language:

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$89,063,467" and insert "\$89,313,467".

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$88,308,467" and insert "\$88,558,467".

Page 133, after line 11, insert:

"PBS Appalachia \$250,000 \$250,000".

Page 143, after line 51, insert:

"SS. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for PBS Appalachia for educational outreach programming."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$250,000 each year for PBS Appalachia.)

Item 124 #12c

Education: Elementary and Secondary

Direct Aid to Public Education

Language

Language:

Page 143, strike lines 42 through 48, and insert:

"QQ. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year and \$125,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the Virginia Holocaust Museum. These funds will support the Alexander Lebenstein Teacher Education Institute and expand the professional development of educators across the Commonwealth and the advancement of experiential learning opportunities for K-12 students. Additionally, these funds are intended to support high-quality, off-site learning experiences, educational content, and exhibitions for students to engage in educational content, aligned to the Virginia Standards of Learning, related to the history of the Holocaust, hate crimes and other genocides."

Explanation:

(This amendment updates language associated with the funding for the Virginia Holocaust Museum.)

Item 124 #13c

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Direct Aid to Public Education	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	GF
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Language:

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$89,063,467" and insert "\$90,063,467".

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$88,308,467" and insert "\$88,808,467".

Page 133, after line 11, insert:

"Loudoun County Recovery High School \$500,000 \$250,000".

"Hampton Roads Regional Recovery High School \$500,000 \$250,000".

Page 143, after line 51, insert:

"SS. a. Out of this appropriation, \$1,000,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to support the establishment of year-round high schools that are open to any student residing in the defined region who is in the early stages of recovery from substance use disorder or dependency. Students in the high school shall be provided academic, emotional, and social support needed to progress toward earning a high school diploma and reintegrating into a traditional high school setting. School divisions and regions are encouraged to use their Opioid Abatement Authority City/County Settlement Funds to support operations of the high schools.

b. Of this amount, \$500,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year is provided to Loudoun County Public Schools to support the establishment of a school for students residing in Superintendent's Region 4.

c. Of this amount, \$500,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year is provided to Virginia Beach Public Schools to support the establishment of a school for students residing in Superintendent's Region 2.

d. Loudoun County and Virginia Beach Public Schools shall submit a report regarding the planning, implementation, and outcomes of the recovery high school to the Chairs of the House Appropriations Committee and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee by December 1 each year."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.5 million GF over the biennium to support the establishment of two recovery high schools.)

Item 124 #14c

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY24-25

FY25-26

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$6,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$89,063,467" and insert "\$95,063,467".

Page 143, after line 51, insert:

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"SS. Out of this appropriation, \$6,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to support public school career and technical education initiatives. Of this amount, \$2,000,000 is provided to support career and technical education programs in Portsmouth; \$2,000,000 is provided to support career and technical education programs in Chesapeake; \$1,000,000 is provided to support career and technical education programs in Fredericksburg; and \$1,000,000 is provided to support career and technical education programs in Stafford County. Funds shall be used only for equipment."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$6.0 million from the general fund the first year to provide support for career and technical education programs in Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Fredericksburg, and Stafford County.)

Item 124 #15c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$150,000	\$150,000	GF

Language:

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$89,063,467" and insert "\$89,213,467".

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$88,308,467" and insert "\$88,458,467".

Page 143, after line 51, insert:

"SS. Out of this appropriation, \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to Reck League to support students in underperforming schools in the Hampton Roads region."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$150,000 from the general fund in each year to Reck League to support students in the Hampton Roads area.)

Item 124 #16c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$3,000,000	\$2,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 131, line 44, strike "\$89,063,467" and insert "\$92,063,467".

Page 131, line 44, strike "\$88,308,467" and insert "\$90,308,467".

Page 143, after line 51, insert:

"SS. Out of this appropriation, \$3,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to supplement the 21st Century Community Learning Centers

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Program in Item 126. These funds shall be awarded to community-based organizations partnering with school divisions for afterschool, before-school, and summer learning programs to provide additional instructional opportunities to combat learning loss for school-age children attending high-poverty, low-performing schools. The Department may contract with the Virginia Partnership for Out-of-School Time to assist applicants with obtaining the required licensure and to provide best practices and support to grantees."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.0 million from the general fund the first year and \$2.0 million from the general fund the second year to supplement the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program.)

Item 124 #17c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$200,000	\$200,000	GF

Language:

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$89,063,467" and insert "\$89,263,467".

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$88,308,467" and insert "\$88,508,467".

Page 133, after line 11, insert:

"American Civil War Museum \$200,000 \$200,000".

Page 143, after line 51, insert:

"SS. Out of this appropriation, \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the American Civil War Museum to support the advancement of experiential learning opportunities for K-12 students. These funds are intended to support free high-quality, evidence-based learning experiences, educational content, and exhibitions for students, educators and parents to engage in educational content, aligned to the Virginia Standards of Learning."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$200,000 from the general fund in each year for the American Civil War Museum.)

Item 124 #18c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$160,000	\$0	GF

Language:

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Page 131, line 44, strike "\$89,063,467" and insert "\$89,223,467".

Page 133, after line, 11, insert:

"Pittsylvania County Public Library \$160,000 \$0".

Page 143, after line 51, insert:

"SS. 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 support programming at the Pittsylvania County Public Library - Gretna Branch.)

Item 124 #19c

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY24-25

FY25-26

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$500,000

\$500,000 GF

Language:

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$89,063,467" and insert "\$89,563,467".

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$88,308,467" and insert "\$88,808,467".

Page 132, line 31, strike "\$4,497,500" and "\$4,497,500" and insert:

"\$4,997,500" and "\$4,997,500".

Page 133, strike lines 36-44, and insert:

"F.1. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Education provide bonuses from state funds to classroom teachers in Virginia's public schools who have obtained national certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and grants for candidates working in a Title I school or a school eligible for participation in the Community Eligibility Provision pursuant to § 22.1-207.4:1 who are candidates for initial national certification or maintenance of national certification (MOC) from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. This appropriation includes an amount estimated at \$4,997,500 the first year and \$4,997,500 the second year from the general fund for the purpose of paying these bonuses and grants. The Board shall establish procedures for determining amounts of awards if the moneys are not sufficient to award each eligible teacher the appropriate award amount.

2. Any public school staff member who has obtained national certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards shall be eligible to receive an initial grant award of \$5,000 and a subsequent award of \$2,500 each year for the life of the certificate.

3. Any candidate (i) working in a Title 1 school or a school eligible for participation in the Community Eligibility Provision pursuant to § 22.1-207.4:1 and (ii) who is pursuing initial national certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is eligible to

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apply to the Department for a grant to cover (a) half of the total initial national certification fee, equal to the sum of the cost of the four components and the registration fee for initial national certification, to be disbursed upon initial registration for such certification and (b) the remaining half of such total initial national certification fee to be disbursed upon successful achievement of initial national certification as verified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

4. Any candidate (i) working in a Title 1 school or a school eligible for participation in the Community Eligibility Provision pursuant to § 22.1-207.4:1 and (ii) who is pursuing MOC from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is eligible to apply to the Department for an incentive grant to cover the total MOC fee, equal to the sum of the cost of MOC and the registration fee for MOC, to be disbursed upon successful completion of the MOC process as verified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

5. By October 15 of each year, school divisions shall notify the Department of Education of the number of eligible candidates under contract for that school year that hold or are pursuing such certification.”

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$500,000 from the general fund each year for incentive grants for teachers who are pursuing or have obtained a national certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and work in a Title 1 school or a school eligible for participation in the Community Eligibility Provision pursuant to § 22.1-207.4:1.)

Item 124 #20c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$200,000	\$200,000 GF

Language:

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$89,063,467" and insert "\$89,263,467".
Page 131, line 45, strike "\$88,308,467" and insert "\$88,508,467".
Page 142, line 35, strike "\$1,000,000" and "\$1,000,000" and insert:
"\$1,200,000" and "\$1,200,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$200,000 from the general fund each year to eMediaVA for the development of digital content to be used statewide.)

Item 124 #21c

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Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	GF

Language:

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$89,063,467" and insert "\$91,563,467".

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$88,308,467" and insert "\$90,808,467".

Page 133, after line 11, insert:

"Community Schools Development and Implementation Planning Grant \$2,500,000 \$2,500,000".

Page 143, after line 51, insert:

"SS. Out of this appropriation, \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to support Community Schools Development and Implementation Planning Grants."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.5 million each year from the general fund for the Community Schools Development and Implementation Planning Grant program.)

Item 124 #22c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$10,000,000	(\$10,000,000)	GF

Language:

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$89,063,467" and insert "\$99,063,467".

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$88,308,467" and insert "\$78,308,467".

Page 132, line 20, strike "\$10,000,000" and "\$10,000,000" and insert: "\$20,000,000" and "\$0".

Page 141, line 47, strike the first "\$10,000,000" and insert "\$20,000,000".

Page 141, line 47, strike "\$10,000,000 the second year".

Explanation:

(This amendment increases funding for RecognizeB5 early childhood educator grants by \$10.0 million in the first year from the general fund and eliminates funding in the second year.)

Item 124 #23c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$400,000	\$400,000	GF

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Language:

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$89,063,467" and insert "\$89,463,467".

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$88,308,467" and insert "\$88,708,467".

Page 132, line 27, strike "\$300,000" and "\$300,000" and insert:
"\$700,000" and "\$700,000".

Page 142, line 8, strike "\$300,000" and "\$300,000" and insert:
"\$700,000" and "\$700,000".

Page 142, line 18, strike "by August 1, 2022" and insert:
"annually by August 1st".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$400,000 each year for the Literacy Lab - VPI Minority Educator Fellowship.)

Item 124 #24c

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY24-25

FY25-26

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$750,000

\$750,000 GF

Language:

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$89,063,467" and insert "\$89,813,467".

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$88,308,467" and insert "\$89,058,467".

Page 133, after line 11, insert:

"AP, IB, and Cambridge Assessment Exam Fee Reduction \$750,000 \$750,000".

Page 143, after line 51, insert:

"SS. Out of this appropriation, \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Cambridge Assessment International Education Exam Fee Reduction Program (the Program) for the purpose of covering all but \$20 of the last dollar cost of applicable fees associated with taking an AP, IB or Cambridge examination for any public high school student who is eligible to receive free or reduced price lunch after all other applicable discounts and financial assistance are taken into account. For students attending a school participating in the Community Eligibility Provision, eligibility shall be based on an individual student's family income. The Program shall be administered by the Department. Pursuant to the Program, the Department shall annually transfer to each local school board a grant in a sum sufficient to cover such portion of such fees for each such student in the local school division. The Department shall establish such rules, policies, and procedures as it deems necessary or appropriate for the administration of the Program, including an annual process whereby each local school board demonstrates its grant funding needs. Each local school board shall provide notification to eligible students and parents of the availability of this assistance at the time of enrollment in a course associated with such examination and at the time of test registration of

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the opportunity for the student to take an AP, IB or Cambridge examination at such reduced fee."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$750,000 in each year from the general fund for the Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Cambridge Assessment International Education Exam Fee Reduction Program.)

Item 124 #25c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$200,000	\$200,000	GF

Language:

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$89,063,467" and insert "\$89,263,467".
Page 131, line 45, strike "\$88,308,467" and insert "\$88,508,467".
Page 132, line 36, strike "\$1,000,000" and "\$1,000,000" and insert: "\$1,200,000" and "\$1,200,000".
Page 142, line 25, strike "\$1,000,000" and "\$1,000,000" and insert: "\$1,200,000" and "\$1,200,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides a \$200,000 increase each year to support the YMCA's Power Scholars Program.)

Item 124 #26c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$250,000	\$250,000	GF

Language:

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$89,063,467" and insert "\$89,313,467".
Page 131, line 45, strike "\$88,308,467" and insert "\$88,558,467".
Page 133, after line 11, insert:
"Critical National Security Language Grant Program \$250,000 \$250,000".
Page 143, after line 51, insert:
"SS. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the Critical National Security Language Grant program. The department shall create and publish an application and process for local school divisions to apply for the existing funding by October 1, 2024."

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$250,000 in each year to restore funding for the Critical National Security Language Grant program.)

Item 124 #27c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$500,000	\$300,000	GF

Language:

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$89,063,467" and insert "\$89,563,467".

Page 131, line 45, strike "\$88,308,467" and insert "\$88,608,467".

Page 133, after line 11, insert:

"Community Builders Pilot Program and Fund \$500,000 \$300,000".

Page 143, after line 51, insert:

"SS. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the first year and \$300,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the Community Builders Pilot Program in the cities of Roanoke and Petersburg. Funds shall be distributed among the two localities based on prior year final average daily membership."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$800,000 over the biennium to establish the Community Builders Pilot Program.)

Item 125 #1c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	(\$1,709,691)	(\$1,629,925)	GF

Language:

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,290,021,574" and insert "\$10,288,311,883".

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,073,997,964" and insert "\$10,072,368,039".

Page 155, strike lines 1 through 5.

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$1.7 million GF the first year and \$1.6 million GF the second year from the general fund each year by maintaining a cap on supplemental basic aid payments. The introduced budget proposed eliminating this cap.)

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Item 125 #2c

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY24-25

FY25-26

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$186,666,764

\$184,600,875 GF

Language:

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,290,021,574" and insert "\$10,476,688,338".

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,073,997,964" and insert "\$10,258,598,839".

Page 153, strike lines 5 through 8.

Page 154, line 29, strike "Prevention,".

Page 154, line 30, strike "Intervention, and Remediation, (ii)".

Page 154, line 30, strike "(iii)" and insert "(ii)".

Page 158, strike lines 15 through 53.

Page 159, strike lines 1 through 12, and insert:

"9. At Risk Add-On

a. Out of this appropriation, \$616,043,355 the first year and \$648,055,870 the second year from the general fund and \$225,172,109 the first year and \$192,377,320 the second year from the Lottery Proceeds Fund is provided to distribute the state share of funds for the At-Risk Program. These payments shall be distributed based on the estimated number of At-Risk students, based on (1) the most recent three-year average Identified Student Percentage, applying a 1.25 multiplier factor , and (2) including one quarter of students identified as English language learners.

b. The At-Risk Program shall provide each school division the state share of an 11.0 percent basic-aid add-on per estimated At-Risk student. In addition, the program shall provide each school division the state share of a payment equal to a 0.0 to 37.0 percent basic-aid add-on per estimated At-Risk student, with each school division's add-on percentage determined based upon the school division's concentration of At-Risk students relative to all other school divisions. Funding shall be matched by the local government based on the composite index of local ability-to-pay.

c. These funds may be used for the purposes established in general law, including supporting programs and services for students who are educationally at risk, including prevention, intervention, or remediation activities required pursuant to Standard 1 (§ 22.1-253.13:1); teacher recruitment programs and incentives; targeted compensation adjustments to assist in recruiting and retaining experienced teachers in high poverty schools; Dropout Prevention; community and school-based truancy officer programs; Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID); Project Discovery; programs for English language learners; the hiring of additional school counselors, testing coordinators, and licensed behavior analysts; programs relating to increasing the success of disadvantaged students in completing a high school degree and providing opportunities to encourage further education and training; and programs designed to reduce chronic absenteeism."

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Page 159, line 13, strike "4)" and insert "d."

Page 159, line 34, strike "f." and insert "10."

Page 160, line 31, strike "g." and insert "11."

Page 172, line 35, strike "Prevention, Intervention, and Remediation".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$186.7 million the first year and \$184.6 million the second year from the general fund to (i) consolidate SOQ Prevention, Intervention, and Remediation and At-Risk Add-On incentive funding into a single At-Risk Add-On funding program, (ii) transition the proxy used to estimate the number of at-risk students from federal free lunch rates to federal Identified Student Percentage rates, using a multiplier of 1.25 plus one-quarter of English learner students, (iii) distributes an 11.0 percent add on to basic aid funding per at-risk student, and (iv) distributes a variable add on between 0 percent and 37 percent to basic aid funding per At-Risk student based on the concentration of At-Risk students in the school division relative to all other school divisions. This amendment addresses in part recommendations 8, 9, and 10 from JLARC's 2023 report, "Virginia's K-12 Funding Formula.")

Item 125 #3c

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY24-25

FY25-26

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$37,894,669

\$34,182,978

GF

Language:

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,290,021,574" and insert "\$10,327,916,243".

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,073,997,964" and insert "\$10,108,180,942".

Page 144, strike line 37, and insert:

"English Learner Teachers \$165,982,653 \$173,466,897".

Page 173, strike lines 7 through 12, and insert:

"17. English Learner Teacher Payments

A payment of \$165,982,653 the first year and \$173,466,897 the second year from the general fund shall be disbursed by the Department of Education to local school divisions to support the state's share of professional instructional positions for English Learner teachers. Local school divisions shall provide a local match based on the composite index of local ability-to-pay. The number of such English Learner teacher positions required pursuant to the Standards of Quality are as established below:

EL Student Proficiency Level

SOQ Staffing Required

One

1 position per 20 EL students

Two

1 position per 30 EL students

Three

1 position per 40 EL students

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Four	1 position per 50 EL students
All Other Identified EL Students	1 position per 100 EL students

To provide flexibility in implementing this new staffing standard in the first year, the number of English Learner teachers required for each school division for the first year shall be equal to the number of such teachers that were required during the 2023-2024 school year, plus one half of the additional positions required in the above table for the first year."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$37.9 million the first year and \$43.7 million the second year to implement staffing standards for English Learner students based on student proficiency level, in lieu of the current standard that provides one position per 50 identified EL students. Flexibility is provided during the first year to implement this new standard to only require one-half of the additional positions.)

Item 125 #4c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$2,410,043	\$2,665,129	GF

Language:

- Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,290,021,574" and insert "\$10,292,431,617".
- Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,073,997,964" and insert "\$10,076,663,093".
- Page 145, line 40, strike "\$8,836,829 \$9,772,136" and insert: "\$11,246,872 \$12,437,265".
- Page 177, line 1, strike "\$8,836,829" and insert "\$11,246,872".
- Page 177, line 1, strike "\$9,772,136" and insert "\$12,437,265".
- Page 177, line 6, strike "\$0.22" and insert "\$0.28".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.4 million from the general fund the first year and \$2.7 million from the general fund the second year to increase the per meal reimbursement amount from \$0.22 to \$0.28 for the state funded incentive program to maximize federal school nutrition revenues and increase participation in the school breakfast program.)

Item 125 #5c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	
Direct Aid to Public Education	Language

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Language:

Page 161, line 49, after "3)" strike the remainder of the line and insert:

"in consultation with the Department of Treasury, establish loan interest rates that are benchmarked to a market index on an annual basis for all tiers of localities and provide interest rates that are reasonably below such market index".

Page 161, strike lines 50 and 51.

Page 161, line 52, strike "between 0.0 and 0.2999".

Page 162, strike lines 10 through 13 and insert:

"c. The Board of Education may offer up to \$200,000,000 the first year and up to \$50,000,000 the second year from the Literary Fund in school construction loans, subject to the availability of funds. Amounts designated for school construction loans that are not obligated in the first year may be obligated in the second year. In addition, the Department of Education may offer Literary Fund loans from the uncommitted balances of the Literary Fund after meeting the obligations of the interest rate subsidy sales and the amounts set aside from the Literary Fund for Debt Service Payments for Education Technology and Security Equipment in this Item."

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes the Department of Education to offer \$250.0 million in school construction loans from the Literary Fund over the biennium and directs the Board of Education to revise its schedule of interest rates to be fully responsive to market rates while providing reasonably discounted interest rates.)

Item 125 #6c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$46,255	\$45,913	GF

Language:

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,290,021,574" and insert "\$10,290,067,829".

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,073,997,964" and insert "\$10,074,043,877".

Explanation:

(This technical amendment provides \$46,255 from the general fund the first year and \$45,913 from the general fund the second year to update VPI based on updated Head Start enrollments.)

Item 125 #7c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$41,896	\$0	GF

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Language:

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,290,021,574" and insert "\$10,290,063,470".

Page 145, line 41, strike the first "\$18,604,551" and insert "\$18,646,447".

Page 172, line 39, strike the first "\$18,604,551" and insert "\$18,646,447".

Explanation:

(This technical amendment provides \$41,896 from the general fund the first year to reflect updated SOL Algebra Readiness data.)

Item 125 #8c

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY24-25

FY25-26

Direct Aid to Public Education

(\$7,959)

\$17,000 GF

Language:

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,290,021,574" and insert "\$10,290,013,615".

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,073,997,964" and insert "\$10,074,014,964".

Page 145, line 44, strike "\$10,240,820" and "\$10,423,854" and insert:
"\$10,232,861" and "\$10,440,854".

Page 159, line 35, strike "\$10,240,820" and "\$10,423,854" and insert:
"\$10,232,861" and "\$10,440,854".

Explanation:

(This technical amendment reduces funding by \$7,959 from the general fund the first year and increases funding by \$17,000 from the general fund the second year reflecting a technical update to the Regional Alternative Education program.)

Item 125 #9c

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY24-25

FY25-26

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$23,722,866

\$59,195,908 GF

Language:

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,290,021,574" and insert "\$10,313,744,440".

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,073,997,964" and insert "\$10,133,193,872".

Page 144, line 29, strike "\$4,724,771,929" and "\$4,625,249,180" and insert:
"\$4,695,210,093" and "\$4,551,483,267".

Page 144, line 30, strike "\$1,764,200,000" and "\$1,919,000,000" and insert:
"\$1,817,500,000" and "\$2,052,000,000".

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides an additional \$53.3 million the first year and \$133.0 million the second year in additional sales tax distributions to school divisions resulting from the expansion of the sales tax base to include digital products and services. Sales tax distributions reduce the state's share of basic aid funding, resulting in a net increase of \$23.7 million the first year and \$59.2 million the second year.)

Item 125 #10c

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY24-25

FY25-26

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$121,284,840

\$121,774,434 GF

Language:

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,290,021,574" and insert "\$10,411,306,414".

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,073,997,964" and insert "\$10,195,772,398".

Page 145, after line 21, insert:

"Supplemental General Fund Payment in Lieu of Sales Tax on Food and Personal Hygiene Products \$272,500,000 \$273,600,000".

Page 156, line 7, strike "1)".

Page 156, line 8, after "tax" insert:

"and the Supplemental General Fund Payment In Lieu of Sales Tax on Food and Personal Hygiene Products"

Page 156, strike lines 12 through 15.

Page 184, after line 18, insert:

"45. Supplemental General Fund Payment in Lieu of Sales Tax on Food and Personal Hygiene Products

Out of this appropriation, \$272,500,000 the first year and \$273,600,000 the second year from the general fund shall be distributed to localities on the basis of the latest yearly estimate of school age population provided by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service as specified in this item for SOQ sales tax payments pursuant to § 58.1-611.1.C of the Code of Virginia. These funds represent the reduction of sales tax distributions to school divisions resulting from the exemption of the state sales and use tax on food for human consumption and essential personal hygiene products. These payments shall be applied in the same manner as sales tax payments to offset the state and local shares of basic aid and shall require no local match."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$121.3 million the first year and \$121.8 million the second year from the general fund to restore and reforecast the general fund payments provided in lieu of the K-12 dedicated sales tax on grocery and personal hygiene products that would have been collected had the tax not been eliminated effective January 1, 2023. The amount of these general fund payments is updated to \$272.5 million the first year and \$273.6 million in the second year. These payments reduce the state's share of basic aid by \$151.1 million the first year and \$151.7

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million the second year.)

Item 125 #11c

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY24-25

FY25-26

Direct Aid to Public Education

(\$53,012,826)

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,290,021,574" and insert "\$10,237,008,748".

Page 145, strike line 17.

Page 160, strike lines 15 through 18.

Page 176, strike lines 29 through 33.

Page 183, strike lines 18 through 33.

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$53.0 million from the general fund the first year in the introduced budget related to a one percent bonus for SOQ funded positions to support other education initiatives.)

Item 125 #12c

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY24-25

FY25-26

Direct Aid to Public Education

(\$2,012,781)

(\$2,006,977) GF

Language:

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,290,021,574" and insert "\$10,288,008,793".

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,073,997,964" and insert "\$10,071,990,987".

Explanation:

(This amendment decreases basic aid by \$2.0 million GF the first year and \$2.0 million GF the second year, representing a technical data correction.)

Item 125 #13c

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY24-25

FY25-26

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$0

\$0

\$150,000,000 GF

(\$150,000,000) NGF

Language:

Page 155, line 26, after "year" strike the rest of the line and insert ".".

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Page 155, strike line 27.

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$150.0 million GF the second year to reverse usage of the Literary Fund for VRS Contributions.)

		Item 125 #14c	
Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	(\$2,988,602)	(\$3,135,037)	GF

Language:

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,290,021,574" and insert "\$10,287,032,972".

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,073,997,964" and insert "\$10,070,862,927".

Explanation:

(This amendment adjusts the group life insurance rate from 1.34% to the 1.18% actuarial rate approved by the VRS Board, resulting in general fund savings of \$3.0 million the first year and \$3.1 million the second year.)

		Item 125 #15c	
Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$179,517,544	\$244,339,724	GF

Language:

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,290,021,574" and insert "\$10,469,539,118".

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,073,997,964" and insert "\$10,318,337,688".

Page 144, line 44, strike "\$0" and "\$121,822,027" and insert:

"\$178,149,562" and "\$361,023,394".

Page 160, line 19, strike "\$363,859" and insert:

"\$549,105 the first year and \$1,255,326".

Page 160, line 21, strike "2.0" and insert:

"3.0 percent of base pay on July 1, 2024, and 3.0"

Page 176, line 34, strike "\$570,073" and insert:

"\$818,874 the first year and \$1,699,942".

Page 176, line 36, strike "2.0" and insert:

"3.0 percent of base pay on July 1, 2024, and 3.0"

Page 181, strike lines 6 through 28, and insert:

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"37. Compensation Supplement

a. Out of this appropriation, \$178,149,562 the first year and \$361,023,394 the second year from the general fund is provided for the state share of the following salary increases and related fringe benefit costs:

1) For the first year, a 3.0 percent salary increase effective July 1, 2024, for funded SOQ instructional and support positions. Sufficient funds are appropriated in this act to finance, on a statewide basis, the state share of up to a 3.0 percent salary increase effective July 1, 2024, to school divisions that certify to the Department of Education that an equivalent increase will be provided to instructional and support personnel the first year. The state share of funding provided to a school division in support of this compensation supplement shall be prorated for school divisions that provide less than an average 3.0 percent salary increase the first year; however, to access these funds, a school division must provide at least an average 1.5 percent salary increase the first year.

2) For the second year, an additional 3.0 percent salary increase effective July 1, 2025, for funded SOQ instructional and support positions. Sufficient funds are appropriated in this act to finance, on a statewide basis, the state share of up to an additional 3.0 percent salary increase effective July 1, 2025, to school divisions that certify to the Department of Education that an equivalent increase will be provided to instructional and support personnel the second year. The state share of funding provided to a school division in support of this compensation supplement shall be prorated for school divisions that provide less than an additional average 3.0 percent salary increase the second year; however, to access these funds, a school division must provide at least an additional average 1.5 percent salary increase the second year. School divisions that provided an average increase in excess of 3.0 percent in the first year may credit the excess portion of the increase toward the second year for the purpose of accessing these funds in the second year.

3) Payments in the second year to any school division shall be based on providing the funds needed to continue the first year increase actually provided by the division plus the increase provided by the division in the second year.

b. Out of this appropriation, \$818,874 the first year and \$1,699,942 the second year from the general fund is provided for the state share of the salary increases stated in paragraph a. above for Academic Year Governor's Schools, and \$549,105 the first year and \$1,255,326 the second year from the Lottery Proceeds fund is provided for the state share of these salary increases for Regional Alternative Education Programs.

c. It is the intent that the average instructional and support position salaries are increased in local school divisions throughout the state by at least 3.0 percent the first year, at least an additional 3.0 percent the second year, resulting in a combined increase of at least 6.09 percent during the biennium.

d. The state funds that the school division is eligible to receive shall be matched by the local government based on the composite index of local ability-to-pay. This local match shall be

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calculated for funded SOQ instructional and support positions using an effective date of July 1, 2024, the first year and July 1, 2025, the second year. Local school divisions shall certify to the Department of Education that funds used as the local match are derived solely from local revenue sources.

e. This funding is not intended as a mandate to increase salaries."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$178.1 million the first year and \$361.0 million the second year from the general fund to provide the state's share of two 3.0 percent salary increases provided on July 1, 2024 and July 1, 2025.)

Item 125 #16c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	(\$20,000,000)	(\$20,000,000)	GF

Language:

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,290,021,574" and insert "\$10,270,021,574".

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,073,997,964" and insert "\$10,053,997,964".

Page 145, strike line 21.

Page 183, strike lines 34 through 53.

Page 184, strike lines 1 through 18.

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$20.0 million from the general fund each year included in the introduced budget related to a new diploma plus program.)

Item 125 #17c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	(\$115,000,000)	\$0	GF
	(\$235,000,000)	\$0	NGF

Language:

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,290,021,574" and insert "\$9,940,021,574".

Page 146, strike lines 9 and 10.

Page 155, strike lines 28 through 32.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates a proposed \$350.0 million one-time deposit in fiscal year 2025 to

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the VRS teacher retirement fund, saving \$115.0 million from the general fund and \$235.0 million from the literary fund.)

Item 125 #18c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	(\$30,000,000)	(\$30,000,000)	GF

Language:

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,290,021,574" and insert "\$10,260,021,574".

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,073,997,964" and insert "\$10,043,997,964".

Page 145, strike line 20.

Page 155, after line 5, insert:

"33. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A of § [22.1-349.1](#), Code of Virginia, for the purpose of the College Partnership Laboratory School Fund, a "college partnership laboratory school" means a public, nonsectarian, nonreligious school in the Commonwealth established by a baccalaureate public institution of higher education."

Page 183, strike lines 13 through 17.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates \$60.0 million over the biennium proposed to be transferred from the general fund to the College Partnership Laboratory School Fund. In addition, the amendment maintains language from the existing Appropriation Act that limits the use of the Fund to public four-year institutions. House Bill 29 amendments maintain amounts in the Fund for use throughout the 2024-26 biennium to address prior obligated funds.)

Item 125 #19c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$950,001	\$950,000	GF

Language:

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,290,021,574" and insert "\$10,290,971,575".

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,073,997,964" and insert "\$10,074,947,964".

Page 146, line 4, strike "\$800,000" and "\$800,000" and insert:

"\$1,750,000" and "\$1,750,000".

Page 181, line 45, strike "\$800,000" and "\$800,000" and insert:

"\$1,750,000" and "\$1,750,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$950,000 each year from the general fund to maintain the \$1.75

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million annual supplement provided to Accomack and Northampton Counties.)

Item 125 #20c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	(\$306,100)	(\$306,100)	GF

Language:

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,290,021,574" and insert "\$10,289,715,474".

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,073,997,964" and insert "\$10,073,691,864".

Page 145, strike lines 13 and 14.

Page 170, strike lines 50 through 57.

Page 171, strike lines 1 through 8.

Page 171, line 9, strike "j" and insert "i".

Page 171, line 44, strike "k" and insert "j".

Page 171, line 47, strike "l" and insert "k".

Explanation:

(This amendment relocates the VPI scholarship program for provisionally licensed teachers from Item 125 to Item 124.)

Item 125 #21c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	(\$149,709,906)	(\$148,473,605)	GF

Language:

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,290,021,574" and insert "\$10,140,311,668".

Page 143, line 52, strike "\$10,073,997,964" and insert "\$9,925,524,359".

Page 145, strike lines 10 through 12.

Page 166, strike lines 47 through 54.

Page 167, strike lines 1 through 56.

Page 168, strike lines 1 through 57.

Page 169, strike lines 1 through 55.

Page 170, strike lines 1 through 49.

Page 171, strike lines 9 through 50.

Explanation:

(This amendment relocates funding and language related to the Virginia Preschool Initiative and Early Childhood Expansion to the new Early Childhood Care and Education item, Item 125.10.)

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Item 125 #22c

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	(\$25,000,000)	\$0	GF
	\$25,000,000	\$0	NGF

Language:

Page 144, line 46, strike "\$237,752,468" and insert "\$212,752,468".
 Page 145, line 34, strike "\$202,130,342" and insert "\$227,130,342".
 Page 158, line 42, strike "\$237,752,468" and insert "\$212,752,468".
 Page 158, line 43, strike "\$202,130,342" and insert "\$227,130,342".

Explanation:

(This amendment increases the lottery proceeds forecast by \$25.0 million in the first year, resulting in general fund savings of a like amount.)

Item 125.10 #1c

Education: Elementary & Secondary Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$401,371,656	\$497,603,088	GF
	\$193,868,282	\$131,518,476	NGF

Language:

Page 184, after line 18, insert:

"EDUCATION: ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION

Direct Aid to Public Education

125.10 Early Childhood Care and Education	\$595,239,938	\$629,121,564
Fund Sources:		
General	\$401,371,656	\$497,603,088
Federal Trust	\$193,868,282	\$131,518,476 "

A. Out of this appropriation, \$401,371,656 the first year and \$497,603,088 the second year from the general fund is provided to support the Child Care Subsidy Program, Mixed Delivery Program, and Virginia Preschool Initiative as provided below. These amounts include \$640,000 the first year and \$2,250,000 the second year in general fund revenues from marijuana tax

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revenues as required by § 4.1-614 B.1 of the Code of Virginia.

Item 472 (2) of this act and Item 486 (2) of the 2022-2024 Appropriation Act provide that up to \$169,898,356 in federal ARPA-SLRF funds returned to the State and Local Recovery Fund may be used to supplement the Child Care Subsidy Program. General funds in this Item shall be unallotted in the first year in an amount equivalent to the supplemental funds provided from the State and Local Recovery Fund.

Program	FY 2025	FY 2026
Child Care Subsidy Program	42,719 slots	45,159 slots
General Fund	\$169,836,446	\$266,500,894
Federal CCDF	\$129,871,766	\$131,518,476
Federal ARPA-SLRF	\$63,996,516	\$0
TANF/VIEW & Fee for Service (GF appropriated through Department of Social Services)	\$26,864,671	\$26,864,671
CCDF Total	\$390,631,309	\$424,883,913
Mixed Delivery Grant Program	2,530 slots	2,530 slots
General Fund	\$38,837,730	\$38,837,720
Virginia Preschool Initiative		
General Fund: Four Year Olds	\$147,580,570	\$147,147,554
General Fund: VPI Expansion	\$45,116,920	\$45,116,920
VPI Total	\$192,697,490	\$192,264,474
Total General Funds	\$401,371,656	\$497,603,088

B. Child Care Subsidy Program

1. The Department of Education and the Department of Social Services shall determine the amount of nongeneral funds to be transferred to the Department of Social Services to address costs associated with administration of the Child Care and Development Fund each year.

2. The Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Social Services, shall prepare an annual Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) report that reflects all CCDF expenditures from the previous fiscal year, current grant balances and obligation and liquidation deadlines, as well as all anticipated spending for the current and two subsequent fiscal years. Identified spending should, at a minimum, be broken down by subsidies (mandated and

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discretionary), administrative costs, and quality efforts. The plan also shall include a certification from the Department that the maximum amount of federal funds were drawn down in the preceding fiscal year. Should the Department be unable to certify that maximum federal funds were drawn down, the Department shall identify strategies for Virginia to obtain the maximum amount of federal funds in the following fiscal year(s) as part of this plan. In addition, this plan should report, by locality, the number of subsidies (mandated and discretionary) provided, number of providers receiving CCDF dollars, the overall number of child care providers, and the waitlist for services. This information should be provided the previous fiscal year, current fiscal year, and two subsequent fiscal years. The plan shall also include an appendix with the most recently completed CCDF annual report as required by the federal Office of Child Care. The department shall submit the report by October 1 of each year to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees. In addition, the department shall post this report on its website along with any reports from previous fiscal years.

3. Notwithstanding 8VAC-20-790, the Department of Education shall establish an annual target at the local level for the number of children that may be served by available funds and ensure that each locality has mechanisms in place for maintaining waitlists if family demand exceeds the targets.

4. Family copayment rates for the 2024-2026 biennium shall not exceed those that were in effect at the beginning of fiscal year 2024.

5. Parental work and job search requirements for the 2024-2026 biennium shall not exceed those that were in effect at the beginning of fiscal year 2024.

C. Mixed Delivery Grant Program

1. A Mixed-Delivery initiative is established to support public-private delivery of early learning services for birth to five-year-old children. Programs must provide full-day or half-day services. The Department of Education is authorized to prorate payment for this program so as not to exceed available appropriation. Actual funding provided to the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation shall be based on the actual use of allocated slots. Lead agencies shall report to the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation on actual use of allocated slots, and any funds allocated but not used on the actual provision of early childhood services shall be returned to the Department of Education.

a) The Department of Education shall establish academic standards that are in accordance with appropriate preparation for students to be ready to successfully enter kindergarten. These standards shall be established in such a manner as to be measurable for student achievement and success. Students shall be required to be evaluated in the fall and in the spring by each participating provider and grantees must certify that the Virginia Preschool Initiative standards are followed in order to receive the funding for quality preschool education and criteria for the service components. Such standards shall align with the Virginia Standards of Learning for Kindergarten.

b) The Department of Education shall require and ensure that all participating classrooms have

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the quality of their teacher-child interactions assessed through a rigorous and research-based observation instrument in accordance with the statewide measurement and improvement system VQB5.

c) Any locality that desires to participate in this grant program must submit a proposal each year to the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation. The application must be submitted by May 15 to align with the Virginia Preschool Initiative timeline. Each application shall identify a lead agency for this program within the locality. The lead agency shall be responsible for developing a local plan for the delivery of quality preschool services to at-risk birth to five-year-old children in private settings that demonstrates the coordination of resources in an effort to serve the greatest number of at-risk children.

d) The proposal must demonstrate: (i) coordination with all parties necessary for the successful delivery of comprehensive services, including schools, child care providers, local social services agencies, Head Start, local health departments, and other groups identified by the lead agency, (ii) a plan for supporting inclusive practices for children with identified special needs, (iii) a plan to transition the Mixed-Delivery local model into a sustainable program, and (iv) a mechanism for annually measuring and reporting unmet parental demand and preference, including establishing waitlists.

e) Local plans must indicate the number of at-risk children to be served, and the eligibility criteria for participation in this program shall be consistent with the economic and educational risk factors stated in the current program guidelines that are specific to: (i) family income at or below 200 percent of federal poverty guidelines, (ii) homelessness, (iii) student's parents or guardians are school dropouts, or (iv) children with disabilities or delays who are eligible for special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, regardless of household income. Up to 15 percent of slots may be filled based on locally established eligibility criteria so as to meet the unique needs of at-risk children in the community. Localities that can demonstrate that more than 15 percent of slots are needed to meet the needs of at-risk children in their community may apply for a waiver from the Superintendent of Public Instruction to use a larger percentage of their slots. Localities must demonstrate that increasing eligibility will enable the maximization of federal funds and will not have a negative impact on access for other individuals currently being served.

f) Notwithstanding any provisions of § 22.1-299, Code of Virginia, and in order to achieve the priorities of the Joint Subcommittee on Early Childhood Care and Education for exploring the feasibility of and barriers to mixed delivery preschool systems in Virginia, recipients of a Mixed-Delivery Preschool grant shall be provided maximum flexibility within their respective local initiative in order to fully implement the associated goals and objectives of Mixed-Delivery Models. Recipients of a Mixed-Delivery Preschool grant and divisions participating in such grant activities shall be exempted from all regulatory and statutory provisions related to teacher licensure requirements and qualifications when paid by public funds within the confines of the Mixed-Delivery Preschool initiative.

g) Children served by the Mixed-Delivery initiative shall be assigned student identification

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numbers as provided in § 22.1-287.03 B of the Code of Virginia to evaluate program outcomes and to permit comparison with Virginia Preschool Initiative outcomes.

h) Mixed-Delivery providers shall provide information to the Department of Education as necessary to fulfill the reporting requirement established.

i) The Department of Education shall report to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by July 1, 2025, on the efficacy of the Mixed-Delivery Initiative since the inception of the program and compare its outcomes relative to the Virginia Preschool Initiative and the Child Care Subsidy Program.

2. Providers in the program may collect copayments from participating families. Such copayments shall be based on the same schedule provided for the Child Care Subsidy Program.

3. Parental work and job search requirements shall be the same as required for the Child Care Subsidy Program.

D. Virginia Preschool Initiative

1.a. Funds shall be disbursed by the Department of Education to schools and community-based organizations to provide quality preschool programs for at-risk four-year-olds who are residents of Virginia and unserved by Head Start program funding and for at-risk five-year-olds who are not eligible to attend kindergarten, or who did not have access to a sufficient preschool experience and whose families request preschool as the most appropriate placement. Final Virginia Preschool Initiative placement decisions for eligible children shall be based on family and program leader input.

b. These state funds and required local matching funds shall be used to provide programs for at-risk four-year-old children, which include quality preschool education, health services, social services, parental involvement and transportation. It shall be the policy of the Commonwealth that state funds and required local matching funds for the Virginia Preschool Initiative not be used for capital outlay, not be used to supplant any Head Start federal funds provided for local early education programs, and not be used until the local Head Start grantee certifies that all local Head Start slots are filled. Programs must provide full-day or half-day and, at least, school-year services.

The Department of Education shall establish academic standards that are in accordance with appropriate preparation for students to be ready to successfully enter kindergarten. These standards shall be established in such a manner as to be measurable for student achievement and success. Students shall be required to be evaluated in the fall and in the spring by each participating school division and the school divisions must certify that the Virginia Preschool Initiative program follows the established standards in order to receive the funding for quality preschool education and criteria for the service components. Such standards shall align with the Virginia Standards of Learning for Kindergarten.

4) a) Grants shall be distributed based on an allocation formula providing the state share of a \$9,968 per pupil grant in the first year and a \$9,968 per pupil grant in the second year for 100 percent of the unserved at-risk four-year-olds in each locality for a full-day program. Grants to

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half-day programs shall be funded based on the state share of \$4,984 in the first year and \$4,984 in the second year per unserved at-risk four-year-old in each locality.

For Planning District Eight localities, grants shall be distributed based on an allocation formula providing the state share of a \$10,701 per pupil grant in the first year and a \$10,701 per pupil grant in the second year for 100 percent of the unserved at-risk four-year-olds in each locality for a full-day program; grants to half-day programs for these localities shall be funded based on the state share of \$5,351 in the first year and \$5,351 in the second year per unserved at-risk four-year-old in each locality.

For the counties of Stafford, Fauquier, Spotsylvania, Clarke, Warren, Frederick, and Culpeper and the Cities of Fredericksburg and Winchester, grants shall be distributed based on an allocation formula providing the state share of a \$10,151 per pupil grant in the first year and a \$10,151 per pupil grant in the second year for 100 percent of the unserved at-risk four-year-olds in each locality for a full-day program; grants to half-day programs for these localities shall be funded based on the state share of \$5,076 in the first year and \$5,076 in the second year per unserved at-risk four-year-old in each locality.

The number of unserved at-risk four-year-olds in each locality shall be based on the projected number of kindergarten students, updated once each biennium for the Governor's introduced biennial budget. The Department of Education shall biennially rebenchmark the Virginia Preschool Initiative per pupil amounts using a formula similar to the current formula supporting public K-12 education in Virginia.

For slots filled as of September 30 each year, grants shall be based on the state share of 100 percent of the per pupil amount for a full-day or half-day program. For slots filled between October 1 and December 31 each year, grants shall be based on the state share of the per pupil amount for a full-day or half-day program prorated for the portion of the school year each child is served. Following the Department of Education's fall student record collection each year, the Department shall project the number of additional slots that may be filled between October 1 and December 31 each year. The Department of Education is authorized to prorate state funding for slots filled between October 1 and December 31 each year if demand exceeds available appropriation.

b) VPI Expansion funds are provided to serve at-risk three-year-olds who are residents of Virginia and unserved by Head Start funding using criteria determined by the Department of Education and subject to available appropriation. Localities may apply to participate by May 15 each year and shall be selected on a competitive basis. Localities shall be required to: (i) demonstrate broad stakeholder support, (ii) track outcomes for participating children, (iii) demonstrate how they will maximize federal and state funds to preserve existing birth to five slots, including certifying that all local Head Start slots are filled, (iv) support inclusive practices of children with identified special needs, and (v) collaborate among the school division, local department of social services, programs accepting child care subsidy payments, and providers for Head Start, private child care, and early childhood special education and early intervention programs. Localities that meet the following characteristics shall be prioritized for

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participation: (i) communities with limited child care options; (ii) programs serving children in private, mixed-delivery settings; or (iii) communities that demonstrate full support of public and private providers. Grants shall be distributed based on an allocation formula providing the state share of the per pupil amounts as provided for four-year old slots.

c) Full-day programs shall operate for a minimum of five and one-half instructional hours, excluding breaks for meals, and half-day programs shall operate for a minimum of three hours of classroom instructional time per day, excluding breaks for lunch. Virginia Preschool Initiative programs may include unstructured recreational time that is intended to develop teamwork, social skills, and overall physical fitness in any calculation of total instructional time, provided that such unstructured recreational time does not exceed 15 percent of total instructional time or teaching hours. No additional state funding is provided for programs operating greater than three hours per day but less than five and one-half hours per day. In determining the state and local shares of funding, the composite index of local ability-to-pay is capped at 0.5000.

d) For new programs in the first year of implementation only, programs operating less than a full school year shall receive state funds on a fractional basis determined by the pro-rata portion of a school year program provided. In determining the prorated state funds to be received, a school year shall be 180 days or 990 teaching hours.

e) To ensure children with special needs have equitable opportunity to enter kindergarten ready, all Virginia Preschool Initiative programs are expected to be inclusive of children with disabilities. Specifically, programs shall meet or exceed a target inclusion rate, such that 10 percent of all children participating in the Virginia Preschool Initiative are children with disabilities, defined as those with an Individualized Education Plan, and are served in inclusive classrooms that include children who do not have an Individualized Education Plan. A program that is unable to meet this target shall provide reasons a 10 percent inclusion rate was not achieved in the given school year in its annual comprehensive report.

b.1) Any locality that desires to participate in this grant program must submit a proposal through its chief administrator (county administrator or city manager) by May 15 of each year. The chief administrator, in conjunction with the school superintendent, shall identify a lead agency for this program within the locality. The lead agency shall be responsible for developing a local plan for the delivery of quality preschool services to at-risk children, which demonstrates the coordination of resources and the combination of funding streams in an effort to serve the greatest number of at-risk four-year-old children and, if applicable, to serve at-risk three-year-old children. The plan shall also include a mechanism for annually measuring and reporting unmet parental demand and preference, including establishing waitlists.

2) The proposal must demonstrate coordination with all parties necessary for the successful delivery of comprehensive services, including the schools, child care providers, local social services agency, Head Start, local health department, and other groups identified by the lead agency. The proposal must identify which entities were consulted and how the locality will

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ensure that federal funds are preserved and maximized including demonstrating compliance with Title I of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act to ensure that a Local Educational Agency receiving Title I funding coordinates with Head Start programs and other early learning programs receiving federal funds by developing Memorandums of Understanding with such agencies to coordinate services. The proposal must also demonstrate a plan for supporting inclusive practices for children with identified special needs.

3) A local match, based on the composite index of local ability-to-pay, shall be required. For purposes of meeting the local match, localities may use local expenditures for existing qualifying programs, however, at least fifty percent of the local match will be cash and no more than fifty percent will be in-kind. In-kind contributions are defined as cash outlays that are made by the locality that benefit the program but are not directly charged to the program. The value of fixed assets cannot be considered as an in-kind contribution. Philanthropic or other private funds may be contributed to the locality to be appropriated in their local budget and then utilized as local match. Localities shall also continue to pursue and coordinate other funding sources, including child care subsidies. Funds received through this program must be used to supplement, not supplant, any funds currently provided for programs within the locality. However, in the event a locality is unable to continue the previous level of support to programs for at-risk four-year-olds from Title I of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the state and local funds provided in this grants program may be used to continue services to these Title I students. Such inability may occur due to adjustments to the allocation formula in the reauthorization of ESEA as the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, or due to a percentage reduction in a locality's Title I allocation in a particular year. Any locality so affected shall provide written evidence to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and request his approval to continue the services to Title I students.

c. Local plans must provide clear methods of service coordination for the purpose of reducing the per child cost for the service, increasing the number of at-risk children served and/or extending services for the entire year.

Examples of these include:

1) "Wraparound Services" - methods for combining funds such as child care subsidy dollars administered by local social service agencies with dollars for quality preschool education programs.

2) "Wrap-out Services" - methods for using grant funds to purchase quality preschool services to at-risk four-year-old children through an existing child care setting by purchasing comprehensive services within a setting which currently provides quality preschool education.

3) "Expansion of Service" - methods for using grant funds to purchase slots within existing programs, such as Head Start, which provides comprehensive services to at-risk three- and four-year-old children.

d. Local plans must indicate the number of at-risk four-year-old children to be served, and the eligibility criteria for participation in this program shall be consistent with the economic and educational risk factors stated in the current program guidelines that are specific to: (i) family

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income at or below 200 percent of federal poverty guidelines, (ii) homelessness, (iii) student's parents or guardians are school dropouts, or (iv) children with disabilities or delays who are eligible for special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, regardless of household income. Up to 15 percent of a division's slots may be filled based on locally established eligibility criteria so as to meet the unique needs of at-risk children in the community. If applicable, local plans must also indicate the number of at-risk three-year-old children to be served using the same eligibility criteria listed above. Localities that can demonstrate that more than 15 percent of slots are needed to meet the needs of at-risk children in their community may apply for a waiver from the Superintendent of Public Instruction to use a larger percentage of their slots. Localities must demonstrate that increasing eligibility will enable the maximization of federal funds and will not have a negative impact on access for other individuals currently being served.

e.1) The Department of Education shall provide technical assistance for the administration of this grant program to provide assistance to localities in developing a comprehensive, coordinated, quality preschool program that prepares all participants for kindergarten.

2) The Department shall provide interested localities with information on models for service delivery, methods of coordinating funding streams, such as funds to match federal IV-A child care dollars, to maximize funding without supplanting existing sources of funding for the provision of services to at-risk three- and four-year-old children. A priority for technical assistance in the design of programs shall be given to localities where the majority of the at-risk three- and four-year-old population is currently unserved.

f. VPI Expansion funds are provided to support Virginia Preschool Initiative slots to serve children on wait lists. In each year, unused grants distributed as provided in for four-year old slots shall be redistributed based on guidelines established by the Department of Education subject to the appropriation available for this purpose. Such guidelines shall provide the criteria used to redistribute grants and provide for the notification of grants redistribution to programs no later than July 1 of each year. The Department shall conduct this process annually, and the redistribution shall not affect the allocation formula for the subsequent year.

g.1) VPI Expansion funds are provided to support an add-on grant per child for approximately 2,000 children to incentivize mixed-delivery of services through private providers. These add-on grants are intended to provide funds to minimize the difference between the amount of the per-pupil grant allocation and the per-pupil cost to serve a child in a community-based or private provider setting. Recipients of the add-on grants will be encouraged to support classrooms that support inclusive practices of children with special needs. Localities shall indicate in their plans submitted pursuant to this Item how many of their Virginia Preschool Initiative slots will be provided in community-based or private provider settings to receive the add-on grant. Community-based providers that are recipients of Virginia Preschool Initiative grants shall be exempted from all regulatory and statutory provisions related to teacher licensure requirements and qualifications when paid by public funds within the confines of the Virginia Preschool Initiative community-add-on partnerships and provided that the provider meets the expectations of the statewide measurement and improvement system.

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2) The amount of these add-on grants for community-based providers shall be informed by the Department of Education's methodology to estimate the actual cost of providing high-quality early childhood education services in community-based settings. This is not intended as a mandate to increase the individual amounts of these add-on grants or to increase the state appropriation supporting these add-on grants. The amount of the add-on grant plus the Virginia Preschool Initiative per pupil amount shall not exceed prevailing child care market rates in a particular region and shall align with Child Care Subsidy Program rates. The Department of Education is authorized to prorate payments for these add-on grants so as not to exceed the available appropriation.

h. VPI Expansion funds are provided to support increased Virginia Preschool Initiative teacher to student ratios and class sizes, as follows:

1) Any classroom that exceeds benchmarks set by the Board of Education shall be staffed as follows: (i) one teacher shall be provided for any class of ten students or less; (ii) if the enrollment in any class exceeds ten students but does not exceed 20, a full-time teacher's aide shall be assigned to the class; and (iii) the maximum class size shall be 20 students.

2) All other classrooms shall be staffed as follows: (i) one teacher shall be employed for any class of nine students or less; (ii) if the enrollment in any class exceeds nine students but does not exceed 18, a full-time teacher's aide shall be assigned to the class; and (iii) the maximum class size shall be 18 students.

j.1.) The Department of Education shall collect information from local Virginia Preschool Initiative programs and from providers participating in the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation's Mixed-Delivery Preschool Initiative as needed to compile a comprehensive report on the usage of state funds detailing, but not limited to the number of calculated slots and funding allocated to each local program or provider, and the number of such slots that have been filled.

2.) Such comprehensive report shall be aggregated in a manner to identify: (i) funding and the number of slots used to serve a student in a public school and non-public school setting, (ii) the number of three-year olds served, (iii) waitlist slots requested, offered, and provided, (iv) the number of students served whose families are at or below 130 percent poverty, above 130 percent but at or below 200 percent of poverty, above 200 percent but at or below 350 percent of poverty, and above 350 percent of poverty.

3.) Such comprehensive report shall describe the Virginia Preschool Initiative programs' progress towards the target inclusion rate, such that 10 percent of all children enrolled in each program are children with disabilities, defined as those with an Individualized Education Plan. Virginia Preschool Initiative programs shall report the share of children with Individualized Education Plans in inclusive classrooms annually starting with the 2020-2021 school year. If the program's current inclusion rate falls below 10 percent, the program shall provide reasons a 10 percent inclusion rate was not achieved in the given school year and what actions the program could implement to increase its rate of inclusion in the next year.

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4.) The Department shall submit such comprehensive report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees no later than December 31 each year.

5.) The Department shall develop a plan for comprehensive public reporting on early childhood expenditures, outcomes, and program quality to replace this reporting requirement. Such plan and subsequent reports shall consider the components included in this reporting requirement, and include all publicly-funded providers as defined in Chapter 860 and Chapter 861, 2020 Acts of Assembly. The plan shall identify any fiscal, legislative, or regulatory barriers to implementing such public reporting, and shall consider integration with the Department's School Quality Profiles. The Department of Education shall submit an update on implementation of the plan to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by December 1 each year. Once fully implemented, the Department of Education shall update and submit the report by December 1 of each year.

G. Notwithstanding 8VAC-20-780, or any other requirement in state law or regulation, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall have the authority to alter staff-to-child ratios and group sizes for licensed child day centers and child day centers that participate in the Child Care Subsidy Program or Mixed Delivery Grant Program by increasing the number of children per staff by (1) one child for groups of children from birth to the age of eligibility to attend public school, and (2) two children for groups of children from the age of eligibility to attend public school through 12 years. Child day centers that take advantage of this flexibility must notify families in writing of the temporary increase in ratios and group size. This authority and any resultant waiver of state law or regulation shall expire June 30, 2026. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall ensure that any action taken under this provision is permissible under federal requirements.

H. The Early Childhood Care and Education Commission shall review and recommend updates to the current copayment schedule, parental work requirements, and attendance expectations applicable to the Child Care Subsidy Program and Mixed Delivery Grant Program. In its review, the Commission shall consider: (i) leveraging state general funds to minimize the fiscal cliff as family income increases beyond program eligibility, (ii) use of reasonable family copayments to minimize the need for additional general funds. No later than December 1, 2024, the Commission shall submit its recommendations to the to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, the House Committee on Commerce and Energy, the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor, the House Committee on Education, and the Senate Committee on Education and Health."

Explanation:

(This amendment establishes a new item for Early Childhood Care and Education, consolidating appropriations for the Child Care Subsidy Program, Mixed Delivery Program, and Virginia Preschool Initiative, and provides support for these programs through the The table below outlines the funding for early childhood programs transferred into this Item and provides an

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additional \$8.9 million the first year and \$40.9 million the second year from the general fund and \$25.0 the first year in nongeneral funds beyond the amounts proposed in the introduced budget.

Transferred from Other Items	FY 2025 GF	FY 2026 GF	FY 2025 NGF	FY 2026 NGF
Item 117: Child Care Subsidy Program	\$173,258,588	\$237,815,584	\$168,868,282	\$131,518,476
Item 124: Mixed Delivery Program	\$36,500,000	\$36,500,000	\$0	\$0
Item 125: Virginia Preschool Initiative	\$149,709,906	\$148,473,605	\$0	\$0
Total	\$359,468,494	\$422,789,189	\$168,868,282	\$131,518,476
New Actions in Item 125.10				
CCSP: Offset with Unobligated ARPA-SLRF School Ventilation Grants (corresponding amendment in Item 472)	(\$25,000,000)	\$0	\$25,000,000	\$0
CCSP: Maintain Copay Rates	\$15,724,000	\$15,724,000	\$0	\$0
CCSP: Fund an additional 500 slots in FY 2025 and 1.000 slots in FY 2026 in addition to those included in HB 30, introduced	\$5,853,858	\$12,961,310	\$0	\$0
MD: Apply current CCSP Copay Rates	\$2,337,720	\$2,337,720	\$0	\$0
VPI: Maintain .5000 LCI Cap	\$7,881,965	\$7,833,578	\$0	\$0
VPI: Restore 20% Nonparticipation Rate	\$35,105,619	\$35,957,291	\$0	\$0
Total New Actions in Item 125.10	\$41,903,162	\$74,813,899	\$25,000,000	\$0.)

Item 130 #1c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

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State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (\$2,500,000) (\$2,500,000) GF

Language:

Page 186, line 30, strike "\$182,168,512" and insert "\$179,668,512".
Page 186, line 30, strike "\$145,968,512" and insert "\$143,468,512".
Page 190, strike lines 9 through 12

Explanation:

(This amendment transfers previously authorized financial aid funding directly to Norfolk State University and Virginia State University consistent with legislative intent.)

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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:
"\$2,650" 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.)

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Item 130 #3c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

State Council of Higher Education for
Virginia

\$2,000,000

\$2,000,000

GF

Language:

Page 186, line 30, strike "\$182,168,512" and insert "\$184,168,512".

Page 186, line 30, strike "\$145,968,512" and insert "\$147,968,512".

Page 186, line 43, strike "\$100,325,881" and "\$100,325,881" and insert:
"\$102,325,881" and "\$102,325,881".

Page 187, line 16, strike "\$5,000" and insert "\$5,125".

Page 187, line 17, strike the first "\$5,000" and insert "\$5,250".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding to increase the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant (VTAG) award for undergraduate students from \$5,000 to \$5,125 the first year and \$5,250 the second year.)

Item 130 #4c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

State Council of Higher Education for
Virginia

\$20,000,000

\$20,000,000

GF

Language:

Page 186, line 30, strike "\$182,168,512" and insert "\$202,168,512".

Page 186, line 30, strike "\$145,968,512" and insert "\$165,968,512".

Page 190, after line 43, insert:

"K. 1. As a condition of this appropriation, \$20,000,000 each year from the general fund is designated to offset the impact of programs under § 23.1, Chapter 6 as governed under § 4-5.01 b.7. of this act.

2. The State Council of Education for Virginia shall work with public higher education institutions to determine the appropriate allocation of these funds consistent with § 4-5.01 b.7. of this act.

3. Any unexpended balance in this item at the close of business on June 30 each year shall not revert to the general fund, but shall be carried forward and reappropriated to support the purposes specified in paragraphs J.1. and J.4. in the subsequent fiscal year.

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4. By November 1 of each year, the Council shall report on the status of programs under § 23.1, Chapter 6 as governed under § 4-5.01 b.7. of this act."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding for financial aid to offset costs of waiver programs under § 23.1, Chapter 6, Code of Virginia.)

		Item 130 #5c
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia	\$0	\$37,500,000 GF

Language:

Page 186, line 31, strike "\$145,968,512" and insert "\$183,468,512".

Page 190, line 13, after "year" insert:

"and \$37,500,000 the second year".

Page 190, line 30, after "J.5." insert:

"Funds shall be ongoing to ensure successful enrollment and completion for students. Initiatives demonstrating successful outcomes may be prioritized in future base funding requests."

Page 190, line 40, after "report to", insert:

"the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees and".

Explanation:

(This amendment restores \$37.5 million from the general fund the second year related to a Pell initiative to support access, retention, and completion of low-income students that was removed in the second year in the introduced budget and reinserts language that was legislatively approved in Chapter 1, 2023 Special Session I that states that funds shall be ongoing.)

		Item 130 #6c
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia	\$20,000	\$20,000 GF

Language:

Page 186, line 31, strike "\$182,168,512" and insert "\$182,188,512".

Page 186, line 31, strike "\$145,968,512" and insert "\$145,988,512".

Page 187, after line 12, insert:

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"3. Out of this appropriation, \$20,000 the first year and \$20,000 the second year from the general fund is designated to provide grants of up to \$5,000 per year for Virginia students who attend schools and colleges of optometry. Each student receiving a grant shall agree to set up practice in the Commonwealth for a period of not less than two years upon completion of instruction."

Page 187, line 13, strike "3" and insert "4".

Explanation:

(This amendment restores \$20,000 from the general fund in each year to support an optometry scholarship program that was removed from the introduced budget.)

Item 130 #7c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia	\$0	\$200,000	GF

Language:

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

Page 189, line 10, after "\$12,000", insert:

"or its equivalent".

Explanation:

(This amendment adds language to allow for an alternative calculation for expected family contribution based on expected changes with the FAFSA to begin using the student aid index and partially restores \$200,000 from the general fund the second year that was removed in the introduced budget.)

Item 132 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia	\$126,811	\$174,000	GF

Language:

Page 191, line 6, strike "\$46,104,707" and insert "\$46,231,518".

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

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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 #2c		
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia	(\$9,000,000) 5.00	\$11,500,000 5.00	GF FTE

Language:

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

Page 191, line 6, strike "\$28,382,518" and insert "\$39,882,518".

Page 192, strike lines 27 through 52 and insert:

"I.1. As a condition of this appropriation, \$12,000,000 the first year and \$14,500,000 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 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, including students that traditionally do not participate in such programs; (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 a demonstrated increase in student participation in paid internship programs and work-based learning opportunities. Institutions shall be eligible for grants upon demonstrating that it is a key priority of the institution and its senior academic and administrative leadership to have a coordinated plan to expand internship participation by students, to incorporate internships in curricula, to report completion of internships and courses that include internships on student transcripts, and to remove administrative and financial barriers to internship opportunities. The

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plan shall include: (i) an implementation timeline, (ii) the allocation of resources and funding strategies to support internships, (iii) the assignment of dedicated personnel to facilitate placement of students in internships and engage with employers, (iv) the identification of how the institution will support students that are less likely to participate in internships and work-based learning opportunities, to be employed in an occupation related to their major upon completion of their certificate or degree, or to earn at or above the average earnings of graduates in their program major; (v) opportunities to align existing student employment opportunities on campus to include best practices of an internship program; and (vi) metrics for measuring, reporting, and regularly reviewing progress on the plan. Institutions that have not developed a plan may be eligible for planning grants as long as the planning grants are led by senior academic and administrative leadership. 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 may be provided to small and midsize Virginia-based employers that agree to provide paid internships according to criteria established by the Council in consultation with the Virginia Department of Workforce Development and Advancement and the Virginia Talent and Opportunity Partnership. Such criteria shall include: (i) a limitation of eligibility to for-profit business and nonprofit organizations, excluding institutions of higher education, with physical operations and facilities in Virginia and 150 or fewer Virginia-based employees; (ii) 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; (iii) a 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; (iv) the minimum and maximum number of hours required to ensure the student gains valuable work experience; (v) a limitation of the qualifying number of internships per employer; and (vi) the maximum timeframe for employers to be eligible to receive the grants. Prioritization of grant awards may consider employers of 50 or fewer employees. Funding may also be used to support staffing agency services related to intern recruitment for employers with 250 or fewer Virginia-based employees who are not otherwise eligible for matching grants under this paragraph.

4. The Council, through the Virginia Talent and Opportunity Partnership, and in consultation

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with the Virginia Department of Workforce Development and Advancement and other stakeholders, shall develop and execute a promotional plan to raise awareness and foster expanded internship programs and participation by business and nonprofit organizations. 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, 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 the 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.)

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Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

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State Council of Higher Education for
Virginia

(\$3,000,000)

(\$3,000,000) GF

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:

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(This amendment removes a proposed new mental health initiative.)

Item 132 #4c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

State Council of Higher Education for
Virginia

\$65,000

\$65,000 GF

Language:

Page 191, line 6, strike "\$46,104,707" and insert "\$46,169,707".

Page 191, line 6, strike "\$28,382,518" and insert "\$28,447,518".

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 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 and provides additional funding to support the program.)

Item 132 #5c

Education: Higher Education

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

Language

Language:

Page 194, after line 12, insert:

"S. The Council shall (i) survey each public institution of higher education to determine how each such institution is addressing on-campus food insecurity, including specific methods, programs, sources of funding, expenditures, communications strategies, and staffing; (ii) Compile and make available to each such institution a guidance document containing best practices for leveraging all available resources and opportunities, including public benefits programs and donation programs, to ensure that students do not face food insecurity on campus; and (iii) report its findings and any recommendations to the Chairs of the House Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Education and Health, and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations no later than November 1, 2024."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires the State Council of Higher Education to review the status of

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programs that address food insecurity at public institutions of higher education and report its findings by November 1, 2024.)

Item 132 #6c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia	\$250,000	\$250,000	GF

Language:

Page 191, line 6, strike "\$46,104,707" and insert "\$46,354,707".

Page 191, line 6, strike "\$28,382,518" and insert "\$28,632,518".

Page 194, after line 12, insert:

"S. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year from the general fund is designated to establish and maintain a fund for excellence and innovation. The fund is designed to stimulate collaboration among public school divisions, community colleges, and universities to create and expand affordable student pathways and to pursue shared services and other efficiency initiatives at colleges and universities that lead to measurable cost reductions. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis, with eligibility criteria determined by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia."

Explanation:

(This amendment restores \$250,000 from the general fund in each year of the biennium that was removed in the introduced budget for a Fund for Excellence and Innovation.)

Item 136 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Christopher Newport University	\$2,383,000	\$2,383,000	GF

Language:

Page 195, line 2, strike "\$104,336,666" and insert "\$106,719,666".

Page 195, line 2, strike "\$104,004,716" and insert "\$106,387,716".

Explanation:

(This amendment is a companion amendment to Item 240 to restore affordable access funding provided in Chapter 1 of the 2023 Special Session I.)

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Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Christopher Newport University	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	GF

Language:

Page 195, line 2, strike "\$104,336,666" and insert "\$107,086,666".

Page 195, line 2, strike "\$104,004,716" and insert "\$106,754,716".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional operating support to enable public higher education institutions to minimize in-state undergraduate tuition increases, improve retention and graduation and increase degree production in high demand programs. In addition, funding at Christopher Newport University may address cybersecurity, campus safety and operations and maintenance issues.)

Item 136 #3c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Christopher Newport University	(\$331,950)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 195, line 2, strike "\$104,336,666" and insert "\$104,004,716".

Page 195, strike lines 46 through 48.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates proposed one-time funding for an undefined security initiative and repurposed the funding to previously identified higher education priorities.)

Item 137 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Christopher Newport University	\$449,880	\$439,830	GF

Language:

Page 196, line 2, strike "\$11,977,030" and insert "\$12,426,910".

Page 196, line 2, strike "\$11,977,030" and insert "\$12,416,860".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$449,880 from the general fund the first year and \$439,830 from the general fund the second year for undergraduate financial aid based on the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia's recommendations.)

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Item 137 #2c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Christopher Newport University	\$2,500	\$2,500	GF

Language:

Page 196, line 2, strike "\$11,977,030" and insert "\$11,979,530".

Page 196, line 2, strike "\$11,977,030" and insert "\$11,979,530".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2,500 from the general fund the first year and \$2,500 from the general fund the second year for graduate financial aid.)

Item 140 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
The College of William and Mary in Virginia	\$1,873,000	\$1,873,000	GF

Language:

Page 196, line 44, strike "\$279,700,685" and insert "\$281,573,685".

Page 196, line 44, strike "\$278,999,885" and insert "\$280,872,885".

Explanation:

(This amendment is a companion amendment to Item 240 to restore affordable access funding provided in Chapter 1 of the 2023 Special Session I.)

Item 140 #2c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
The College of William and Mary in Virginia	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	GF

Language:

Page 196, line 44, strike "\$279,700,685" and insert "\$282,450,685".

Page 196, line 44, strike "\$278,999,885" and insert "\$281,749,885".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional operating support to enable public higher education

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institutions to minimize in-state undergraduate tuition increases, improve retention and graduation and increase degree production in high demand programs.)

Item 140 #3c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

The College of William and Mary in
Virginia

(\$700,800)

\$0 GF

Language:

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

Page 198, strike lines 28 through 29.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates proposed one-time funding for undefined security initiative and repurposed the funding to previously identified higher education priorities.)

Item 141 #1c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

The College of William and Mary in
Virginia

\$260,300

\$221,170 GF

Language:

Page 198, line 31, strike "\$61,130,850" and insert "\$61,391,150".

Page 198, line 31, strike "\$61,130,850" and insert "\$61,352,020".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$260,300 from the general fund the first year and \$221,170 from the general fund the second year for undergraduate financial aid based on the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia's recommendations.)

Item 141 #2c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

The College of William and Mary in
Virginia

\$32,500

\$65,000 GF

Language:

Page 198, line 31, strike "\$61,130,850" and insert "\$61,163,350".

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Page 198, line 31, strike "\$61,130,850" and insert "\$61,195,850".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$32,500 from the general fund the first year and \$65,000 from the general fund the second year for graduate financial aid.)

		Item 144 #1c	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Richard Bland College	\$373,000	\$373,000	GF

Language:

Page 199, line 41, strike "\$20,307,884" and insert "\$20,680,884".

Page 199, line 41, strike "\$20,157,884" and insert "\$20,530,884".

Explanation:

(This amendment is a companion amendment to Item 240 to restore affordable access funding provided in Chapter 1 of the 2023 Special Session I.)

		Item 144 #2c	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Richard Bland College	\$750,000	\$750,000	GF

Language:

Page 199, line 41, strike "\$20,307,884" and insert "\$21,057,884".

Page 199, line 41, strike "\$20,157,884" and insert "\$20,907,884".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional operating support to enable public higher education institutions to minimize in-state undergraduate tuition increases, improve retention and graduation and increase degree production in high demand programs.)

		Item 144 #3c	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Richard Bland College	(\$150,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 199, line 41, strike "\$20,307,884" and insert "\$20,157,884".

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Page 201, strike lines 9 through 11.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates proposed one-time funding for undefined security initiative and repurposed the funding to previously identified higher education priorities.)

	Item 145 #1c	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
Richard Bland College	\$73,730	\$68,550 GF

Language:

Page 201, line 13, strike "\$2,406,080" and insert "\$2,479,810".

Page 201, line 13, strike "\$2,406,080" and insert "\$2,474,630".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$73,730 from the general fund the first year and \$68,550 from the general fund the second year for undergraduate financial aid based on the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia's recommendations.)

	Item 148 #1c	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
Virginia Institute of Marine Science	(\$150,000)	\$0 GF

Language:

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

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$150,000 from the general fund the first year included in the introduced budget to conduct a facilities review in order to support other education initiatives.)

	Item 149 #1c	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
Virginia Institute of Marine Science	\$12,500	\$25,000 GF

Language:

Page 203, line 34, strike "\$412,502" and insert "\$425,002".

Page 203, line 34, strike "\$412,502" and insert "\$437,502".

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$12,500 from the general fund the first year and \$25,000 from the general fund the second year for graduate financial aid.)

Item 151 #1c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

George Mason University

\$8,012,000

\$8,012,000

GF

Language:

Page 204, line 14, strike "\$780,450,981" and insert "\$788,462,981".

Page 204, line 14, strike "\$812,488,881" and insert "\$820,500,881".

Explanation:

(This amendment is a companion amendment to Item 240 to restore affordable access funding provided in Chapter 1 of the 2023 Special Session I.)

Item 151 #2c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

George Mason University

\$11,500,000

\$11,500,000

GF

Language:

Page 204, line 14, strike "\$780,450,981" and insert "\$791,950,981".

Page 204, line 14, strike "\$812,488,881" and insert "\$823,988,881".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional operating support to enable public higher education institutions to minimize in-state undergraduate tuition increases, improve retention and graduation and increase degree production in high demand programs.)

Item 151 #3c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

George Mason University

(\$2,462,100)

\$0

GF

Language:

Page 204, line 14, strike "\$780,450,981" and insert "\$777,988,881".

Page 206, strike lines 11 through 12.

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Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates proposed one-time funding for undefined security initiative and repurposed the funding to previously identified higher education priorities.)

Item 152 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
George Mason University	\$462,500	\$685,000	GF

Language:

Page 206, line 14, strike "\$119,931,144" and insert "\$120,393,644".

Page 206, line 14, strike "\$119,931,144" and insert "\$120,616,144".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$462,500 from the general fund the first year and \$685,000 from the general fund the second year for graduate financial aid based on the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia's recommendations.)

Item 152 #2c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
George Mason University	\$2,484,100	\$2,645,980	GF

Language:

Page 206, line 14, strike "\$119,931,144" and insert "\$122,415,244".

Page 206, line 14, strike "\$119,931,144" and insert "\$122,577,124".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.5 million from the general fund the first year and \$2.6 million from the general fund the second year for undergraduate financial aid based on the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia's recommendations.)

Item 155 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
James Madison University	\$4,724,000	\$4,724,000	GF

Language:

Page 207, line 38, strike "\$414,363,426" and insert "\$419,087,426".

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Page 207, line 38, strike "\$412,766,151" and insert "\$417,490,151".

Explanation:

(This amendment is a companion amendment to Item 240 to restore affordable access funding provided in Chapter 1 of the 2023 Special Session I.)

	Item 155 #2c	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
James Madison University	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 207, line 38, strike "\$414,363,426" and insert "\$420,363,426".

Page 207, line 38, strike "\$412,766,151" and insert "\$418,766,151".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional operating support to enable public higher education institutions to minimize in-state undergraduate tuition increases, improve retention and graduation and increase degree production in high demand programs.)

	Item 155 #3c	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
James Madison University	(\$1,597,275)	\$0 GF

Language:

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

Page 209, strike lines 1 through 3.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates proposed one-time funding for undefined security initiatives and repurposed the funding to previously identified higher education priorities.)

	Item 155 #4c	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
James Madison University	(\$997,816)	(\$997,816) GF

Language:

Page 207, line 38, strike "\$414,363,426" and insert "\$413,365,610".

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Page 207, line 38, strike "\$412,766,151" and insert "\$411,768,335".

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$997,816 from the general fund in each year included in the introduced budget for the Fast Flex program to support other education initiatives.)

		Item 156 #1c	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
James Madison University	\$974,480	\$1,290,470	GF

Language:

Page 209, line 5, strike "\$35,688,496" and insert "\$36,662,976".

Page 209, line 5, strike "\$35,688,496" and insert "\$36,978,966".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million from the general fund the first year and \$1.3 million from the general fund the second year for undergraduate financial aid based on the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia's recommendations.)

		Item 156 #2c	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
James Madison University	\$47,500	\$72,500	GF

Language:

Page 209, line 5, strike "\$35,688,496" and insert "\$35,735,996".

Page 209, line 5, strike "\$35,688,496" and insert "\$35,760,996".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$47,500 from the general fund the first year and \$72,500 from the general fund the second year for graduate financial aid based on the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia's recommendations.)

		Item 159 #1c	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Longwood University	\$2,453,000	\$2,453,000	GF

Language:

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Page 210, line 4, strike "\$92,025,502" and insert "\$94,478,502".

Page 210, line 4, strike "\$91,723,027" and insert "\$94,176,027".

Explanation:

(This amendment is a companion amendment to Item 240 to restore affordable access funding provided in Chapter 1 of the 2023 Special Session I.)

Item 159 #2c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Longwood University

\$2,500,000

\$2,500,000

GF

Language:

Page 210, line 4, strike "\$92,025,502" and insert "\$94,525,502".

Page 210, line 4, strike "\$91,723,027" and insert "\$94,223,027".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional operating support to enable public higher education institutions to minimize in-state undergraduate tuition increases, improve retention and graduation and increase degree production in high demand programs.)

Item 159 #3c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Longwood University

(\$302,475)

\$0

GF

Language:

Page 210, line 4, strike "\$92,025,502" and insert "\$91,723,027".

Page 211, strike lines 1 through 3.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates proposed one-time funding for undefined security initiative and repurposed the funding to previously identified higher education priorities.)

Item 160 #1c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Longwood University

\$447,370

\$467,850

GF

Language:

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Page 211, line 5, strike "\$12,240,718" and insert "\$12,688,088".

Page 211, line 5, strike "\$12,240,718" and insert "\$12,708,568".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$447,370 from the general fund the first year and \$467,850 from the general fund the second year for undergraduate financial aid based on the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia's recommendations.)

Item 160 #2c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Longwood University	\$5,000	\$10,000	GF

Language:

Page 211, line 5, strike "\$12,240,718" and insert "\$12,245,718".

Page 211, line 5, strike "\$12,240,718" and insert "\$12,250,718".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$5,000 from the general fund the first year and \$10,000 from the general fund the second year for graduate financial aid.)

Item 163 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Norfolk State University	\$1,598,000	\$1,598,000	GF

Language:

Page 211, line 49, strike "\$133,090,849" and insert "\$134,688,849".

Page 211, line 49, strike "\$132,702,199" and insert "\$134,300,199".

Explanation:

(This amendment is a companion amendment to Item 240 to restore affordable access funding provided in Chapter 1 of the 2023 Special Session I.)

Item 163 #2c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Norfolk State University	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	GF

Language:

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Page 211, line 49, strike "\$133,090,849" and insert "\$143,090,849".

Page 211, line 49, strike "\$132,702,199" and insert "\$142,702,199".

Page 213, after line 18, insert:

"I. Norfolk State University, in partnership with Virginia 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 additional operating support to minimize in-state undergraduate tuition increases, improve retention and graduation and increase degree production in high demand programs. In addition, language permits the institution to collaborate with Virginia State University, Virginia Union University and Hampton University in bringing various programs to localities throughout the Commonwealth.)

Item 163 #3c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Norfolk State University

(\$388,650)

\$0 GF

Language:

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

Page 213, strike lines 16 through 18.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates proposed one-time funding for undefined security initiative and repurposed the funding to previously identified higher education priorities.)

Item 163 #4c

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 163 #5c

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:

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

Item 164 #1c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Norfolk State University

\$1,250,000

\$1,250,000 GF

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 164 #2c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Norfolk State University

\$928,340

\$982,240 GF

Language:

Page 213, line 20, strike "\$37,576,031" and insert "\$38,504,371".

Page 213, line 20, strike "\$37,576,031" and insert "\$38,558,271".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$0.9 million from the general fund the first year and \$1.0 million from the general fund the second year for undergraduate financial aid based on the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia's recommendations.)

Item 164 #3c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Norfolk State University

\$15,000

\$25,000 GF

Language:

Page 213, line 20, strike "\$37,576,031" and insert "\$37,591,031".

Page 213, line 20, strike "\$37,576,031" and insert "\$37,601,031".

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$15,000 from the general fund the first year and \$25,000 from the general fund the second year for graduate financial aid.)

Item 167 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Old Dominion University	\$7,477,000	\$7,477,000	GF

Language:

Page 214, line 31, strike "\$370,952,897" and insert "\$378,429,897".

Page 214, line 31, strike "\$369,542,897" and insert "\$377,019,897".

Explanation:

(This amendment is a companion amendment to Item 240 to restore affordable access funding provided in Chapter 1 of the 2023 Special Session I.)

Item 167 #2c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Old Dominion University	\$9,500,000	\$9,500,000	GF

Language:

Page 214, line 31, strike "\$370,952,897" and insert "\$380,452,897".

Page 214, line 31, strike "\$369,542,897" and insert "\$379,042,897".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional operating support to enable public higher education institutions to minimize in-state undergraduate tuition increases, improve retention and graduation and increase degree production in high demand programs.)

Item 167 #3c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Old Dominion University	(\$1,410,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 214, line 31, strike "\$370,952,897" and insert "\$369,542,897".

Page 216, strike lines 27 through 28.

Explanation:

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(This amendment eliminates proposed one-time funding for undefined security initiatives and repurposed the funding to previously identified higher education priorities.)

Item 168 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Old Dominion University	\$2,047,260	\$2,847,140	GF

Language:

Page 216, line 30, strike "\$66,186,357" and insert "\$68,233,617".

Page 216, line 30, strike "\$66,186,357" and insert "\$69,033,497".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million from the general fund the first year and \$2.8 million from the general fund the second year for undergraduate financial aid based on the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia's recommendations.)

Item 168 #2c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Old Dominion University	\$212,500	\$317,500	GF

Language:

Page 216, line 30, strike "\$66,186,357" and insert "\$66,398,857".

Page 216, line 30, strike "\$66,186,357" and insert "\$66,503,857".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$212,500 from the general fund the first year and \$317,500 from the general fund the second year for graduate financial aid.)

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Education: Higher Education	
Eastern Virginia Medical School	Language

Language:

Page 219, after line 29, insert:

"N. State employee as defined by § 2.2-2818 of the Code of Virginia includes the residents and fellows employed by the Eastern Virginia Health Sciences Center at Old Dominion University."

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Explanation:

(This amendment clarifies that residents and fellows employed by Eastern Virginia Health Sciences Center are considered state employees.)

Item 172 #1c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Radford University

\$2,897,000

\$2,897,000

GF

Language:

Page 219, line 50, strike "\$176,470,928" and insert "\$179,367,928".

Page 219, line 50, strike "\$175,944,578" and insert "\$178,841,578".

Explanation:

(This amendment is a companion amendment to Item 240 to restore affordable access funding provided in Chapter 1 of the 2023 Special Session I.)

Item 172 #2c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Radford University

\$3,500,000

\$3,500,000

GF

Language:

Page 219, line 50, strike "\$176,470,928" and insert "\$179,970,928".

Page 219, line 50, strike "\$175,944,578" and insert "\$179,444,578".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional operating support to enable public higher education institutions to minimize in-state undergraduate tuition increases, improve retention and graduation and increase degree production in high demand programs. In addition, funding at Radford University may address operations and maintenance issues.)

Item 172 #3c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Radford University

(\$526,350)

\$0

GF

Language:

Page 219, line 50, strike "\$176,470,928" and insert "\$175,944,578".

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Page 221, strike lines 9 through 11.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates proposed one-time funding for undefined security initiatives and repurposed the funding to previously identified higher education priorities.)

		Item 173 #1c	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Radford University	\$983,010	\$812,610	GF

Language:

Page 221, line 13, strike "\$30,722,873" and insert "\$31,705,883".

Page 221, line 13, strike "\$30,722,873" and insert "\$31,535,483".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million from the general fund the first year and \$0.8 million from the general fund the second year for undergraduate financial aid based on the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia's recommendations.)

		Item 173 #2c	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Radford University	\$57,500	\$87,500	GF

Language:

Page 221, line 13, strike "\$30,722,873" and insert "\$30,780,373".

Page 221, line 13, strike "\$30,722,873" and insert "\$30,810,373".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$57,500 from the general fund the first year and \$87,500 from the general fund the second year for graduate financial aid.)

		Item 176 #1c	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
University of Mary Washington	\$2,106,000	\$2,106,000	GF

Language:

Page 222, line 6, strike "\$100,032,460" and insert "\$102,138,460".

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Page 222, line 6, strike "\$99,783,010" and insert "\$101,889,010".

Explanation:

(This amendment is a companion amendment to Item 240 to restore affordable access funding provided in Chapter 1 of the 2023 Special Session I.)

		Item 176 #2c	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
University of Mary Washington	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	GF

Language:

Page 222, line 6, strike "\$100,032,460" and insert "\$102,532,460".

Page 222, line 6, strike "\$99,783,010" and insert "\$102,283,010".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional operating support to enable public higher education institutions to minimize in-state undergraduate tuition increases, improve retention and graduation and increase degree production in high demand programs.)

		Item 176 #3c	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
University of Mary Washington	(\$249,450)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 222, line 6, strike "\$100,032,460" and insert "\$99,783,010".

Page 223, strike lines 16 through 18.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates proposed one-time funding for undefined security initiatives and repurposed the funding to previously identified higher education priorities.)

		Item 177 #1c	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
University of Mary Washington	\$281,360	\$312,240	GF

Language:

Page 223, line 20, strike "\$17,015,862" and insert "\$17,297,222".

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Page 223, line 20, strike "\$17,015,862" and insert "\$17,328,102".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$281,360 from the general fund the first year and \$312,240 from the general fund the second year for undergraduate financial aid based on the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia's recommendations.)

Item 177 #2c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
University of Mary Washington	\$2,500	\$2,500	GF

Language:

Page 223, line 20, strike "\$17,015,862" and insert "\$17,018,362".

Page 223, line 20, strike "\$17,015,862" and insert "\$17,018,362".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2,500 from the general fund the first year and \$2,500 from the general fund the second year for graduate financial aid.)

Item 183 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
University of Virginia	\$4,045,000	\$4,045,000	GF

Language:

Page 224, line 39, strike "\$1,272,402,532" and insert "\$1,276,447,532".

Page 224, line 39, strike "\$1,368,927,476" and insert "\$1,372,972,476".

Explanation:

(This amendment is a companion amendment to Item 240 to restore affordable access funding provided in Chapter 1 of the 2023 Special Session I.)

Item 183 #2c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
University of Virginia	\$8,459,500	\$8,459,500	GF

Language:

Page 224, line 39, strike "\$1,272,402,532" and insert "\$1,280,862,032".

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Page 224, line 39, strike "\$1,368,927,476" and insert "\$1,377,386,976".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional operating support to enable public higher education institutions to minimize in-state undergraduate tuition increases, improve retention and graduation and increase degree production in high demand programs.)

Item 183 #3c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
University of Virginia	(\$2,005,050)	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 224, line 39, strike "\$1,272,402,532" and insert "\$1,270,397,482".
Page 227, strike lines 11 through 13.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates proposed one-time funding for undefined security initiatives and repurposed the funding to previously identified higher education priorities.)

Item 184 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
University of Virginia	\$364,620	\$416,810 GF

Language:

Page 227, line 15, strike "\$159,938,952" and insert "\$160,303,572".
Page 227, line 15, strike "\$167,049,086" and insert "\$167,465,896".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$364,620 from the general fund the first year and \$416,810 from the general fund the second year for undergraduate financial aid based on the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia's recommendations.)

Item 184 #2c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
University of Virginia	\$322,500	\$475,000 GF

Language:

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Page 227, line 15, strike "\$159,938,952" and insert "\$160,261,452".

Page 227, line 15, strike "\$167,049,086" and insert "\$167,524,086".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$322,500 from the general fund the first year and \$475,000 from the general fund the second year for graduate financial aid.)

	Item 190 #1c	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
University of Virginia's College at Wise	\$501,000	\$501,000 GF

Language:

Page 229, line 42, strike "\$43,998,883" and insert "\$44,499,883".

Page 229, line 42, strike "\$43,848,883" and insert "\$44,349,883".

Explanation:

(This amendment is a companion amendment to Item 240 to restore affordable access funding provided in Chapter 1 of the 2023 Special Session I.)

	Item 190 #2c	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
University of Virginia's College at Wise	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 229, line 42, strike "\$43,998,883" and insert "\$44,998,883".

Page 229, line 42, strike "\$43,848,883" and insert "\$44,848,883".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional operating support to enable public higher education institutions to minimize in-state undergraduate tuition increases, improve retention and graduation and increase degree production in high demand programs.)

	Item 190 #3c	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26

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University of Virginia's College at Wise	(\$150,000)	\$0	GF
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Language:

Page 229, line 42, strike "\$43,998,883" and insert "\$43,848,883".
Page 230, strike lines 29 through 30.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates proposed one-time funding for undefined security initiatives and repurposed the funding to previously identified higher education priorities.)

Item 191 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
University of Virginia's College at Wise	\$234,220	\$187,640	GF

Language:

Page 230, line 32, strike "\$6,151,535" and insert "\$6,385,755".
Page 230, line 32, strike "\$6,151,535" and insert "\$6,339,175".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$234,220 from the general fund the first year and \$187,640 from the general fund the second year for undergraduate financial aid based on the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia's recommendations.)

Item 194 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Commonwealth University	\$10,394,000	\$10,394,000	GF

Language:

Page 231, line 29, strike "\$756,451,683" and insert "\$766,845,683".
Page 231, line 29, strike "\$754,477,233" and insert "\$764,871,233".

Explanation:

(This amendment is a companion amendment to Item 240 to restore affordable access funding provided in Chapter 1 of the 2023 Special Session I.)

Item 194 #2c

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Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Commonwealth University	\$11,250,000	\$11,250,000	GF

Language:

Page 231, line 29, strike "\$756,451,683" and insert "\$767,701,683".
Page 231, line 29, strike "\$754,477,233" and insert "\$765,727,233".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional operating support to enable public higher education institutions to minimize in-state undergraduate tuition increases, improve retention and graduation and increase degree production in high demand programs.)

Item 194 #3c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Commonwealth University	(\$1,974,450)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 231, line 29, strike "\$756,451,683" and insert "\$754,477,233".
Page 234, strike lines 27 through 28.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates proposed one-time funding for undefined security initiatives and repurposed the funding to previously identified higher education priorities.)

Item 194 #4c

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."

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Explanation:

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

Item 194 #5c

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 of Government.)

Item 195 #1c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Commonwealth University

\$2,524,720

\$2,820,120

GF

Language:

Page 234, line 30, strike "\$113,447,875" and insert "\$115,972,595".

Page 234, line 30, strike "\$113,447,875" and insert "\$116,267,995".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.5 million from the general fund the first year and \$2.8 million from the general fund the second year for undergraduate financial aid based on the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia's recommendations.)

Item 195 #2c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Commonwealth University

\$340,000

\$502,500

GF

Language:

Page 234, line 30, strike "\$113,447,875" and insert "\$113,787,875".

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Page 234, line 30, strike "\$113,447,875" and insert "\$113,950,375".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$340,000 from the general fund the first year and \$502,500 from the general fund the second year for graduate financial aid.)

		Item 196 #1c	
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 #1c	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Community College System	\$14,636,000	\$14,636,000	GF

Language:

Page 236, line 34, strike "\$1,060,269,383" and insert "\$1,074,905,383".

Page 236, line 34, strike "\$1,059,269,383" and insert "\$1,073,905,383".

Explanation:

(This amendment is a companion amendment to Item 240 to restore affordable access funding provided in Chapter 1 of the 2023 Special Session I.)

		Item 200 #2c	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Community College System	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 236, line 34, strike "\$1,060,269,383" and insert "\$1,070,269,383".

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Page 236, line 34, strike "\$1,059,269,383" and insert "\$1,069,269,383".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional operating support to enable public higher education institutions to minimize in-state undergraduate tuition increases, improve retention and graduation and increase degree production in high demand programs.)

Item 200 #3c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Community College System	(\$1,000,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 236, line 34, strike "\$1,060,269,383" and insert "\$1,059,269,383".

Page 239, strike lines 53 through 54.

Page 240, strike line 1.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates proposed one-time funding for undefined security initiatives and repurposed the funding to previously identified higher education priorities.)

Item 200 #4c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Community College System	(\$3,900,000)	(\$3,900,000)	GF
	-24.00	-24.00	FTE

Language:

Page 236, line 34, strike "\$1,060,269,383" and insert "\$1,056,369,383".

Page 236, line 34, strike "\$1,059,269,383" and insert "\$1,055,369,383".

Explanation:

(This amendment repurposes funding for a proposed new initiative for the creation of nine career placement offices.)

Item 200 #5c

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

Language:

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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 a pipeline of high school students to address employer needs in the region. The request adds Central Virginia Community College to the program.)

Item 201 #1c

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 201 #2c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Community College System

\$2,849,200

\$3,780,310

GF

Language:

Page 240, line 4, strike "\$163,320,661" and insert "\$166,169,861".

Page 240, line 4, strike "\$163,320,661" and insert "\$167,100,971".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.8 million from the general fund the first year and \$3.8 million from the general fund the second year for undergraduate financial aid based on the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia's recommendations.)

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Item 203 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
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 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Military Institute	\$832,000	\$832,000	GF

Language:

Page 248, line 8, strike "\$55,974,536" and insert "\$56,806,536".

Page 248, line 8, strike "\$56,324,536" and insert "\$57,156,536".

Explanation:

(This amendment is a companion amendment to Item 240 to restore affordable access funding provided in Chapter 1 of the 2023 Special Session I.)

Item 206 #2c

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

Language:

Page 248, line 8, strike "\$55,974,536" and insert "\$57,224,536".

Page 248, line 8, strike "\$56,324,536" and insert "\$57,574,536".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional operating support to enable public higher education institutions to minimize in-state undergraduate tuition increases, improve retention and

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graduation and increase degree production in high demand programs.)

Item 206 #3c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Military Institute	(\$150,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 248, line 8, strike "\$55,974,536" and insert "\$55,824,536".

Page 249, strike lines 23 through 24.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates proposed one-time funding for undefined security initiatives and repurposed the funding to previously identified higher education priorities.)

Item 207 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Military Institute	\$83,250	\$87,070	GF

Language:

Page 249, line 26, strike "\$6,143,318" and insert "\$6,226,568".

Page 249, line 26, strike "\$6,143,318" and insert "\$6,230,388".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$83,250 from the general fund the first year and \$87,070 from the general fund the second year for undergraduate financial aid based on the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia's recommendations.)

Item 211 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	\$9,205,000	\$9,205,000	GF

Language:

Page 250, line 27, strike "\$1,003,462,157" and insert "\$1,012,667,157".

Page 250, line 27, strike "\$1,000,547,882" and insert "\$1,009,752,882".

Explanation:

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(This amendment is a companion amendment to Item 240 to restore affordable access funding provided in Chapter 1 of the 2023 Special Session I.)

Item 211 #2c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 250, line 27, strike "\$1,003,462,157" and insert "\$1,012,462,157".

Page 250, line 27, strike "\$1,000,547,882" and insert "\$1,009,547,882".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional operating support to enable public higher education institutions to minimize in-state undergraduate tuition increases, improve retention and graduation and increase degree production in high demand programs.)

Item 211 #3c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	(\$2,914,275)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 250, line 27, strike "\$1,003,462,157" and insert "\$1,000,547,882".

Page 252, strike lines 13 through 14.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates proposed one-time funding for undefined security initiatives and repurposed the funding to previously identified higher education priorities.)

Item 212 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	\$1,295,960	\$1,782,340	GF

Language:

Page 252, line 16, strike "\$49,226,994" and insert "\$50,522,954".

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Page 252, line 16, strike "\$49,226,994" and insert "\$51,009,334".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.3 million from the general fund the first year and \$1.8 million from the general fund the second year for undergraduate financial aid based on the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia's recommendations.)

	Item 212 #2c	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	\$482,500	\$720,000 GF

Language:

Page 252, line 16, strike "\$49,226,994" and insert "\$49,709,494".

Page 252, line 16, strike "\$49,226,994" and insert "\$49,946,994".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$482,500 from the general fund the first year and \$720,000 from the general fund the second year for graduate financial aid.)

	Item 217 #1c	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
Virginia State University	\$1,491,000	\$1,491,000 GF

Language:

Page 255, line 18, strike "\$111,120,368" and insert "\$112,611,368".

Page 255, line 18, strike "\$110,785,343" and insert "\$112,276,343".

Explanation:

(This amendment is a companion amendment to Item 240 to restore affordable access funding provided in Chapter 1 of the 2023 Special Session I.)

	Item 217 #2c	
Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
Virginia State University	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000 GF

Language:

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Page 255, line 18, strike "\$111,120,368" and insert "\$121,120,368".

Page 255, line 18, strike "\$110,785,343" and insert "\$120,785,343".

Page 256, after line 45, insert:

"J. 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 additional operating support to minimize in-state undergraduate tuition increases, improve retention and graduation and increase degree production in high demand programs. In addition, language permits the institution to collaborate with Norfolk State University, Virginia Union University and Hampton University in bringing various programs to localities throughout the Commonwealth.)

Item 217 #3c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia State University

(\$335,025)

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 255, line 18, strike "\$111,120,368" and insert "\$110,785,343".

Page 256, strike lines 44 through 45.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates proposed one-time funding for undefined security initiatives and repurposed the funding to previously identified higher education priorities.)

Item 218 #1c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

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Virginia State University	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	GF
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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 218 #2c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia State University

\$718,200

\$837,630 GF

Language:

Page 256, line 47, strike "\$31,419,248" and insert "\$32,137,448".
Page 256, line 47, strike "\$31,419,248" and insert "\$32,256,878".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$0.7 million from the general fund the first year and \$0.8 million from the general fund the second year for undergraduate financial aid based on the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia's recommendations.)

Item 218 #3c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia State University

\$5,000

\$10,000 GF

Language:

Page 256, line 47, strike "\$31,419,248" and insert "\$31,424,248".
Page 256, line 47, strike "\$31,419,248" and insert "\$31,429,248".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$5,000 from the general fund the first year and \$10,000 from the general fund the second year for graduate financial aid.)

Item 223 #1c

Education: Other Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

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Gunston Hall	\$300,000 2.00	\$300,000 2.00	GF FTE
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Language:

Page 259, line 19, strike "\$1,305,931" and insert "\$1,605,931".
Page 259, line 19, strike "\$1,305,931" and insert "\$1,605,931".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$300,000 from the general fund each year and two positions to Gunston Hall.)

Item 227 #1c

Education: Other Education	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 231 #1c

Education: Other Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Commission for the Arts	\$750,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 262, line 39, strike "\$5,430,398" and insert "\$6,180,398".
Page 263, after line 6, insert:

"D. Out of this appropriation, \$750,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the town of Abingdon to support the William King Museum."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$750,000 general fund the first year to the town of Abingdon to support the William King Museum.)

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Item 234 #1c

Education: Higher Education	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 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Institute for Advanced Learning and Research	\$715,000	\$920,000	GF

Language:

Page 264, line 39, strike "\$7,326,336" and insert "\$8,041,336".

Page 264, line 39, strike "\$7,326,336" and insert "\$8,246,336".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding for increased operating support.)

Item 236 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Roanoke Higher Education Authority	\$359,000	\$441,000	GF

Language:

Page 265, line 12, strike "\$2,443,652" and insert "\$2,802,652".

Page 265, line 12, strike "\$2,443,652" and insert "\$2,884,652".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding for increased operating support.)

Item 237 #1c

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Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Southern Virginia Higher Education Center	\$150,000	\$150,000	GF

Language:

Page 265, line 20, strike "\$9,929,222" and insert "\$10,079,222".
Page 265, line 20, strike "\$9,929,222" and insert "\$10,079,222".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding for increased operating support. In addition, a companion amendment in Item 241 provides for the replacement and upgrade of equipment in the Welding Lab.)

Item 238 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center	\$100,000	\$100,000	GF

Language:

Page 266, line 27, strike "\$5,499,447" and insert "\$5,599,447".
Page 266, line 27, strike "\$5,499,447" and insert "\$5,599,447".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding for increased operating support.)

Item 240 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Maintain Affordable Access	(\$75,000,000)	(\$75,000,000)	GF

Language:

Page 267, line 24, strike "\$75,000,000" and insert "\$0".
Page 267, line 24, strike "\$75,000,000" and insert "\$0".
Page 267, strike lines 28 through 49 and insert "Not Set Out".
Page 268, strike lines 1 through 36.

Explanation:

(This amendment distributes funding provided by the General Assembly as part of the 2023 Special Session I, Chapter 1 in Item 255.50 A. which directed that the funding for affordable

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access "shall be ongoing and incorporated into each institution's base budget for the next biennium." The introduced budget eliminated those funds. There are seventeen companion amendments, one at each public higher education institution, which allocate the fundings in accordance with the intent of the General Assembly.)

Item 241 #1c

Education: Higher Education

Virginia College Building Authority

Language

Language:

Page 269, line 18, strike "\$84,150,000" and "\$84,150,000" and insert: "\$95,150,000" and "\$97,650,000".

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: "\$5,995,552" and "\$4,995,552".

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

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

Page 270, line 27, strike the first "\$69,150,000" and insert "\$69,650,000".

Page 270, line 27, strike "\$15,000,000" and "\$15,000,000" and insert: "\$25,500,000" and "\$28,500,000".

Page 270, after line 35, insert:

"F. Out of this allocation, \$10,500,000 the first year and \$13,500,000 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 \$3,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year is allocated to Virginia Commonwealth University for the Medicines for All Institute.

G. 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 to provide research equipment to the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech and Virginia Commonwealth University involved in the Bioscience Research initiative and to replace end-of-life equipment in the welding lab at Southern Virginia Higher Education Center.)

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Item 244 #1c

Finance	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Accounts	\$650,000	\$650,000	GF

Language:

Page 271, line 35, strike "\$10,821,240" and insert "\$11,471,240".
Page 271, line 35, strike "\$10,821,240" and insert "\$11,471,240".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$650,000 each year from the general fund as a partial-restoration of funds that were reduced in the introduced budget. This amendment restores funds for the agency to use to hire and retain quality credentialed and support staff critical to its mission.)

Item 256 #1c

Finance	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Planning and Budget	\$125,000 1.00	\$125,000 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 277, line 43, strike "\$9,190,486" and insert "\$9,315,486".
Page 277, line 43, strike "\$9,190,486" and insert "\$9,315,486".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$125,000 each year from the general fund and one position to support additional responsibilities that have accrued for the Department of Planning and Budget related to the oversight of capital outlay.)

Item 256 #2c

Finance			
Department of Planning and Budget			Language

Language:

Page 278, after line 25, insert:
"E. The Department of Planning and Budget shall provide a time and date stamp on all fiscal impact statements on bills to be considered by the General Assembly and posted on the Legislative Information System. If a fiscal impact statement is revised the new version shall clearly indicate as such. Each fiscal impact statement shall include a descriptive total of the

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general fund and nongeneral fund amounts of all paragraphs contained in the fiscal impact statement which describe how the costs were calculated. This descriptive total may be included in a final paragraph or table labeled with the discrete cost items by fund source and totaled."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds language requiring the Department of Planning and Budget to make modifications to fiscal impact statements to improve transparency in the process for reviewing bills considered by the General Assembly during legislative sessions.)

	Item 257 #1c	
Finance	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Taxation	\$1,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 278, line 32, strike "\$5,176,511" and insert "\$6,176,511".

Page 279, after line 2, insert:

"D. Out of this appropriation, \$1,000,000 the first year from the general fund shall be used for initial costs associated with the replacement of the Department of Taxation's Integrated Revenue Management System (IRMS). Such funds shall be allocated in accordance with continued efforts related to the workgroup required by Item 273 Paragraph D of the 2022 Appropriation Act. Accordingly, the workgroup is hereby continued and directed to develop recommendations for an IRMS modernization project, to include analysis of risks to the state and taxpayers of remaining with the current system, methodologies for refactoring and replacement, benefits to the state and taxpayers of a new model, potential roadmap and timeline, costs and potential funding structures, and the governance structure required for any modernization effort. The workgroup should include in its review the experiences of other state revenue agencies that are in the process of, or have recently completed, revenue management system modernizations. The workgroup shall include the Secretary of Finance or his designee, staff from the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget, and the Chief Information Officer of the Virginia Information Technologies Agency. The workgroup shall submit an update on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1, 2024."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million the first year from the general fund for anticipated costs related to the replacement of the state's Integrated Revenue Management System (IRMS). The amendment also continues efforts underway by the Department of Taxation to assess and provide a plan for the replacement IRMS, to include an update of its findings, due by November 1, 2024.)

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Item 258 #1c

Finance	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Taxation	82.00	82.00	FTE

Language:

Explanation:

(This amendment restores the position level, by increasing 82 positions each year, for the Department of Taxation to the level in the current Appropriation Act.)

Item 258 #2c

Finance	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Taxation	\$458,208	\$97,158	GF
	14.00	14.00	FTE

Language:

Page 279, line 3, strike "\$67,280,233" and insert "\$67,738,441".

Page 279, line 3, strike "\$67,280,233" and insert "\$67,377,391".

Page 283, after line 16, insert:

"BB. In order to carry out the provisions of § 58.1-4200 et seq., Code of Virginia, there is hereby appropriated a sum sufficient amount of nongeneral fund revenues estimated at \$16,700,000 in the first year and \$23,000,000 in the second year equal to the revenues collected pursuant to § 58.1-4216, Code of Virginia, from the gross receipts tax on skill game machines.

CC. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 4-3.02 of this act, the State Comptroller may authorize an interest-free treasury loan for the Department of Taxation to fund costs associated with the implementation of skill game oversight as enacted by the 2024 General Assembly of Virginia. The amount of the treasury loan may include costs as estimated to be incurred by the Department for the administration, regulation, enforcement, and oversight of skill game machines in accordance with legislation passed by the 2024 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 state costs associated with the administration and regulation of skill game machines. Intended repayment of the treasury loan is with revenues anticipated from fines, fees, and taxes collected pursuant to the legislation.

DD. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, is authorized to provide nongeneral fund appropriation to the Authority in the amounts necessary to reflect expenditures in accordance with this paragraph."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$458,208 in the first year and \$97,158 in the second year from the

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general fund, as well as authorization for the Department of Taxation to receive a treasury loan to implement the provisions of legislation passed by the 2024 General Assembly related to skill game machines.)

		Item 258 #3c	
Finance	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Taxation	\$488,494	\$76,348	GF
	3.00	3.00	FTE

Language:

Page 279, line 3, strike "\$67,280,233" and insert "\$67,768,727".

Page 279, line 3, strike "\$67,280,233" and insert "\$67,356,581".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$488,494 the first year and \$76,348 the second year from the general fund for administrative costs incurred by the Department of Taxation in support of legislation passed by the 2023 General Assembly related to the Bank Franchise Tax. A companion amendment to House Bill 29 provides funding in the current year for immediate work needed to effectuate the purposes of the law change.)

		Item 258 #4c	
Finance	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Taxation	\$1,493,520	\$1,493,520	GF
	20.00	20.00	FTE

Language:

Page 279, line 3, strike "\$67,280,233" and insert "\$68,773,753".

Page 279, line 3, strike "\$67,280,233" and insert "\$68,773,753".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.5 million each year from the general fund and 20 positions to enhance efforts within the Department of Taxation to enforce compliance activities. Companion adjustments to the revenue projections reflect additional revenues anticipated from these enhanced compliance activities.)

		Item 258 #5c	
Finance	FY24-25	FY25-26	

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Department of Taxation \$403,000 \$297,000 GF

Language:

Page 279, line 3, strike "\$67,280,233" and insert "\$67,683,233".

Page 279, line 3, strike "\$67,280,233" and insert "\$67,577,233".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding for the Department of Taxation to implement House Bill 1099 from the 2024 Session, which redefines "cigarette" for state cigarette tax purposes to include any product containing nicotine that is intended to be burned or heated under ordinary conditions of use and subjects such cigarettes intended to be heated to an excise tax of 2.25 cents per cigarette on and after July 1, 2021.)

Item 258 #6c

Finance	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Taxation	\$739,430	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 279, line 3, strike "\$67,280,233" and insert "\$68,019,663".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$739,430 from the general fund in the first year for one-time costs for the Department of Taxation to administer the provisions of legislation passed by the 2024 General Assembly related to the implementation of a cannabis retail sales and use tax.)

Item 258 #7c

Finance	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Taxation	\$658,000	\$771,000 NGF

Language:

Page 279, line 3, strike "\$67,280,233" and insert "\$67,938,233".

Page 279, line 3, strike "\$67,280,233" and insert "\$68,051,233".

Page 283, after line 16 insert:

"BB. Out of this appropriation, \$658,000 the first year and \$771,000 the second year from the Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems Fund, which shall be transferred from the Office of the Attorney General, shall be used for the costs associated with the implementation of House Bill 790 and Senate Bill 582 from the 2024 Session."

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides administrative funding for the Department of Taxation to implement House Bill 790 / Senate Bill 582, which deals with the regulation and sale of retail tobacco products.)

Item 261 #1c

Finance

Department of the Treasury

Language

Language:

Page 285, after line 12, insert:

"G. The Department of the Treasury, in consultation with the the Department of Taxation, is directed to review surplus lines insurance policies procured by state agencies and authorities and submit a report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee. The review shall estimate the benefit from exempting state agencies and authorities from being charged the insurance premium license tax by licensed surplus line brokers on insurance policies procured."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of the Treasury, in consultation with the Department of Taxation, to study the impact from exempting state agencies and authorities from being charged the insurance premiums license tax by surplus line brokers for insurance policies procured.)

Item 261 #2c

Finance

FY24-25

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Department of the Treasury

\$3,800,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 284, line 23, strike "\$64,212,631" and insert "\$68,012,631".

Page 285, after line 12, insert:

"G. Included in the appropriation for this item is a total amount not to exceed \$3,800,000 the first year from the general fund to be utilized towards loan payoffs of water and wastewater infrastructure debt incurred by the Town of Craigsville. The Department of Treasury is directed to utilize funds from the appropriation in this paragraph to directly pay lenders of the Town through which water and sewer infrastructure was financed."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides up to \$3.8 million from the general fund the first year to support

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defeasance of outstanding bonds on the Town of Craigsville's wastewater and water plants. The Augusta Correctional Center operated by the Department of Corrections has historically contributed operational funding for the wastewater plant and paid water usage rates to the town, but plans to close at the end of fiscal year 2024.)

Item 262 #1c

Finance	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of the Treasury	\$431,266	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 285, line 13, strike "\$15,632,347" and insert "\$16,063,613".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$431,266 the first year from the general fund for the payment of a claim to Mr. David Kingrea in accordance with the provisions of House Bill 641.)

Item 267 #1c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Secretary of Health and Human Resources	(\$130,000) -1.00	(\$130,000) -1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 293, line 3, strike "\$1,094,759" and insert "\$964,759".

Page 293, line 3, strike "\$1,094,759" and insert "\$964,759".

Page 294, strike lines 2 through 18.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates funding and one position included in the introduced budget for the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources. In addition, outdated language related to development of a state reinsurance program and language directing the Secretary to continue support for the Virginia Task Force on Primary Care is removed.)

Item 267 #2c

Health and Human Resources

Secretary of Health and Human Resources

Language

Language:

Page 294, after line 18, insert:

"E.1. The Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees and to the Behavioral Health Commission by December 1, 2024 a plan detailing how funds appropriated during the 2023 and 2024 Sessions of the General Assembly shall be expended to expand and modernize the comprehensive crisis services system.

2. The plan shall include how funding for new crisis stabilization units and crisis receiving centers are being strategically deployed and the information provided shall include: (i) the unmet needs the new unit will address; (ii) the capacity of community services boards or private providers to staff the proposed unit; (iii) the unit's ability to serve individuals under a temporary detention order; (iv) the expected initial and ongoing costs of the proposed unit; and (v) the planned timeframe for when the unit would become operational."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds language directing the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees and to the Behavioral Health Commission by December 1, 2024, a plan detailing how funds appropriated during the 2023 and 2024 Sessions of the General Assembly will be expended to expand and modernize the comprehensive crisis services system. This is a recommendation of the Behavioral Health Commission.)

Item 267 #3c

Health and Human Resources

Secretary of Health and Human Resources

Language

Language:

Page 294, after line 18, insert:

"E. The Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees and to the Behavioral Health Commission by December 1, 2024, on plans to implement the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model in the Commonwealth, how adopting the CCBHC model could improve access to community-based behavioral health services and their quality, and barriers to implementation of the CCBHC model in the Commonwealth."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds language directing the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees and to the Behavioral Health Commission by December 1, 2024, on plans to implement the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model in the Commonwealth, how adopting the CCBHC model could improve access to community-based

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behavioral health services and their quality, and barriers to implementation of the CCBHC model in the Commonwealth. This is a recommendation of the Behavioral Health Commission.)

Item 267 #4c

Health and Human Resources

Secretary of Health and Human Resources

Language

Language:

Page 294, after line 18, insert:

"E. The Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall take an inventory of all call centers operated or contracted by agencies, including contracted Medicaid managed care organizations, in the Health and Human Resources Secretariat. Specifically, the inventory shall include for each call center: (i) the purpose of the call center; (ii) the annual contract amount and agency fund sources used to pay the contract; (iii) the term and expiration date of the contract; (iv) an assessment of any duplication between the call centers; and (v) any recommendations for potential consolidation. The Secretary shall report the detailed list of call centers with requested information by September 1, 2024, to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to take an inventory of all call centers operated or contracted by agencies in the Health and Human Resources Secretariat.)

Item 271 #1c

Health and Human Resources

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Department of Health

(\$750,000)

(\$750,000) GF

Language:

Page 299, line 43, strike "\$20,757,021" and insert "\$20,007,021".

Page 299, line 43, strike "\$20,757,021" and insert "\$20,007,021".

Page 300, line 7, strike "\$8,100,000" and "\$8,100,000" and insert: "\$7,350,000" and "\$7,350,000".

Page 300, line 11, after "adolescent psychiatrist," insert:

"child and adolescent psychiatry Fellows".

Page 300, line 15, strike "and".

Page 300, line 16, after "counselors", insert:

"and (iii) Tier III providers: mental health service professionals defined in § 54.1-2400.1 of the Code of Virginia who are not set forth in C.1. as Tier I or Tier II providers".

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Page 300, line 20, strike "three" and insert "two".

Page 300, line 25, after "centers", insert:
"academic medical centers".

Page 300, strike lines 31 through 33.

Page 300 line 34, strike "4" and insert "3".

Page 300, line 36, strike "5" and insert "4".

Page 300, line 41, strike "6" and insert "5".

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates language setting aside \$1.0 million from the general fund each year from the Behavioral Health Loan Repayment Program for licensed behavioral health providers who are school-based. It also reduces funding contained in the introduced budget by \$750,000 from the general fund each year for the program. Together with actions contained in Chapter 1, 2023 Special Session I, the program will have \$4.8 million more each year for loan repayments over the fiscal year 2023 appropriation. The amendment expands the program to: (i) add child and adolescent psychiatry Fellows to the list of Tier 1 providers eligible for the program, (i) add Tier III providers who are mental health professionals as defined in § 54.1-2400.1 who do not already qualify for the program, and (iii) adds academic medical centers as a preferred practice site. Child and adolescent psychiatry fellows are licensed psychiatrists in other states, but it generally takes six months or more to become licensed in Virginia. This change will help efforts to recruit these practitioners to Virginia, with the goal of retaining them in Virginia's behavioral healthcare workforce. The amendment also replaces language contained in the introduced budget which proposed to change the minimum term of practice from two to three years, returning it to the original two-year requirement.)

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Health and Human Resources

Department of Health

Language

Language:

Page 302, line 14, after "C.", insert "1."

Page 302, after line 17, insert:

"2. The Office of Emergency Medical Services shall determine an amount of funding for each hospital, eligible for funding from the Trauma Center Fund, that receives patients through Virginia State Police's (VSP) med-flight operations in the Richmond area in order to support the paramedics or flight nurses provided by Chesterfield County. The Office shall take into account the overall costs of such paramedics or flight nurses, excluding any direct state appropriation, and determine a cost allocation for the hospital based on their share of the total number of VSP med-flight patients transported to the hospital for the prior fiscal year. Effective July 1, 2025, the amount assessed for a hospital shall reduce the amount of the hospital's Trauma Center Fund payment for the fiscal year. The Office shall transfer the assessed amount from the Trauma

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Center Fund to Chesterfield County as appropriate during the fiscal year. The Office of Emergency Medical Services shall provide a report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by October 1, 2024, describing their planned cost allocation pursuant to this paragraph."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Office of Emergency Medical Services to determine an amount of funding support for hospitals that receive patients through the Virginia State Police (VSP) med-flight operations in the Richmond area in order to support the paramedics provided by Chesterfield County.)

Item 272 #2c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Health	\$430,000	\$430,000	GF

Language:

Page 301, line 49, strike "\$50,649,420" and insert "\$51,079,420".

Page 301, line 49, strike "\$50,649,420" and insert "\$51,079,420".

Page 302, after line 49, insert:

"I.1. Out of this appropriation, \$430,000 the first year and \$430,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the Virginia Department of Health to implement the Northern Virginia Firefighter Occupational Cancer Screening Pilot Program. Funding shall be contingent on the demonstration of an equal amount of matching funds each year provided by local governments in Planning District 8 and matching funds provided by a health system-affiliated cancer screening center that has a contractual agreement to conduct the pilot program.

2. The pilot program shall be designed to (i) contract with a health system-affiliated cancer screening center located in Planning District 8 to implement the pilot program, (ii) be multi-year, and (iii) screen at least 450 firefighters annually, distributed among firefighters serving localities in Planning District 8. The design of the pilot program should include: (i) the use of an occupational cancer screening and risk assessment for eligible firefighters within a defined age and risk band; (ii) a randomized clinical trial investigating the optimal type of full-body imaging for cancer early-detection for the unique occupational cancer risk of firefighters; and (iii) an independent evaluation of the pilot program, assessing the effectiveness of the screening program and results of the clinical trials and their potential for use by other hospitals and health systems across Virginia, in partnership with the public safety divisions in their localities.

3. The Virginia Department of Health shall provide an interim report on the pilot program to the Chairs of the House Appropriations Committee and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee by December 1, 2025 and a report on the evaluation upon completion of the pilot program."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$430,000 each year from the general fund to the Virginia Department of Health to contract with a health system-affiliated cancer screening center in Planning District 8 for the purposes of executing the Northern Virginia Firefighter Occupational Cancer Screening Pilot. Funding is contingent upon demonstration of matching funds provided by the center, as well as an equal amount of matching funds provided by local governments in Planning District 8. The pilot will screen at least 900 firefighters (450 each year) distributed across Northern Virginia for occupational cancers and support a research study to identify the most effective screening modalities for occupational cancers in the firefighting profession. Language requires a report after two years to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, as well as a final report on the pilot program.)

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Department of Health

Language

Language:

Page 302, strike lines 5 through 8.
Page 302, line 45, strike "The Virginia".
Page 302, strike lines 46 through 49.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language that requires local volunteer fire and rescue and emergency medical services personnel to submit fingerprint cards for background checks on volunteers applying to be a member of local EMS agencies. The process has changed significantly to obtain background checks and the submission of fingerprint cards is now outdated.)

Item 273 #1c

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Department of Health

\$115,000

\$115,000 GF

Language:

Page 302, line 50, strike "\$20,609,550" and insert "\$20,724,550".
Page 302, line 50, strike "\$20,609,550" and insert "\$20,724,550".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$115,000 each year of the biennium for contractual support in the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to assist with the implementation of House Bill 831,

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which expands the collection and analysis of maternal morbidity data for use by the Maternal Mortality Review Team.)

Item 273 #2c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Health	\$250,000 3.00	\$250,000 3.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 302, line 50, strike "\$20,609,550" and insert "\$20,859,550".

Page 302, line 50, strike "\$20,609,550" and insert "\$20,859,550".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$250,000 each year from the general fund for three additional positions in the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME). In 2022, the OCME investigated 19,848 deaths and 9,691 fell under the OCME's jurisdiction which is an increase from 2017, when the OCME investigated 14,409 deaths and 7,187 fell within the OCME's jurisdiction. The OCME's current staffing levels are insufficient to effectively and efficiently support the increase in workload. Additionally, this increase in staffing is needed as the OCME continues to have difficulty recruiting board-certified forensic pathologists and requires additional support to ensure they are getting 90 percent of cases completed within 90 days.)

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Language

Language:

Page 303, after line 3, insert:

"Any unexpended general fund appropriation for the purpose of providing salaries to employees and for unfilled positions in the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner remaining in this Item on the last day of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund, but shall be reappropriated in the following fiscal year."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires that any unexpended balances at the end of the fiscal year in the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for salaries for employees and unfilled positions shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year.)

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Language

Language:

Page 304, line 53, after "L." insert "1."

Page 304, after line 56, insert:

"2. Of the amounts provided in L.1., \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year shall be provided to purchase and distribute eight milligram naloxone nasal spray."

Explanation:

(This language amendment designates \$1.0 million each year from the amounts provided in the introduced budget to the Virginia Department of Health from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund for the purchase and distribution of eight milligram naloxone nasal spray. The fund collects the Commonwealth's share of settlement payments from manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers involved in the distribution of opioid products.)

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\$0

\$100,000 NGF

Language:

Page 303, line 24, strike "\$245,663,468" and insert "\$245,763,468".

Page 304, after line 56, insert:

"2. Out of this appropriation, \$100,000 the second year from the Commonwealth Opioid and Abatement and Remediation fund shall be provided for the purchase and distribution of additional opioid reversal agents for public school divisions by the Virginia Department of Health."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$100,000 from the Commonwealth Opioid and Abatement and Remediation fund the second year for the purchase and distribution of additional opioid reversal agents for public school divisions by the Virginia Department of Health. The funding will enable the Department of Health to distribute a supply of opioid antagonists in an amount equivalent to at least two unexpired 20 doses to every public elementary and secondary school in the Commonwealth for the 2025-2026 school year. This will assist School Boards in complying with the provisions set forth in House Bill 732.)

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\$8,000,000

\$8,000,000 NGF

Language:

Page 303, line 24, strike "\$245,718,468" and insert "\$253,718,468".

Page 303, line 24, strike "\$245,663,468" and insert "\$253,663,468".

Page 304, after line 56, insert:

"M.1. The Virginia Department of Health shall establish and execute the Opioid Overdose Reversal Agent Program, a manufacturing program for a quality, lowest sustainable cost, opioid overdose reversal agent. Out of this appropriation, \$8,000,000 the first year and \$8,000,000 the second year from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation fund shall be provided to administer the Program. The Virginia Department of Health shall coordinate the Program with the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority. Key objectives of the Program shall be: (i) providing a long-term, sustainable supply of opioid overdose reversal agent to help combat Virginia's opioid epidemic; (ii) providing pricing stability and increase access for this critical life-saving medication; and, (iii) leveraging, when possible, existing federal and state investments building the advanced pharmaceutical development and manufacturing CAMPUS in Petersburg.

2. The Program shall contract with the private sector to lead an end-to-end opioid overdose reversal agent nasal spray development program to provide a new FDA-approved generic version resulting in a lower cost product to help drive down state and locality budgets for opioid overdose reversal agent and improve access, quality, and availability through a domestic supply. Funding provided to the contracting entity may be used for: (i) investment in research and development activities supporting an opioid overdose reversal agent API, formulation development, manufacturing process qualification and validation, and regulatory approval; and (ii) capital expenditures, including custom machinery for assembly of the drug/device combination product and semi-automated packaging. All intellectual property developed by the program would be owned by the private entity and all capital expenditures, including custom equipment, would be owned by the Authority or partner agency."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$8.0 million each year from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation fund for the establishment of the Opioid Overdose Reversal Agent Program which is intended to address inconsistent availability of opioid reversal agents by establishing a public-private manufacturing program for them in Virginia using funds from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation fund.)

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Language

Language:

Page 305, line 19, strike "one month", insert "three months".

Explanation:

(This amendment allows the Virginia Department of Health to retain three months, rather than only one month, of Certificate of Public Need application fees for operational needs in case of a revenue shortfall.)

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Department of Health

(\$300,000)

(\$300,000)

GF

Language:

Page 305, line 1, strike "\$24,616,725" and insert "\$24,316,725".

Page 305, line 1, strike "\$24,616,725" and insert "\$24,316,725".

Page 305, strike lines 45 through 47.

Explanation:

(This technical amendment moves \$300,000 from the general fund each year in the introduced budget for the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority (VHWDA) from this item to the correct item in the Virginia Department of Health and consolidates it with new funding provided to the VHWDA to support its operational costs pursuant to legislation passed during the 2024 Regular Session. A companion amendment in Item 279 provides the total funding for the VHWDA.)

Item 276 #3c

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Department of Health

\$125,000

\$15,000

GF

Language:

Page 305, line 2, strike "\$24,616,725" and insert "\$24,741,725".

Page 305, line 2, strike "\$24,616,725" and insert "\$24,631,725".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$125,000 from the general fund the first year and \$15,000 from the

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general fund for each subsequent year for a contract for the creation of a sexual assault forensic examiner (SAFE) training curriculum for hospital emergency department (ED) staff, which is mandated by § 32.1-162.15:4(F), Code of Virginia. The first year of the contract is for the creation of a brand new training curriculum and subsequent years of the contract would be for updates to the curriculum to ensure it meets statutory minimums.)

Item 277 #1c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Health	\$405,260 3.00	\$405,260 3.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 306, line 1, strike "\$165,709,892" and insert "\$166,115,152".

Page 306, line 1, strike "\$166,376,559" and insert "\$166,781,819".

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$405,260 each year from the general fund and three positions for the fiscal impact of legislation passed during the 2024 Regular Session, which creates a statewide registry of sickle cell disease patients to be maintained by the State Health Commissioner.)

Item 277 #2c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Health	\$145,000	\$145,000	GF

Language:

Page 306, line 1, strike "\$165,709,892" and insert "\$165,854,892".

Page 306, line 1, strike "\$166,376,559" and insert "\$166,521,559".

Page 306, line 23, strike "\$305,000" and "\$305,000" and insert:
"\$450,000" and "\$450,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$145,000 each year from the general fund to increase access to pediatric treatment for Sickle Cell Disease. In fiscal year 2007, state funding for the program was at \$450,000. However, state budget cuts continued to reduce the program funding until it reached its current funding of \$305,000. The number of sickle cell patients/clients has increased and the program has not been able to provide all of the services to all of the clients that they were able to provide in the past. This funding reflects the growth in the costs of services and will allow more clients to be served.)

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Item 277 #3c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Health	\$75,000	\$75,000	GF

Language:

Page 306, line 1, strike "\$165,709,892" and insert "\$165,784,892".

Page 306, line 1, strike "\$166,376,559" and insert "\$166,451,559".

Page 306, line 46, strike "\$805,000" and "\$805,000", and insert: "\$880,000" and "\$880,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$75,000 from the general fund each year to increase access to treatment for adults with Sickle Cell Disease. Current program funding is \$805,000 a year. The Tidewater area has a very large concentration of sickle cell clients, however, no program was implemented for care services in this area. This additional funding will allow expansion of these services into the Tidewater area.)

Item 278 #1c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Health	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	GF

Language:

Page 306, line 52, strike "\$329,924,223" and insert "\$333,124,223".

Page 306, line 52, strike "\$329,924,223" and insert "\$333,124,223".

Page 310, after line 2, insert:

"J. Out of this appropriation, \$3,200,000 the first year and \$3,200,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to support Community Health Worker positions at Virginia's local health districts. The agency shall prioritize supporting Community Health Worker positions at local health districts that serve localities with the highest rates of maternal mortality. If the Virginia Department of Health receives approval to continue to use federal funds to support these positions in the first year, the Director, Department of Planning and Budget shall unallot this appropriation in the first year equivalent to the amount of federal funds received for this purpose."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.2 million each year from the general fund to support Community Health Worker positions at Virginia's local health districts. The agency is directed to prioritize supporting Community Health Worker positions at local health districts that serve localities with the highest rates of maternal mortality.)

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Item 278 #2c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Health	\$171,120	\$171,120	GF

Language:

Page 306, line 52, strike "\$329,924,223" and insert "\$330,095,343".
Page 306, line 52, strike "\$329,924,223" and insert "\$330,095,343".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$171,120 each year from the general fund to address increases in rent costs for local departments of health. This funding is provided for the Roanoke, Salem, Clifton Forge, Botetourt, Craig, Covington, Vinton, Prince William, Alexandria, Peninsula-Newport News, Peninsula-James City County, Peninsula-Williamsburg, Peninsula-York County, Peninsula-Poquoson, and Waynesboro health departments.)

Item 279 #1c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Health	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	GF

Language:

Page 310, line 4, strike "\$29,665,423" and insert "\$31,165,423".
Page 310, line 4, strike "\$26,415,423" and insert "\$27,915,423".
Page 311, line 15, strike "\$2,800,000" and "\$2,800,000" and insert:
"\$4,300,000" and "\$4,300,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$1.5 million each year from the general fund to the Virginia Community Healthcare Association (VCHA) to be distributed to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). The additional funding will be used by FQHCs to continue providing comprehensive medical, dental, and mental health services to uninsured Virginians.)

Item 279 #2c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Health	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	GF

Language:

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Page 310, line 3, strike "\$29,665,423" and insert "\$31,165,423".

Page 310, line 3, strike "\$26,415,423" and insert "\$27,915,423".

Page 311, line 42, strike "\$5,300,000" and "\$5,300,000" and insert: "\$6,800,000" and "\$6,800,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$1.5 million from the general fund each year to support operating costs of free clinics that are members of the Virginia Association of Free and Charitable Clinics. Funding will be used to provide medical, dental, vision, speech, hearing and behavioral health care, as well as prescription medications and substance use disorder services to uninsured and underinsured patients.)

Item 279 #3c

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Health

\$50,000

\$50,000

GF

Language:

Page 310, line 4, strike "\$29,665,423" and insert "\$29,715,423".

Page 310, line 4, strike "\$26,415,423" and insert "\$26,465,423".

Page 312, line 22, strike "\$4,630,571" and "\$4,630,571" and insert: "\$4,680,571" and "\$4,680,571".

Page 312, line 49, strike "\$155,000" and insert "\$205,000".

Page 312, line 50, strike "\$155,000" and insert "\$205,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50,000 each year from the general fund for the Rx Partnership program. The Rx Partnership works through a network of clinic partners to provide brand and generic medications to low-income, uninsured Virginians. The funding will support existing programs to expand utilization during the biennium based upon the growth and success of the existing programs, the loss of access to key brand medications, and the increasing cost of generic medication.)

Item 279 #4c

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Health

\$500,000

\$0

GF

Language:

Page 310, line 4, strike "\$29,665,423" and insert "\$30,165,423".

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Page 314, after line 35, insert:

"Z. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided to Prince William UVA Health to purchase a Hologic 3Dimensions Mammography System to provide 3D mammograms through mobile van outreach services in Prince William County."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$500,000 the first year from the general fund for Prince William UVA Health Mammogram Project to purchase the Hologic 3Dimensions Mammography System to offer 3D mammograms to women served by the hospital's mobile mammography van outreach services in Prince William County.)

Item 279 #5c

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Health

\$1,617,272

\$1,617,272 GF

Language:

Page 310, line 3, strike "\$29,665,423" and insert "\$31,282,695".

Page 310, line 3, strike "\$26,415,423" and insert "\$28,032,695".

Page 314, after line 35, insert:

"Z. Out of this appropriation, \$1,617,272 the first year and \$1,617,272 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority as state match for federal Health Resources and Services Administration grant to support the Area Health Education Centers Program and health workforce responsibilities pursuant to legislation passed during the 2024 Regular Session of the Virginia General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$1.3 million each year from the general fund to the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority (VHWDA) to support the Area Health Education Center Programs and health workforce responsibilities of the VHWDA, pursuant to legislation passed by the 2024 General Assembly. This additional funding will be used to match federal funding received from the Health Resources and Services Administration to support efforts to develop and enhance education and training networks within communities, academic institutions, and community-based organizations, with the goal of increasing diversity among health professionals, broadening the distribution of the health workforce, enhancing health care quality, and improving health care delivery to rural and underserved areas and populations. Language and funding reflects this new funding plus a technical transfer from Item 276 of the organization's base appropriation of \$300,000 each year contained in the introduced budget.)

Item 279 #6c

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Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Health	(\$750,000)	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 310, line 4, strike "\$29,665,423" and insert "\$28,915,423".
Page 314, line 28, strike "\$1,500,000", insert "\$750,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$750,000 the first year from the general fund provided for the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Association. Funding of \$750,000 a year was provided in the 2023 Special Session I. The introduced budget added an additional \$750,000 the first year only and this amendment redirects that funding for other priorities. The ALS Association will continue to receive \$750,000 each year from the general fund.)

Item 279 #7c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Health	\$500,000	\$500,000 GF

Language:

Page 310, line 3, strike "\$29,665,423" and insert "\$30,165,423".
Page 310, line 3, strike "\$26,415,423" and insert "\$26,915,423".
Page 314, after line 35, insert:

"Z. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to Healthier757 to promote health literacy in Medicaid and lower-income populations of Hampton Roads."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 each year from the general fund for Healthier757, which is a multi-stakeholder, integrated, community-based program that bridges the work site, home, and community, connecting citizens in the 757 area code through an interactive digital health platform that provides a vehicle for increasing awareness, communication, engagement, and behavior change. The language directs the grant funding to focus on Medicaid or lower-income members of the community.)

Item 279 #8c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Health	\$3,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

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Page 310, line 3, strike "\$29,665,423" and insert "\$32,665,423".

Page 314, after line 35, insert:

"Z. Out of this appropriation, \$3,000,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided to Greene County to support the construction of the White Run Reservoir water impoundment to provide drought mitigation, protect Rapidan River stream flow, and create water supply sustainability. The funding shall be matched on a three-to-one ratio. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget shall unallot the funding until the County provides documentation that it has secured at least \$9,000,000 in other funding for the project. Any remaining balance for this purpose that remains on June 30, 2025, shall be reappropriated in the following fiscal year for the same purpose."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.0 million the first year from the general fund to support a portion of the costs related to developing an impoundment structure to serve Greene County.)

Item 279 #9c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Health	\$300,000	\$300,000	GF

Language:

Page 310, line 4, strike "\$29,665,423" and insert "\$29,965,423".

Page 310, line 4, strike "\$26,415,423" and insert "\$26,715,423".

Page 314, after line 35, insert:

"Z. Out of this appropriation, \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with Capital Caring Health to provide inpatient hospice and palliative care at the Adler Inpatient Hospice Center in Aldie, Virginia."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$300,000 each year from the general fund for the Adler Inpatient Hospice Center in Aldie, Virginia, which is one of five inpatient hospice centers in Virginia. The funding will enable the center to continue providing critical hospice and palliative services to terminally ill Virginians, both adults and children who cannot be served in a home setting.)

Item 280 #1c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Health	\$500,000	\$0	GF

Language:

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Page 314, line 36, strike "\$138,936,004" and insert "\$139,436,004".

Page 315, after line 15, insert:

"G. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided for the Virginia Department of Health to conduct a cost analysis of implementing pending federal Per- and Polyfluorinated Substances (PFAS) regulations for Virginia local water systems and to implement pending federal Environmental Protection Agency Copper Rules for water system lead service lines. The report shall include the results of the cost analysis, possible funding models, and identify federal funding that may be available. The department shall submit the report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by December 1, 2024."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Health to conduct a cost analysis of implementing pending federal Per- and Polyfluorinated Substances (PFAS) regulations for Virginia local water systems and directs the Virginia Department of Health to conduct an analysis of the cost to Virginia localities that will be incurred to implement pending Environmental Protection Agency Copper Rules for water system lead service lines. The report must include a cost analysis, possible funding models, and identify federal funding that may be available.)

Item 283 #1c

Health and Human Resources

Department of Health

Language

Language:

Page 317, after line 5, insert:

"H.1. On or before November 1, 2024, the Virginia Department of Health shall review the financial and operational status of the agency, including a review of each program area. This review shall include, at a minimum, an assessment of budget, fiscal, procurement, human resources, and grant management functions. In addition, the review shall identify all measures that have been put in place to ensure adequate central oversight and internal controls. The department shall develop and implement a corrective action plan for any organizational deficiencies uncovered during this review. The State Health Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Health shall provide the results of the review to the Director, Department of Planning and Budget and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 15, 2024.

2. The Virginia Department of Health shall conduct a quarterly review of each program area to ensure that projected spending is on track to not exceed its total appropriation. The Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Health shall provide a quarterly update including, no later than 30 days after the end of each quarter, a status report on program spending that indicates whether spending is consistent with the available appropriation to the Director,

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Department of Planning and Budget and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Virginia Department of Health to review the financial and operational status of the agency and provide quarterly updates on financial performance.)

Item 283 #2c

Health and Human Resources

Department of Health

Language

Language:

Page 317, after line 5, insert:

"H. The Virginia Department of Health shall inventory all fees collected by the agency for its operations. The Department shall provide a report: (i) that lists every fee collected by the agency; (ii) provides the legal authority for each fee and whether or not the agency has discretion to change it; (iii) that contains the amount of the fee and the revenue generated by the fee over the prior three fiscal years; (iv) that lists the last time the fee was increased or decreased; and (v) on whether the fee is sufficient to cover the costs of the activity for which it is collected and to include a recommendation on the fee amount that is appropriate. The Department shall submit the report to the Director, Department of Planning and Budget and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by October 1, 2024."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Virginia Department of Health to inventory all fees collected by the agency for its operations and report on their adequacy.)

Item 283 #3c

Health and Human Resources

Department of Health

Language

Language:

Page 316, strike lines 34 through 37.
Page 316, line 38, strike "E" and insert "D".
Page 316, line 44, strike "F" and insert "E".
Page 316, line 50, strike "G" and insert "F".

Explanation:

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(This amendment strikes outdated language in the introduced budget to ensure consistency with legislation passed during the 2024 Regular Session, which extends the sunset for the Advisory Council on Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders (PANDAs) associated with Streptococcal Infections and Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PAN) from July 1, 2020, to July 1, 2028. Language contained in the introduced budget continued the Advisory Council indefinitely, whereas the legislation continues the Advisory Council until July 1, 2028.)

Item 283.10 #1c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Health	\$303,650	\$648,000	GF
	3.00	3.00	FTE

Language:

Page 317, after line 5, insert:

"283.10 Establish Prescription Drug Affordability Board	\$303,650	\$648,000
Fund Sources: General	\$303,650	\$648,000 "

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$303,650 the first year and \$648,000 the second year from the general fund and three positions for the fiscal impact of legislation passed during the 2024 Regular Session, which establishes the Prescription Drug Affordability Board for the purpose of identifying high cost prescription drugs, reviewing pricing and cost information, conducting affordability reviews of selected prescription drug products, and if necessary, setting an upper payment limit, which shall apply to all purchases and payer reimbursements for the product dispensed in the Commonwealth.)

Item 285 #1c

Health and Human Resources

 Department of Health Professions

Language

Language:

Page 317, after line 26, insert "A."

Page 317, after line 29, insert:

"B. Effective July 1, 2024, as a condition for licensure, the Board of Medicine and the Board of Nursing shall require all practitioners with authority to prescribe behavioral health medications to children and adolescents to provide families with (i) a plan on medication management and

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access after hours and on weekends and holidays or in emergencies, (ii) a working means of contacting the prescriber either telephonically or electronically with a response time within 48 hours to address questions or concerns with prescribed behavioral health medications for children and adolescents, and (iii) guidance documents either in a paper format or through a website on how to obtain help related to medication management, prescription refills or medication overdose after hours. In addition, the Boards shall require that any provider that closes their practice must make medical records available to families no later than one week after closure. The department shall have the authority to implement these changes prior to completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds language setting forth conditions for licensure of practitioners with authority to prescribe behavioral health medications for children and adolescents.)

Item 285 #2c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Health Professions	\$97,476 1.00	\$97,476 1.00	NGF FTE

Language:

Page 317, line 21, strike "\$49,468,207" and insert "\$49,565,683".
Page 317, line 21, strike "\$49,468,207" and insert "\$49,565,683".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$97,479 from nongeneral funds and one position at the Department of Health Professions for the fiscal impact of legislation passed during the 2024 Regular Session, which permits the Board of Medicine to issue a provisional license to a physician licensed in a foreign country in accordance with criteria set forth in the legislation.)

Item 285 #3c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Health Professions	\$140,750 1.00	\$140,750 1.00	NGF FTE

Language:

Page 317, line 21, strike "\$49,468,207" and insert "\$49,608,957".
Page 317, line 21, strike "\$49,468,207" and insert "\$49,608,957".

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$140,750 each year from nongeneral funds and one position each year for the impact of legislation passed during the 2024 Regular Session, which directs the Board of Medicine to require unconscious bias and cultural competency training as part of the continuing education and continuing competency requirements for renewal of licensure.)

Item 286 #1c

Health and Human Resources

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Department of Medical Assistance
Services

(\$500,000)

(\$500,000) GF

Language:

Page 317, line 37, strike "\$13,287,539" and insert "\$12,787,539".

Page 317, line 37, strike "\$14,873,976" and insert "\$14,373,976".

Explanation:

(This amendment adjusts funding for the estimated cost of hospital and physicians services for persons subject to an involuntary mental commitment to align spending with current estimates.)

Item 288 #1c

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 348, after line 43, insert:

"WWW. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall implement a process no later than January 1, 2025 for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) to notify the department of any changes in the scope of services offered by a FQHC, pursuant to Section 1902(bb)(3) of 42 U.S.C. 1396a. Notifications of changes in the scope of services shall be submitted no later than October 1, 2024 for timely filing allowed by applicable federal law. Thereafter, notification must be received within 12 months of the increase or decrease in the scope of services by the FQHC. The department is authorized to reimburse FQHCs for unreimbursed costs, as allowed by the applicable federal law, prior to an initial request for a change in scope under the new process."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds language directing the agency to implement a change in scope process on January 1, 2025 by which FQHCs may request a reimbursement change to reflect the scope for services that have been added or changed. This amendment authorizes DMAS to reimburse an FQHC for unreimbursed costs, as allowed by federal law. This will allow the FQHCs to

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cover their costs of patient care during this period through receipt of the full federal match for these reimbursements.)

Item 288 #2c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	5.00	5.00	FTE

Language:

Page 334, line 57, after "payments", insert:

"Virginia community colleges, Virginia public institutions of higher education, local governments, and instrumentalities of local government are public entities that are authorized to transfer funds to the department for purposes of covering the non-federal share of the authorized payments."

Page 335, line 39, after "(i)", strike "sustaining" and insert "increasing and".

Page 335, line 41. strike "overall" and insert "health and".

Page 335, line 41, after "goals", insert:

"; these shall contain specific measurable outcomes that will be approved, and monitored by the Department quarterly. Payment shall be dependent on progress towards goal attainment on all three purposes. Participating organizations must submit quarterly updates and annual reports on programs no later than October 1."

Page 335 after line 60, insert:

"11. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall periodically assess the quality measures that are submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for supplemental payments to ensure that appropriate quality measures are being included for supplemental payments such that the additional funding is improving the Medicaid program's quality and delivery of health care services. The department shall report on quality measures and outcomes for the programs to the Joint Subcommittee for Health and Human Resources Oversight no later than November 15, 2024."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds language defining public entities that are able to transfer funds to the Department of Medical Assistance Services to cover the non-federal share to match federal Medicaid funding for physician supplemental payments to private acute care hospitals with which they have affiliation agreements. Language also clarifies the purposes for which hospitals may receive supplemental payments such as increasing and enhancing access to outpatient care for Medicaid patients, supporting critical healthcare workforce needs and advancing Medicaid's health and quality improvement goals. The amendment directs the department to periodically assess the quality measures that are submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for supplemental payments to ensure that appropriate quality measures are being used for each supplemental payment. Language requires reporting and makes payments contingent

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on progress towards goal attainment. It also provides five positions at the agency for administration of the supplemental payment program.)

Item 288 #3c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Medical Assistance	\$500,000	\$500,000	GF
Services	\$500,000	\$500,000	NGF

Language:

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$23,331,209,172" and insert "\$23,332,209,172".

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$24,879,038,632" and insert "\$24,880,038,632".

Page 337, line 23, strike "\$5,350,000 the first year and \$5,350,000" and insert: "\$5,850,000 the first year and \$5,850,000".

Page 337, line 24, strike "\$5,350,000 the first year and \$5,350,000" and insert: "\$5,850,000 the first year and \$5,850,000".

Page 337, after line 34, insert:

"c. Of the amounts appropriated in UU.1.a., \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year from the general fund and \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year from nongeneral funds shall be used for supplemental payments to fund graduate medical residencies for 10 obstetric-gynecological residents. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall work with the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority to pursue available administrative processes to initiate these residencies in fiscal year 2025. Two of these residencies shall be awarded to Johnston Memorial Hospital contingent on the hospital's intent to apply for and accept the residencies."

Page 338, line 15, after "(IME).", insert:

"The department shall make the report available to the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority to assist in their efforts to set priorities for and manage graduate medical education programs overseen by the Commonwealth."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year from the general fund and \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year from nongeneral funds to add 10 graduate medical education residency slots for obstetric-gynecological medical residents, funded through the Medicaid program to begin in fiscal year 2025.)

Item 288 #4c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Medical Assistance	\$5,031,326	\$5,037,493	GF
Services	\$5,926,564	\$5,920,397	NGF

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Language:

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$23,331,209,172" and insert "\$23,342,167,062".

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$24,879,038,632" and insert "\$24,889,996,522".

Page 348, after line 43, insert:

"WWW. Effective July 1, 2024, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall have the authority to update the rates for consumer-directed facilitation services based on the most recent rebasing estimates as follows: Consumer Directed (CD) Management Training shall be increased to \$90.14 per hour in Northern Virginia and to \$80.91 per hour in the rest of the state; CD Initial Comprehensive Visit shall be increased to \$360.54 per visit in Northern Virginia and to \$323.64 per visit in the rest of the state; CD Routine Visit shall be increased to \$112.67 per visit in Northern Virginia and to \$101.14 per visit in the rest of the state; and CD Reassessment Visit shall be increased to \$180.27 per visit in Northern Virginia and to \$161.82 per visit in the rest of the state. The department shall have the authority to implement these changes prior to completion of any regulatory process to effect such change."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$5.0 million from the general fund and \$5.9 million from the nongeneral fund each year to increase rates for Medicaid consumer-directed service facilitation training and visits to reflect recommendations contained in the most recent report on rebasing of Medicaid developmental disability Medicaid waiver services. While most of the rates were updated as of July 1, 2022, rates for service facilitation were not updated. A service facilitator is a Medicaid-enrolled provider who is responsible for supporting the individual enrolled in Medicaid waivers and the family/caregiver by ensuring the development and monitoring of the Consumer-Directed Services Individual Service Plan, providing employee management training, and completing ongoing review activities as required by the Department of Medical Assistance Services for consumer-directed companion, personal assistance, and respite services.)

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Department of Medical Assistance
Services

\$2,422,941
\$2,956,023

\$2,425,910 GF
\$2,953,054 NGF

Language:

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$23,331,209,172" and insert "\$23,336,588,136".

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$24,879,038,632" and insert "\$24,884,417,596".

Page 348, after line 43, insert:

"WWW. Effective July 1, 2024, the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall set the reimbursement rate to 100 percent of the Medicare rural rates or 100 percent of non-rural rates if a rural rate does not exist for specific Durable Medical Equipment (DME)

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products, including enteral products and supplies and in the following categories in the DMAS fee schedule for Feeding Kits and Tubes and Nutrition Kits/Feeding Tubes. DMAS shall have the authority to implement these changes prior to completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.4 million from the general fund each year and \$3.0 million in federal matching funds each year to increase the reimbursement rate to 100 percent of the Medicare rural rates or 100 percent of non-rural rates if a rural rate does not exist for specific Durable Medical Equipment products, including enteral products and supplies and those listed in the following categories in the DMAS fee schedule as Feeding Kits and Tubes and Nutrition Kits/Feeding Tubes.)

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Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Medical Assistance	\$8,500	\$8,500	GF
Services	\$8,500	\$8,500	NGF

Language:

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$23,331,209,172" and insert "\$23,331,226,172".

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$24,879,038,632" and insert "\$24,879,055,632".

Page 348, after line 43, insert:

"WWW. Effective July 1, 2024, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall increase the rates for peer mentoring consistent with the most recent rate study by Burns and Associates."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$8,500 from the general fund and \$8,500 from nongeneral funds each year to increase the rate for Peer Mentoring services in fiscal year 2025, in accordance with the 2021 Burns and Associates rate report.)

Item 288 #7c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Medical Assistance	\$5,787,835	\$5,526,584	GF
Services	\$10,385,496	\$10,956,911	NGF

Language:

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$23,331,209,172" and insert "\$23,347,382,503".

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$24,879,038,632" and insert "\$24,895,522,127".

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Page 345, line 27, after "BBBB.", insert "1."

Page 345, after line 31, insert:

"2. Effective July 1, 2024, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall have the authority to increase Medicaid Title XIX and CHIP Title XXI reimbursement rates for dental services by three percent. The department shall have the authority to implement these changes prior to completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding each year to increase Medicaid and children's health insurance program reimbursed dental services by three percent. Rates for dental services were increased by 30 percent in fiscal year 2023. It is the intent that upon enrolling of the bill the amounts needed in Items 287 and 290 shall be allocated as appropriate to reflect the increase in dental rates for the children's health insurance programs, known as FAMIS and Medicaid CHIP.)

	Item 288 #8c		
Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	(\$10,970,000) \$10,970,000	(\$13,160,000) \$13,160,000	GF NGF

Language:

Page 320, line 32, strike "\$440,700,000", insert "\$451,670,000".

Page 320, line 33, strike "\$442,800,000", insert "\$455,960,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment supplants \$11.0 million the first year and \$13.2 million the second year from the general fund with offsetting revenue from an increase in the tax on liquid nicotine. The Health Care Fund is used as the state match for Medicaid, so any increase in revenue reduces the general fund needed to support Medicaid and likewise any reduction in revenue to the fund requires a corresponding increase in general fund to fully fund the state share of Medicaid.)

	Item 288 #9c		
Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$866,840 \$1,017,065	\$867,905 \$1,016,000	GF NGF

Language:

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$23,331,209,172" and insert "\$23,333,093,077".

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Page 319, line 23, strike "\$24,879,038,632" and insert "\$24,880,922,537".

Page 348, after line 43, insert:

"WWW. Effective July 1, 2024, the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall have the authority to amend the State Plan for Medical Assistance to increase the per diem rates paid to therapeutic group homes (TGH) that accept children requiring early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT) services by 50 percent."

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes the Department of Medical Assistance Services to rebase rates for therapeutic group home providers accepting children requiring early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT) services. There is only one such provider in the Commonwealth serving approximately 70 Virginia-Medicaid children. This population of children have both a mental health or psychiatric diagnosis and an intellectual or developmental disability and require staffing and services not provided elsewhere.)

Item 288 #10c

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 324, strike lines 27 through 49.

Page 325, strike lines 1 through 39, and insert:

"T.1. The Department of Medical Assistance Services is authorized to reprocure the Commonwealth's managed care service delivery system through a single managed care contract with the selected managed care organizations with an implementation date of July 1, 2024.

2. In development of a single managed care contract with the selected managed care organizations, the department shall not include the following services, which shall remain in fee-for-service: (i) dental services; (ii) developmental disability waiver services; (iii) and other services currently excluded from the managed care contracts. DMAS shall not include any new services in the contract unless explicitly authorized by the General Assembly.

3. The department shall ensure that the cost of any programmatic and/or contractual changes are fully accounted for in the Appropriation Act. Contract and program changes associated with this reprocurement shall not create any future funding commitments unless authorized by the General Assembly.

4. The department shall have its contracted actuary review the new managed care contract and report on all program changes as compared to the existing contract and estimate any fiscal impact of such changes no later than 30 days prior to the effective date of the contract.

5. The department shall provide regular updates on implementation of the new managed care contracts on a quarterly basis to the the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance

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and Appropriations Committees.

6.a. As part of the reprocured Cardinal Care Managed Care Contracts, DMAS shall be authorized to include the following changes provided such modifications do not alter cost factors or add future costs to the Commonwealth.

- 1) Revise managed care organization staffing requirements.
- 2) Require DSNPs to operate with exclusively aligned enrollment starting January 1, 2025.
- 3) Make changes to member intelligent assignment process, however upon contract implementation no members shall be reassigned from their existing managed care plan unless the member so chooses. Members in a managed care plan not awarded a new contract shall be assigned by DMAS to other plans that are in the best interest of the member. DMAS may suspend random assignments to a managed care organization if the MCO has 40 percent of enrolled lives within an operational region. DMAS shall make no changes in the reassignment methodology unless specifically authorized by the General Assembly.
- 4) Require managed care organizations to collaborate with DMAS as part of community and programmatic initiatives, however any locality partnership initiatives must be specifically authorized by the General Assembly through a general appropriation act.
- 5) Add language related to readiness review requirements.
- 6) Add a foster care specialty plan.
- 7) Require managed care organizations to invite ombudsman representatives to advisory committee meetings.
- 8) Revise EPSDT sections to increase care coordination, reporting, member outreach and monitoring, working with community stakeholders to ensure quality of care and monitoring or providers.
- 9) Require managed care organizations to use the Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH) standardized credentialing form if available for their provider type.
- 10) Add requirement that managed care organizations inform providers 30 priors to any policy or procedure change and must train providers on changes.
- 11) Increase MCO care coordination screening requirements for Health-Related Social Needs, Behavioral Health and Cancer
- 12) Add language requiring managed care organizations to account for specific needs and actions in the plan for identifying, assessing and engaging members on Health-Related Social Needs as part of care coordination activities.
- 13) Increase value-based payment models and requirements.
- 14) Revise quality withhold program including but not limited to increasing withhold amount from one percent to three percent as well as DMAS internal processes and reporting

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responsibilities, however the withhold amount shall not exceed one percent in the first and second years of the contract. In years three and four of the contract the withhold amount shall not exceed two percent. Beginning in year five of the contract, the withhold shall not exceed three percent.

15) Revise underwriting gain section to add that if managed care organization underwriting gain percentage exceeds three percent up to six percent the MCO must return 50 percent of the Medicaid adjusted premium revenue, if the underwriting gain percentage exceeds six percent the MCO must return 75 percent of the Medicaid adjusted premium revenue up to eight percent, and 100 percent of Medicaid adjusted premium revenue above eight percent will be returned.

16) Make changes as required by the Virginia Information Technology Agencies and Office of Attorney General high-risk reviews.

b. In addition, DMAS shall have the authority to include the following changes in the reprocedured managed care contracts.

1) Add requirement for timely processing of clean claims.

2) Require managed care organizations to work with DMAS on future locality partnerships if the General Assembly has specifically authorized such work in a specific locality through a general appropriation act.

3) Implement changes to the Maternal and Child Health policies and processes, including, implementing CMS' Maternal Core Quality Measure set, increase VBP targets, require MCO outreach to members.

4) Require an annual plan on how managed care organizations are going to coordinate with the dental benefit administrator.

5) Add network adequacy/access reporting requirement."

Explanation:

(This amendment modifies the requirements of Medicaid managed care reprocurement.)

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Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 348, after line 43, insert:

"WWW. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall develop guidelines for a statewide Collaborative Care Model program. The department shall submit a report on progress developing and implementing the guidelines annually by October 1 to the Joint Commission on

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Health Care and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to develop program guidelines for the Collaborative Care Model, in which behavioral health services are delivered in primary care practices. This amendment is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care (JCHC) and supported by findings from a 2023 JCHC report including that Virginia primary care practices' need for integrating behavioral health services is growing, but practices are struggling to meet the demand without additional resources. Health care professionals consistently indicated that limited insurance coverage for integrated primary care was a significant barrier to increase these services for patients in their practices, and, in 2023, Virginia was one of 26 states that had not yet implemented Medicaid coverage of the Collaborative Care Model.)

Item 288 #12c

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 347, strike lines 38 through 53, and insert:

"QQQQ.1. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall amend its regulations and guidance on weight loss drugs to require service authorization for covered weight loss drugs to ensure appropriate utilization. The department shall have authority to implement these provisions prior to the completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change."

Page 348, strike lines 8 through 16, and insert:

"TTTT. Effective July 1, 2024, pursuant to the authority granted in 42 USC 1396r-8 Payment for Covered Outpatient Drugs, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall amend the State Plan for Medical Assistance Services and 12VAC30-50-520 to no longer cover weight loss medication when prescribed for weight loss except: (i) in those instances where an individual has a body mass index (BMI) greater than 40; (ii) in those instances where an individual has a BMI greater than 37 and has at least one of the following weight-related comorbid conditions: hypertension, Type II Diabetes Mellitus, or Dyslipidemia; and (iii) if it is a traditional weight loss medication prescribed for weight loss as FDA approved, excluding Glucagon-like peptide-1 drugs and any other newer weight loss medications. The department shall have the authority to promulgate emergency regulations to implement this amendment within 280 days or less from the enactment of this Act. The department shall have authority to implement this amendment upon federal approval and prior to the completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change."

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Explanation:

(This amendment modifies language related to limits on Medicaid payments for covered weight loss medications in the introduced budget. Language requires the agency to require service authorization on weight loss medications to ensure appropriate utilization and clinical criteria. Language also adds criteria for the newer weight loss medications to allow coverage after meeting certain criteria.)

Item 288 #13c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$150,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$23,331,209,172" and insert "\$23,481,209,172".

Page 348, after line 43, insert:

"WWW. Out of this appropriation, \$150,000,000 from the general fund the first year is authorized to be provided to the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) if the general fund amounts in Item 288 of this act are insufficient to pay all Medicaid costs in the fiscal year due to higher than expected program enrollment. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget (DPB), shall unallot this appropriation until such time the Director of DMAS can demonstrate that the general fund appropriation is insufficient to meet all obligations for the fiscal year. In the first year, if the Director of DMAS notifies DPB that payments in the Medicaid program were delayed from fiscal year 2024 into fiscal year 2025 due to insufficient funding, the Director of DPB shall have the authority to allot the general fund share of that shortfall to cover those payments in fiscal year 2025. The Director of DPB shall notify the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee within five days of any allotment of appropriation pursuant to these provisions."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$150.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 as a contingency for higher than expected enrollment in the Medicaid program.)

Item 288 #14c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$3,258,863 \$3,390,521	\$37,869,802 GF \$38,389,741 NGF

Language:

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Page 319, line 23, strike "\$23,331,209,172" and insert "\$23,337,858,556".

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$24,879,038,632" and insert "\$24,955,298,175".

Page 322, strike lines 40 through 49 and insert:

"4.a. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall amend the CL waiver to add 172 slots in fiscal year 2025 and 172 slots in fiscal year 2026. Effective July 1, 2024, 172 slots shall be phased in with 43 slots added each quarter beginning on July 1, 2024. Effective July 1, 2025, 172 slots shall be phased in with 43 slots added each quarter beginning on July 1, 2025. An amount estimated at \$6,614,153 the first year and \$17,196,797 the second year from the general fund and \$6,881,364 the first year and \$17,891,546 the second year from nongeneral funds is provided to cover the anticipated costs of the new slots.

b. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall amend the FIS waiver to add 1,548 slots in fiscal year 2025 and 1,548 slots in fiscal year 2026. Effective July 1, 2024 1,548 slots shall be phased in with 387 slots added each quarter beginning on July 1, 2024. Effective July 1, 2025 1,548 slots shall be phased in with 387 slots added each quarter beginning on July 1, 2025. An amount estimated at \$25,504,080 the first year and \$71,882,928 the second year from the general fund and \$26,534,443 the first year and \$74,786,992 the second year from nongeneral funds is provided to cover the anticipated costs of the new slots.

Page 348, after line 43, insert:

"UUUU.1. Effective July 1, 2024, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall have the authority to update the rates for DD waiver services by three percent for Group Homes, Sponsored Residential, Supported Living, Independent Living Supports, In-home Supports, Community Engagement, Community Coaching, Therapeutic Consultation, Private Duty and Skilled Nursing, Group Day Support, Group Supported Employment, Workplace Assistance, Community Guide, and Benefits Planning. The department shall have the authority to implement these changes prior to completion of any regulatory process to effect such change.

2. Effective July 1, 2025, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall have the authority to update the rates for DD waiver services by three percent for Group Homes, Sponsored Residential, Supported Living, Independent Living Supports, In-home Supports, Community Engagement, Community Coaching, Therapeutic Consultation, Private Duty and Skilled Nursing, Group Day Support, Group Supported Employment, Workplace Assistance, Community Guide, and Benefits Planning. The department shall have the authority to implement these changes prior to completion of any regulatory process to effect such change."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$3.3 million the first year and \$37.9 million the second year from the general fund and \$3.4 million the first year and \$38.4 million the second year from nongeneral matching Medicaid funds to phase 3,440 Priority 1 Community Living and Family and Individual Support Developmental Disability Waiver slots on a quarterly basis over the 2024-26 biennium and provide a three percent increase in the DD waiver services rates each year of the 2024-26 biennium.)

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Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 348, after line 43, insert:

"WWW. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall modify requirements for Consumer-Directed Services Facilitators to eliminate the requirement that individuals providing these services have an Associate's or Bachelor's Degree in order to provide services. Work experience shall be listed as sufficient in the list of requirements. The department shall have the authority to implement these changes prior to completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds language directing the agency to eliminate the requirement that Consumer-Directed Services Facilitators hold an Associate's or Bachelor's Degree in order to provide services.)

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\$20,000,000
\$20,807,998

\$20,000,000 GF
\$20,807,998 NGF

Language:

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$23,331,209,172" and insert "\$23,372,017,170".

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$24,879,038,632" and insert "\$24,919,846,630".

Page 344, after line 10, insert:

"d. Out of this appropriation, \$20,000,000 the first year and \$20,000,000 the second year from the general fund and \$20,807,998 the first year and \$20,807,998 the second year from nongeneral funds shall be provided to increase nursing facility value-based payments effective July 1, 2024 pursuant to paragraph QQQ.2.b. in this item. To the extent that this increase each year meets or exceeds the amount otherwise required under clause 3 of Chapters 482 and 438 of the 2023 Acts of Assembly, this increase shall be considered to satisfy that requirement."

Explanation:

(This amendment increases funding for nursing homes through the Nursing Facility Value Based Program by \$20.0 million from the general fund and \$20.8 million from matching federal Medicaid funds each year over the 2024-26 biennium. The program provides enhanced funding for facilities that meet or exceed performance and/or improvement thresholds such as adequate

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staffing and avoidance of negative care events. Language is added to clarify that this additional funding satisfies the requirement that VBP funding for nursing facilities be adjusted annually for inflation in order for the Commissioner of Health to impose administrative sanctions on nursing facilities that do not comply with staffing requirements set forth in legislation adopted by the 2023 General Assembly.)

Item 288 #17c

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FY24-25

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Department of Medical Assistance
Services

\$1,850,000

\$1,850,000 GF

Language:

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$23,331,209,172" and insert "\$23,333,059,172".

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$24,879,038,632" and insert "\$24,880,888,632".

Page 348, after line 43, insert:

"WWW. The Department of Medicaid Assistance Services shall have the authority to draw down federal funds to cover unreimbursed Medicaid costs for services provided by nonstate government-owned nursing facilities as certified by the provider through cost reports not to exceed the upper payment limit for each nursing facility. The department shall have the authority to implement this reimbursement change prior to completion of any regulatory process in order to effect such change."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$1.9 million from the general fund each year to allow five local government-owned nursing facilities to receive supplemental payments to cover unreimbursed Medicaid costs not to exceed the upper payment limit for each nursing facility.)

Item 288 #18c

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Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 330, after line 45, insert:

"5. The department shall revise reimbursement methodologies for PRTF rates to implement inflation increases for each fiscal year to be effective July 1, 2024. Inflation rates shall be tied to the Nursing Facility Moving Average as established by IHS Markit (or its successor). The most recent four quarters will be averaged to create the PRTF inflation rate. The department shall have the authority to implement these changes prior to the completion of any regulatory process

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to effect such change."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds language to clarify the Department of Medical Assistance Services' reimbursement methodology for Medicaid payments to Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs). The PRTF reimbursement methodology was changed recently; however, the application of an annual inflation increase beginning in fiscal year 2025 was not specified in the Appropriation Act to allow for agency regulations to reflect this change.)

Item 288 #19c

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Department of Medical Assistance
Services

\$2,700,000
\$2,700,000

\$2,700,000 GF
\$2,700,000 NGF

Language:

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$23,331,209,172" and insert "\$23,336,609,172".

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$24,879,038,632" and insert "\$24,884,438,632".

Page 336, after line 16, insert:

"Effective July 1, 2024, these".

Page 336, line 17, after "equal" insert "the greater of".

Page 336, line 18, after "formula" insert:

"or \$16,000,000 annually, the average DSH that CHKD was due by formula prior to Medicaid expansion".

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$2.7 million from the general fund and \$2.7 million from nongeneral funds each year to increase Medicaid payments to Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters (CHKD) . Language increases the Medicaid supplemental payments provided to CHKD to stabilize funding for CHKD.)

Item 292 #1c

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Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 351, line 1, strike "each quarter" and insert:

"three times each fiscal year".

Page 351, line 8, after "status.", insert:

"At each meeting, the department shall report on enrollment trends by eligibility category and

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indicate differences in actual enrollment as compared to the most recent forecast of enrollment."
Page 351, line 15, strike "for each".

Page 351, strike lines 16 through 17 and insert:

"shall be held in April, July, and October of each year to review the time period since the last meeting."

Explanation:

(This amendment modifies the External Financial Review Committee requirements to reduce the number of meetings from four to three each year and adds reporting on enrollment at each meeting to better monitor enrollment trends and potential impacts on program costs.)

Item 292 #2c

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Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 355, after line 51, insert:

"GG. The Department of Medical Assistance (DMAS) shall convene a workgroup to evaluate the criteria for hospitals to qualify for disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments. The workgroup shall evaluate current DSH criteria, including the Medicaid inpatient utilization rate, to determine changes that are necessary to reflect the impact from the Commonwealth's expansion of Medicaid in 2019. The workgroup shall recommend a new Medicaid inpatient utilization threshold to qualify for DSH payments to ensure that those hospitals with the largest uncompensated care costs are receiving appropriate DSH payments. The workgroup shall include representatives from DMAS, the Department of Planning and Budget, and staff from the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees. The workgroup shall report its findings to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by October 1, 2024."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Medical Assistance to convene a workgroup to evaluate the criteria for hospitals to qualify for disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments. to ensure that those hospitals with the largest uncompensated care costs are receiving appropriate DSH payments.)

Item 292 #3c

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Language

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Language:

Page 355, line 41, after "system.", insert:

"The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall unallot this appropriation until the Department of Medical Assistance Services provides documentation of actual costs to replace the system and shall only allot the amounts needed for actual expenditures in each fiscal year."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Planning and Budget to unallot the funding for replacement of the fiscal agent services system until the actual costs are known and the funding is needed to meet expenditures.)

Item 292 #4c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$367,340 \$1,346,913 14.00	\$367,340 \$1,346,913 14.00	GF NGF FTE

Language:

Page 349, line 32, strike "\$304,695,832" and insert "\$306,410,085".

Page 349, line 32, strike "\$316,695,832" and insert "\$318,410,085".

Page 355, line 21, strike "\$183,670" and "\$183,670" and insert:
"\$551,010" and "\$551,010".

Page 355, line 22, strike:

"\$183,670 the first year and \$183,670 the second year from federal" and insert:

"\$1,530,583 the first year and \$1,530,583" the second year from federal and nongeneral funds".

Page 355, line 23, strike "three" and insert "17".

Page 355, line 26, strike "20" and insert "34".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$367,340 from the general fund and \$1.3 million from nongeneral funds each year for 14 additional positions within the Department of Medical Assistance Services to enhance third party liability functions to implement the provisions of House Bill 315 and address the current backlog of cases. Language is modified to reflect the increases in funding and positions.)

Item 292 #5c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
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Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$206,889 \$2,832,111	\$3,094,795 \$16,216,115	GF NGF
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Language:

Page 349, line 32, strike "\$304,695,832" and insert "\$307,734,832".

Page 349, line 32, strike "\$316,695,832" and insert "\$336,006,742".

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$206,889 from the general fund and \$2.8 million in nongeneral funds the first year and \$3.1 million from the general fund and \$16.2 million from nongeneral funds the second year for the Department of Medical Assistance Services to contract with a vendor to implement identified solutions to assist in timely and accurate Medicaid eligibility determinations and redeterminations. Solutions will include additional data checks to verify financial and nonfinancial eligibility, additional data matching capability and a portal to receive and track coverage corrections for enrollment requests between the 120 local Departments of Social Services. Funding would provide enhancements to the Medicaid Management Information System and the Virginia Case Management System.)

Item 292 #6c

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Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$2,104,607 \$4,611,459	\$4,065,218 \$9,070,391	GF NGF
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Language:

Page 349, line 32, strike "\$304,695,832" and insert "\$311,411,898".

Page 349, line 32, strike "\$316,695,832" and insert "\$329,831,441".

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$2.1 million from the general fund and \$4.6 million in nongeneral funds the first year and \$4.1 million from the general fund and \$9.1 million in nongeneral funds the second year for the Department of Medical Assistance Services to contract with a vendor to handle all incoming mail currently directed to local Departments of Social Services including Medicaid benefit applications and renewal notices. This will allow all returned mail to be processed in one centralized location and will expedite routing of applications to the Cover Virginia Call Center and localities for processing.)

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Item 292 #7c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$500,000	\$0 GF
	\$500,000	\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 349, line 32, strike "\$304,695,832" and insert "\$305,695,832".

Page 355, after line 51, insert:

"GG. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 from the general fund and \$500,000 from nongeneral funds the first year shall be provided to the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) to hire a consultant, with Medicaid-specific knowledge related to eligibility determination, process-design and information technology, to evaluate Medicaid eligibility determination in the Commonwealth. The consultant shall conduct a systematic review and evaluate all aspects of Medicaid eligibility determination as performed by DMAS and local departments of social services (LDSS). This review shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (i) evaluate the current information technology systems; (ii) measure the accuracy, processing times and efficiency of current eligibility determination processes; (iii) determine how well the current structure and systems handle high volumes; (iv) assess the current level of automation and determine processes that could be streamlined; (v) analyze the overall cost-effectiveness of how eligibility is conducted, considering staffing costs and ongoing operational expenses; (vi) examine best practices in other states; and (vii) develop cost-effective options for enhancing eligibility determination in the Commonwealth including alternative delivery models. DMAS, the Department of Social Services, and LDSS shall provide full cooperation with the consultant and provide the necessary assistance to conduct the required evaluation. The consultant shall be required to report their findings and recommendations directly to the Governor, Department of Planning and Budget, and Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by December 15, 2024. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall unallot this appropriation until the Department of Medical Assistance Services provides documentation of the contract's cost, and shall only allot the amount needed for the contract."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to hire a consultant to assess the current eligibility determination system for Virginia's Medicaid program.)

Item 295 #1c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	(\$10,000,000)	\$0 GF

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Language:

Page 357, line 38, strike "\$165,896,756" and insert "\$155,896,756".

Page 362, strike lines 16 through 27.

Explanation:

(This amendment reallocates \$10 million the first year from the general fund for the development of comprehensive psychiatric emergency programs to other behavioral health initiatives.)

Item 295 #2c

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Behavioral Health and
Developmental Services

\$7,500,000

\$7,500,000 GF

Language:

Page 357, line 38, strike "\$165,896,756" and insert "\$173,396,756".

Page 357, line 38, strike "\$155,176,756" and insert "\$162,676,756".

Page 362, after line 44, insert:

"OO.1. Out of this appropriation, \$7,500,000 the first year and \$7,500,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to grow the Virginia Community Services Board (CSB) workforce. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) shall allocate the funding based on the size of the CSB or behavioral health authority's workforce. The funding may be used to support paid internships and scholarship opportunities for students or staff earning behavioral health or other relevant certifications and degrees at two- and four-year colleges and universities and other educational career development settings, to cover clinical supervision hours, for reimbursement for the costs of obtaining licenses, certification, and exams necessary for employment in relevant careers, to provide loan repayment, and other initiatives that may assist in growing the the CSB workforce.

2. Each CSB or behavioral health authority shall submit a plan by August 1, 2024, detailing the strategies and associated costs on how they would use their allocated funds to support and grow their own workforce. DBHDS shall review and ensure that the plans are reasonable and consistent with the requirements of paragraph OO.1. and will assist in efforts to grow the CSB's workforce. The department shall distribute the funding by no later than October 1, 2024. Based on the submitted plans, the department is authorized to transfer an amount necessary to cover loan repayment proposals that would otherwise be provided through the state's Behavioral Health Loan Repayment Program, if such program has insufficient funds to cover the loan repayment costs submitted in the CSBs' plans. The Department of Planning and Budget is authorized to transfer appropriation from this Item if DBHDS has indicated such transfer would be necessary to ensure the loan repayment proposals are funded through the Behavioral Health Loan Repayment Program."

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$7.5 million from the general fund each year to support efforts to grow the Community Services Board workforce. The funding will act as a mechanism for recruitment and retention in the short term as well as to develop a pipeline for staff at all levels.)

Item 295 #3c

Health and Human Resources

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Language

Language:

Page 362, after line 44, insert:

"OO. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, the Joint Subcommittee for Health and Human Resource Oversight, and the Behavioral Health Commission by December 1, 2024, on the changes to STEP-VA performance measures and benchmarks that are anticipated to be included in Community Services Board performance contracts, which will become effective July 1, 2025."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) to report on anticipated changes to STEP-VA performance measures in Community Services Board (CSB) performance contracts before they become effective to ensure they achieve the General Assembly's intent of effectively measuring the performance of STEP-VA. In the 2023 Session, the General Assembly directed DBHDS to revise CSB performance contracts by July 1, 2025.)

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(\$322,106)
(\$322,106)
-5.00

(\$322,106) GF
(\$322,106) NGF
-5.00 FTE

Language:

Page 357, line 38, strike "\$165,896,756" and insert "\$165,252,544".

Page 357, line 38, strike "\$155,176,756" and insert "\$154,532,544".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes the associated funding for five out of eight new positions included in

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the introduced budget for the developmental disabilities division.)

Item 295 #5c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	(\$214,250)	(\$214,250)	GF

Language:

Page 357, line 38, strike "\$165,896,756" and insert "\$165,682,506".

Page 357, line 38, strike "\$155,176,756" and insert "\$154,962,506".

Explanation:

(This amendment repurposes \$214,250 each year from the general fund in the introduced budget for peer to peer mentoring for other behavioral health initiatives.)

Item 295 #6c

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Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Language

Language:

Page 362, after line 44, insert:

"OO. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) shall: (i) conduct a needs assessment to determine the unmet need for each of the nine service components of STEP-VA; (ii) develop an estimate of the cost of satisfying the unmet need for each of the nine STEP-VA service components statewide; and (iii) report on their findings to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees and to the Behavioral Health Commission by December 1, 2024."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) to: (i) conduct a needs assessment to determine the unmet need for each of the nine service components of STEP-VA; (ii) develop an estimate of the cost of satisfying the unmet need for each of the nine STEP-VA service components statewide; and (iii) report on their findings.)

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Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,000,000)	GF
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Language:

Page 357, line 38, strike "\$165,896,756" and insert "\$164,896,756".
Page 357, line 38, strike "\$155,176,756" and insert "\$154,176,756".
Page 362, strike lines 1 through 7.

Explanation:

(This amendment reallocates \$1.0 million each year from the general fund for a youth mental health services database for other behavioral health initiatives.)

Item 295 #8c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	(\$595,876) -1.00	(\$645,876) -1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 357, line 38, strike "\$165,896,756" and insert "\$165,300,880".
Page 357, line 38, strike "\$155,176,756" and insert "\$154,530,880".

Explanation:

(This amendment repurposes funding for various mental health workforce initiatives, such as evaluating the licensing process, funding a workforce training director, and providing scholarships for behavioral health technicians for other behavioral health priorities.)

Item 295 #9c

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Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	Language
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Language:

Page 362, after line 44, insert:
"OO. 1. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) shall report annually on (i) Community Services Boards (CSB) performance in improving the functioning levels of its consumers based on composite and individual item scores from the DLA-20 assessment, or results from another comparable assessment, by CSB, (ii) changes in CSB performance in improving consumer functioning levels over time, by CSB, (iii) any substantial underperformance or non-compliance and associated enforcement actions, and (iv) the use of functional assessment data by the DBHDS to improve CSB performance to the State

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Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Behavioral Health Commission, and each CSB governing board.

2. DBHDS shall (i) identify all current Department requirements related to documentation and reporting of CSB behavioral health services, (ii) identify which of these requirements currently apply to work by CSB direct care staff, (iii) identify any DBHDS requirements of direct care staff that are duplicative of or conflict with other DBHDS requirements, (iv) eliminate any requirements that are not essential to ensuring consumers receive effective and timely services, and (v) report to the State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the Behavioral Health Commission on progress made toward eliminating administrative requirements that are not essential, duplicative, or are conflicting.

3. DBHDS shall complete a comprehensive review of the performance contracts with CSBs and revise all performance measures in the base performance contract and addendums to ensure that (i) performance measures are designed to measure outcomes for each service, (ii) performance measures include a relevant benchmark for each measurement, and (iii) DBHDS has given clear direction on how it will monitor performance and enforce compliance with performance requirements. The contracts shall also require that any funding appropriated by the General Assembly to CSBs for staff compensation shall only be used for staff compensation, and that CSBs report annually to DBHDS on any staff compensation actions taken during the prior fiscal year. DBHDS should complete the contract revisions and report on the improvements made to the Behavioral Health Commission by December 1, 2024, and implement changes before the finalization of the fiscal year 2026 performance contract.

4. The Department of Medical Assistance Services, in cooperation with DBHDS, shall (i) develop and implement a targeted review process to assess the extent to which CSBs are billing for Medicaid-eligible services they provide, (ii) determine if additional technical assistance and training, in coordination with Medicaid managed care organizations, is needed on appropriate Medicaid billing and claiming practices to relevant CSB staff, and (iii) evaluate the feasibility of a central billing entity, similar to the Federally Qualified Health Centers, that would handle all Medicaid claims for the entire system. The Department shall report the results of these targeted reviews, any technical assistance or training provided in response, and on the feasibility of central billing to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by December 1, 2024.

5. DBHDS shall report annually to the State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the Behavioral Health Commission on average salaries, turnover, and vacancy rates by position type across CSBs."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to report annually on a variety of CSB performance, billing, and workforce data.)

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Language

Language:

Page 361, line 42, after "provided" strike the remainder of the line.

Page 361, strike lines 43 through 54.

Page 361, line 42, after "provided" insert:

"for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS), in collaboration with the Department of Education, to provide grants to contract with federally qualified health centers, or other healthcare organizations, to establish school-based health clinics to serve students and their families, as well as school staff. These clinics shall provide mental health services, primary medical care, and other health services in schools. The departments shall ensure that contracted organizations have the capability to bill third party insurers or public programs for services provided. DBHDS shall report on grants awarded to the Chairs of House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by December 1, 2024 and annually thereafter."

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$15 million each year from the general fund to create school-based health clinics to provide mental health services, primary medical care, and other health services to students, their families, and staff within the school.)

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Language

Language:

Page 362, after line 44, insert:

"OO. Pursuant to the provisions of legislation passed in the 2024 General Assembly, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall cover an individual's expenses if the individual is placed in an assisted living facility, nursing home, group home, or similar placements as part of the pilot program and there is no other public or private assistance available to them."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, pursuant to legislation passed in the 2024 General Assembly, to pay for an individual's expenses if granted a home or trial visit after being discharged from a state hospital, as part of the pilot

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program, if no other public or private assistance is available to them.)

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Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	(\$7,967,146)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 362, line 46, strike "\$180,301,644" and insert "\$172,334,498".

Page 365, line 42, strike "\$72,812,350" and insert "64,845,204".

Page 365, line 46, after "improvements.", insert:

"Out of this appropriation, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall award and provide \$2,250,000 the first year and \$2,250,000 the second year from the general fund to support the Prince William County Youth Crisis Receiving Center."

Explanation:

(This amendment repurposes \$8.0 million the first year from the general fund for additional crisis services for other behavioral health initiatives. This amendment sustains an additional investment of \$25 million general fund in fiscal year 2025 for the build out of the comprehensive crisis system, bringing the yearly total to \$64.8 million general fund. The amendment also directs that \$2.3 million each year from the general fund shall be provided to support the Prince William County Youth Crisis Receiving Center.)

Item 296 #2c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 362, line 46, strike "\$180,301,644" and insert "\$186,301,644".

Page 362, line 46, strike "\$139,938,012" and insert "\$145,938,012".

Page 364, line 48, strike "\$7,500,000" and "\$7,500,000" and insert:

"\$13,500,000" and "\$13,500,000".

Page 365, after line 23, insert:

"4. Of the amounts in P.1., \$6,000,000 the first year and \$6,000,000 the second year shall be used for discharge assistance planning for individuals on the Extraordinary Barriers List to increase capacity in the community for such individuals. The department may, but is not limited to, pursue options such as placements in specialized group homes, assisted living facilities, and other models that provide support to an individual and stabilization in the community to help

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prevent rehospitalization."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$6.0 million each year from the general fund for discharge assistance planning for individuals on the Extraordinary Barriers List.)

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Developmental Services

\$250,000

\$250,000 GF

Language:

Page 362, line 46, strike "\$180,301,644" and insert "\$180,551,644".

Page 362, line 46, strike "\$139,938,012" and insert "\$140,188,012".

Page 364, line 17, strike "\$1,700,000" and "\$1,700,000" and insert:
"\$1,950,000" and "\$1,950,000".

Page 364, line 18, after "Residences" insert "(VARR)".

Page 364, line 21, after "funds." insert:

"VARR will comply in a timely manner with all requirements of the agreement entered into between VARR and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services as a result of this appropriation. Any violations of the agreement shall be reported to the Chairs of House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees within thirty days of their occurrence. VARR shall report monthly to the Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services providing financial and operational documentation for services provided, including documentation and services provided by Oxford Homes."

Page 364, after line 28, insert:

"3. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services may expand the buildout of recovery residences by initiating a bidding process by entity to ensure coverage across the Commonwealth for this support service."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$250,000 each year from the general fund to make grants to members of the Virginia Association of Recovery Residences (VARR) and adds language to require VARR to comply with all requirements of agreements entered with DBHDS and to report monthly to DBHDS with financial and operational documentation for services provided. This amendment also allows DBHDS to pursue a bidding process to expand the buildout of recovery residences across the state.)

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Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$300,000	\$300,000	GF

Language:

Page 362, line 45, strike "\$180,301,644" and insert "\$180,601,644".

Page 362, line 45, strike "\$139,938,012" and insert "\$140,238,012".

Page 398, after line 40, insert:

"X. Out of this appropriation, \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to fund clients assigned to participate in the Bridge Behavioral Health program."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$300,000 from the general fund each year for clients assigned to participate in the Bridge Behavioral Health program. The Bridge Program is an inpatient residential treatment center that serves men 18 years of age and older suffering from behavioral and mental health challenges. During the first phase of the program, individuals participate in evidence-based group cognitive behavioral therapy and individualized counseling with a licensed professional as well as workforce development training and financial management courses. During the second phase, participants stay in transitional housing in Charlottesville where they are placed in career employment opportunities. At the conclusion of the transitional housing program, clients also receive assistance obtaining permanent residency to aid to their successful reentry into society. The Bridge Program invests \$46,000 per inmate that is court ordered to participate in the program but does not currently receive any state funding for the clients.)

Item 297 #1c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Grants to Localities	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 366, line 22, strike "\$770,858,749" and insert "\$773,858,749".

Page 366, line 22, strike "\$772,417,277" and insert "\$775,417,277".

Page 369, line 29, strike "\$80,588,710" and "\$80,588,710" and insert:

"\$83,588,710" and "\$83,588,710".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.0 million each year from the general fund to expand permanent supportive housing for individuals with serious mental illness.)

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Item 297 #2c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Grants to Localities	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	GF

Language:

Page 366, line 22, strike "\$770,858,749" and insert "\$775,358,749".
 Page 366, line 22, strike "\$772,417,277" and insert "\$776,917,277".
 Page 370, line 38 strike "\$118,492,845" and "\$121,189,865" and insert: "\$122,992,845" and "\$125,689,865".
 Page 370, line 48, strike "\$26,674,576" and "\$26,674,576" and insert: "\$27,855,453" and "\$27,855,453".
 Page 371, line 1, strike "\$26,954,924" and "\$26,954,924" and insert: "\$28,730,139" and "\$28,730,139".
 Page 371, line 4, strike "\$3,840,490" and "\$3,840,490" and insert: "\$4,242,364" and "\$4,242,364".
 Page 371, line 6, strike "\$5,334,000" and "\$5,334,000" and insert: "\$5,814,558" and "\$5,814,558".
 Page 371, line 14, strike "\$3,820,000" and "\$3,820,000" and insert: "\$3,970,250" and "\$3,970,250".
 Page 371, line 16, strike "\$6,514,625" and "\$6,514,625" and insert: "\$6,844,427" and "\$6,844,427".
 Page 371, line 18, strike "\$4,078,500" and "\$4,078,500" and insert: "\$4,259,924" and "\$4,259,924".

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$4.5 million from the general fund each year to increase funding for STEP-VA. Of this amount, \$1.2 million each year is to increase funding for outpatient mental health and substance use services and \$3.3 million each year is to increase funding for six steps of STEP-VA to account for inflation in the cost to implement and deliver services that did not receive funding adjustments in Chapter 1, 2023 Special Session I. This amendment would increase funding for outpatient mental health and substance use services, crisis services, military and veteran services, peer services, case management, psychiatric rehabilitation services, and care coordination services.)

Item 297 #3c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Grants to Localities	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	GF

Language:

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Page 366, line 22, strike "\$770,858,749" and insert "\$772,058,749".
Page 366, line 22, strike "\$772,417,277" and insert "\$773,617,277".
Page 367, line 30, strike "\$12,600,000 and "\$12,600,000" and insert:
"\$13,800,000" and "\$13,800,000".
Page 367, line 32, strike "response".
Page 367, line 32, strike "mental health and behavioral disorders" and insert:
"behavioral health needs".
Page 367, line 34, strike "shall" and insert "may".
Page 367, line 35, strike "response".
Page 367, line 36, strike "such as general".
Page 367, strike lines 37 and 38.
Page 367, line 39, strike "health disorders".
Page 367, line 40, strike "response".
Page 367, line 40, strike ", including mobile crisis teams".
Page 367, strike line 41.
Page 367, line 42, strike:
"psychiatric hospitalization to less restrictive services in or near their communities".

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$1.2 million each year from the general fund for children's mental health services and revises language to encourage flexible uses of funds to build service capacity focused on specialized needs of children and youth across the crisis services continuum.)

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Grants to Localities

\$1,000,000

\$1,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 366, line 22, strike "\$770,858,749" and insert "\$771,858,749".
Page 366, line 22, strike "\$772,417,277" and insert "\$773,417,277".
Page 369, after line 45, strike "\$16,185,533" and "\$16,185,533" and insert:
"\$17,185,533" and "\$17,185,533".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$1.0 million each year from the general fund to support the State Rental Assistance Program (SRAP) which provides rental subsidies for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities. SRAP was created in 2016 to bring Virginia into compliance with the Olmstead Settlement Agreement to ensure adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities live independently in the community. Currently, SRAP has enough funds to assist about 1,000 individuals to secure and maintain independent housing.)

Item 297 #5c

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

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Grants to Localities

\$2,500,000

\$2,500,000

GF

Language:

Page 366, line 22, strike "\$770,858,749" and insert "\$773,358,749".

Page 366, line 22, strike "\$772,417,277" and insert "\$774,917,277".

Page 372, after line 27, insert:

"TT. Out of this appropriation, \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for Community Services Boards to hire additional staff for crisis stabilization units whose bed capacity is not fully utilized due to lack of staff."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.5 million each year from the general fund to help community services boards hire additional staff for crisis stabilization units whose bed capacity is not fully utilized because of a lack of staff.)

Item 301 #1c

Health and Human Resources

Mental Health Treatment Centers

Language

Language:

Page 373, after line 36, insert:

"G. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, in consultation with other relevant state and local agencies, shall identify existing and develop new, if necessary, alternative placements that are effective, safe, and therapeutic for children and youth who would otherwise be admitted to the Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents (CCCA) and report findings to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1, 2024. The report shall include information on (i) the types and locations of alternative placements identified, (ii) the number and treatment needs of children and youth who could be admitted at each placement type identified, (iii) the cost and funding sources for each placement type, and (iv) steps that remain to be taken to identify a sufficient number of appropriate alternative placements for all children and youth who would otherwise be admitted to CCCA."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to identify and develop alternative placements for children who would otherwise be admitted to

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the Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents. This amendment is a recommendation from the 2023 Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission Report, Virginia's State Psychiatric Hospitals.)

Item 302 #1c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Mental Health Treatment Centers	\$451,054	\$364,060	GF

Language:

Page 373, line 38, strike "\$202,691,678" and insert "\$203,142,732".

Page 373, line 38, strike "\$199,640,188" and insert "\$200,004,248".

Page 374, after line 29, insert:

"I. Out of this appropriation, \$451,054 the first year and \$364,060 the second year from the general fund is provided to procure scheduling software to assist state hospitals in scheduling nursing shifts."

Explanation:

(This amendment is self-explanatory.)

Item 304 #1c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Intellectual Disabilities Training Centers	\$500,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 374, line 43, strike "\$2,924,949" and insert "\$3,424,949".

Page 374, after line 49, insert:

"Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided to maintain the buildings and grounds at Central Virginia Training Center until such time as the property is sold by the Commonwealth."

Explanation:

(This amendment restores \$500,000 the first year from the general fund to continue maintaining Central Virginia Training Center to prevent further deterioration of any assets that add value to the property for potential developers.)

Item 314 #1c

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Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$775,000	\$775,000	GF

Language:

Page 377, line 42, strike "\$107,095,959" and insert "\$107,870,959".

Page 377, line 42, strike "\$107,095,959" and insert "\$107,870,959".

Page 379, line 23, strike "\$7,746,719" and "\$7,746,719" and insert: "\$8,521,719" and "\$8,521,719".

Page 379, after line 39, insert:

"5. Of this amount, \$775,000 the first year and \$775,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used for workforce retention for brain injury service providers."

Page 379, line 40, strike "5" and insert "6".

Page 379, line 43, strike "6" and insert "7".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$775,000 each year from the general fund for workforce retention to ensure quality accessible services for people living with brain injury. State contracted brain injury providers report high attrition and difficulty filling open positions because of non-competitive salaries and benefits. Delivery of programs and services suffer and client needs can go unmet. This funding will support currently existing state contracted brain injury service providers.)

Item 314 #2c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$1,875,000	\$1,875,000	GF

Language:

Page 377, line 42, strike "\$107,095,959" and insert "\$108,970,959".

Page 377, line 42, strike "\$107,095,959" and insert "\$108,970,959".

Page 379, line 23, strike "\$7,746,719" and "\$7,746,719" and insert: "\$9,621,719" and "\$9,621,719".

Page 379, after line 39, insert:

"5. Of this amount, \$1,875,000 the first year and \$1,875,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to: (i) strengthen and expand the existing state contracted safety net brain injury services system by increasing the numbers of case managers, clubhouse staff, clinical professional staff and/or program support staff and/or (ii) develop new safety net services in unserved areas of the state."

Page 379, line 40, strike "5" and insert "6".

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Page 379, line 43, strike "6" and insert "7".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.9 million each year from the general fund to strengthen and expand the existing state contracted safety net brain injury services system by increasing the numbers of case managers, clubhouse staff, clinical professional staff and/or program support staff. Programs have waiting lists for services and struggle to meet existing service demands for this challenging population that requires specialized support. A portion of the allocation may be used to support development of new safety net services in unserved areas of the state.)

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Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$500,000	\$500,000	GF

Language:

Page 377, line 42, strike "\$107,095,959" and insert "\$107,595,959".

Page 377, line 42, strike "\$107,095,959" and insert "\$107,595,959".

Page 379, line 9, strike "\$7,180,502" and "\$7,180,502" and insert:

"\$7,680,502" and "\$7,680,502".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 each year from the general fund to support Centers for Independent Living to provide independent living services including skills training, advocacy, information and referral, peer mentoring, and transition to people with significant disabilities. Transition services includes youth services, services to people trying to transition from nursing facilities and other institutions, and services to prevent institutionalization. Funding is needed to meet increasing requests for these services and increased cost of doing business including rent, fuel and transportation.)

Item 315 #1c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$200,000	\$200,000	GF

Language:

Page 380, line 9, strike "\$40,239,449" and insert "\$40,439,449".

Page 380, line 9, strike "\$40,239,449" and insert "\$40,439,449".

Page 381, afterline 42, insert:

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"J. Out of this appropriation, \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the second year from the general shall be provided for an interdisciplinary plan of care and dementia case management for 100 individuals diagnosed with dementia. This service shall be provided through a partnership between the Martha W. Goodson Center of Riverside Health Services and the Peninsula Agency on Aging. The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services shall report the status and provide an update on the results of the dementia case management program to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1 of each year."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds funding each year from the general fund to implement an interdisciplinary plan of care and dementia case management for 100 individuals diagnosed with dementia through a partnership between the Martha W. Goodson Center of Riverside Health Services and the Peninsula Agency on Aging. Language requires a report on the program by November 1 annually.)

Item 319 #1c

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Department for Aging and
Rehabilitative Services

\$100,000

\$100,000 GF

Language:

Page 382, line 48, strike "\$9,432,897" and insert "\$9,532,897".

Page 382, line 48, strike "\$9,432,897" and insert "\$9,532,897".

Page 383, after line 39, insert:

"H. Out of this appropriation, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided for the No Wrong Door (NWD) Dementia Capability Project to improve the identification of people living with dementia, particularly those living alone, to better connect them with supports and services that can help them remain as independent as possible for as long as possible. The Project shall add a cognitive screening question and relevant reports in the technology that underpins the system, the creation and delivery of a training module for NWD staff and users, and financial support for data collection and training."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 each year from the general fund to the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services to implement the No Wrong Door Dementia Capability Project to improve the identification of people living with dementia, particularly those living alone, This is a recommendation of the Virginia Alzheimer's Diseases and Related Disorders Commission.)

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Item 319 #2c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$228,083 1.00	\$160,864 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 382, line 48, strike "\$9,432,897" and insert "\$9,660,980".

Page 382, line 48, strike "\$9,432,897" and insert "\$9,593,761".

Page 383, after line 39, insert:

"H. Out of this appropriation, \$228,083 the first year and \$160,864 the second year from the general fund is provided to the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services to develop and provide training for court-appointed guardians and to support one full-time position."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$228,083 the first year and \$160,864 the second year from the general fund and one position to fund the fiscal impact of legislation passed during the 2024 Regular Session, which directs the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services to develop and provide training for court-appointed guardians by July 1, 2025. The fiscal impact covers the assumption that the department would need to hire a coordinator position at \$128,083 the first year and \$130,864 each year thereafter from the general fund. The first year includes \$100,000 from the general fund for the department to create the training module and \$30,000 each year thereafter for on-going maintenance and information technology costs.)

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Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$150,000 1.00	\$150,000 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 383, line 40, strike "\$17,225,030" and insert "\$17,375,030".

Page 383, line 40, strike "\$17,225,030" and insert "\$17,375,030".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$150,000 each year from the general fund to fund a position for an Executive Director for the Commonwealth Council on Aging pursuant to legislation passed in the 2023 Session and pursuant to § 51.5-127, Code of Virginia.)

Item 324 #1c

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Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	(\$1,500,000)	(\$2,500,000)	GF

Language:

Page 385, line 8, strike "\$62,459,887" and insert "\$60,959,887".
Page 385, line 8, strike "\$63,908,408" and insert "\$61,408,408".
Page 386, strike lines 33 through 38.

Explanation:

(This amendment repurposes \$1.5 million the first year and \$2.5 million the second year from the general fund included in the introduced budget for a public awareness campaign to promote responsible fatherhood for other priorities.)

Item 324 #2c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	\$844,524	\$2,225,540	GF
	\$663,554	\$1,748,639	NGF

Language:

Page 385, line 8, strike "\$62,459,887" and insert "\$63,967,965".
Page 385, line 8, strike "\$63,908,408" and insert "\$67,882,587".
Page 386, after line 38, insert:

"K. Out of this appropriation, \$844,524 the first year and \$2,225,540 the second year from the general fund and \$663,554 the first year and \$1,748,639 the second year from nongeneral funds is provided to establish and implement a centralized training academy model for local departments of social services."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$844,524 the first year and \$2.2 million the second year from the general fund and \$663,554 the first year and \$1.7 million the second year from nongeneral funds to establish a centralized training academy model to bring Virginia in line with best-in-class format used by states with similar local and state relationships in social services. Current initial training for local benefits and family services specialists, administrative professionals, and supervisors does not adequately prepare workers to handle complicated and demanding caseloads and is difficult to schedule and attend. This is a recommendation from the Virginia Commission on Youth.)

Item 324 #3c

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Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	\$257,240	\$246,914	GF
	2.00	2.00	FTE

Language:

Page 385, line 8, strike "\$62,459,887" and insert "\$62,717,127".

Page 385, line 8, strike "\$63,908,408" and insert "\$64,155,322".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$257,240 the first year and \$246,914 the second year from the general fund to add two Kin First Consultants to support the Department of Social Services in developing collaborative placement programs for children in kinship care.)

Item 324 #4c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	(\$895,842)	(\$715,679)	GF
	-1.00	-1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 385, line 8, strike "\$62,459,887" and insert "\$61,564,045".

Page 385, line 8, strike "\$63,908,408" and insert "\$63,192,729".

Explanation:

(This amendment reallocates \$895,842 the first year and \$715,679 the second year from the general fund that was included in the introduced budget to accompany legislation of the 2024 General Assembly to promote kinship as a prevention to foster care. Various initiatives were not included in the final legislation, such as background checks, system updates, and additional staff at Virginia Department of Social Services and local departments of social services, allowing funding for these initiatives to be reallocated for other priorities.)

Item 324 #5c

Health and Human Resources	
Department of Social Services	Language

Language:

Page 386, line 18, strike "\$3.0" and insert "\$5.5".

Page 386, line 20, after "Development", insert:
"and local Departments of Social Services".

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides language that clarifies that nongeneral funds from the Percentage of Income Payment Program (PIPP) Fund shall be used to reimburse local Departments of Social Services for the administration of the PIPP program, consistent with § 56-585.6, Code of Virginia, and increases the maximum allowable reimbursement from the fund from \$3.0 million to \$5.5 million.)

Item 329 #1c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 391, line 33, strike "\$311,181,313" and insert "\$312,181,313".

Page 391, line 33, strike "\$311,181,313" and insert "\$312,181,313".

Page 393, line 47, after "R." insert "1."

Page 393, line 47, strike "\$11,173,560" and "\$11,173,560" and insert: "\$12,173,560" and "\$12,173,560".

Page 393, after line 48, insert:

"2. In order to ensure timely distribution of relative maintenance payments pursuant to legislation passed in the 2024 General Assembly and provisions thereto, the Department of Social Services shall have the authority to implement such changes effective upon passage of this act, and prior to the completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such changes."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million each year from the general fund to provide additional relative maintenance payments to relative or fictive care givers. This amendment also permits the Department of Social Services to distribute relative maintenance payments pursuant to legislation passed in the 2024 General Assembly upon passage of this act and before the regulatory process is complete in order to ensure timely payments.)

Item 329 #2c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	\$310,000	\$310,000	GF

Language:

Page 391, line 33, strike "\$311,181,313" and insert "\$311,491,313".

Page 391, line 33, strike "\$311,181,313" and insert "\$311,491,313".

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Page 394, after line 2, insert:

"V. Out of this appropriation, \$310,000 the first year and \$310,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to support the development and implementation of a statewide driver's licensing program to support foster care youth in obtaining a driver's license. Funding shall be made available to local departments of social services to reimburse foster care providers for increases to their existing motor vehicle insurance premiums that occur because a foster care youth in their care has been added to their insurance policy. The program may also reimburse foster care providers for additional coverage that provides liability protection should a foster care youth get into or cause a catastrophic accident. Additionally, funding shall be made available to foster care youth in Virginia's Fostering Futures Program to assist in covering the cost of obtaining motor vehicle insurance. The Department shall develop reimbursement policies for foster care providers and foster care youth. The Department shall coordinate and administer the driver's licensing program based on best practices from similar programs in other states, to include developing educational or training materials that educate foster parents, private providers, and foster youth about (i) liability issues, insurance laws, and common insurance practices (to include laws about renewal and cancellation, how long an accident can affect premiums, how to establish that a foster youth is no longer living in the residence, and other applicable topics); (ii) DMV requirements to obtain a learner's permit and driver's license; (iii) what funding and resources are available to assist in this process, to include, paying school lab fees for "Behind the Wheel" or paying a private driving education company; and (iv) why getting a driver's license on time is important for normalcy and a successful transition to adulthood. The Department shall provide information on how many foster care youth were supported by this program and any recommendations to improve the program to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees annually on December 1."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$310,000 each year from the general fund to support the development and implementation of a statewide driver's licensing program to support foster care youth in obtaining a driver's license. Evidence indicates that youth who leave foster care without their driver's licenses are less likely to make a successful transition to adulthood. This is a recommendation from the Virginia Commission on Youth.)

	Item 331 #1c	
Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Social Services	\$2,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 394, line 27, strike "\$63,090,789" and insert "\$65,090,789".

Page 398, after line 40, insert:

"X. Out of this appropriation, \$2,000,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided

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to Prince William County to fund a healthcare worker training program for members of the immigrant community."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million the first year from the general fund to Prince William County to support their CASA Program in launching a medical assistance workforce program.)

Item 331 #2c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Social Services	(\$1,750,000)	\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 394, line 27, strike "\$63,090,789" and insert "\$61,340,789".

Page 396, line 37, strike "\$9,000,000" and insert "\$7,250,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$1.8 million in Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant funding in the first year due to underspending in the grants. The second year funding level remains at \$9.0 million from the general fund.)

Item 331 #3c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Social Services	\$1,564,902	\$3,912,256 GF

Language:

Page 394, line 27, strike "\$63,090,789" and insert "\$64,655,691".

Page 394, line 27, strike "\$61,965,789" and insert "\$65,878,045".

Page 395, line 50, strike "\$405,500" and "\$405,500" and insert:

"\$1,970,402" and "\$4,317,756".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.6 million the first year and \$3.9 million the second year from the general fund to provide additional support to child advocacy centers.)

Item 331 #4c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Social Services	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000 GF

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Language:

Page 394, line 27, strike "\$63,090,789" and insert "\$65,090,789".

Page 394, line 27, strike "\$61,965,789" and insert "\$63,965,789".

Page 398, after line 40, insert:

"X. Out of this appropriation, \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for state agencies to facilitate and improve language access."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million each year from the general fund for efforts to facilitate and improve language access.)

Item 331 #5c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	\$400,000	\$400,000	GF

Language:

Page 394, line 27, strike "\$63,090,789" and insert "\$63,490,789".

Page 394, line 27, strike "\$61,965,789" and insert "\$62,365,789".

Page 398, after line 40, insert:

"X. Out of this appropriation, \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the City of Chesapeake to support Buffalow Family and Friends to provide access to food, clothing, and basic living essentials."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$400,000 each year from the general fund to the nonprofit Buffalow Family and Friends, which is deemed as the "Food Bank" of Chesapeake. They provide access to food, clothing, and basic living essentials at their food pantry and multipurpose center and to deliver food to senior independent living and disenfranchised communities in Chesapeake on a monthly basis.)

Item 331 #6c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	\$250,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 394, line 27, strike "\$63,090,789" and insert "\$63,340,789".

Page 398, after line 40, insert:

"X. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the

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City of Charlottesville in support of programming at the Tonsler League."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$250,000 the first year from the general fund for the Tonsler League in the City of Charlottesville, which is a nonprofit that sponsors a summer basketball league and community engagement activities, such as the "Circle of Brotherhood" developed in response to gun violence, and giveaways, such as bikes for youth and turkeys during Thanksgiving.)

Item 331 #7c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	\$250,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 394, line 27, strike "\$63,090,789" and insert "\$63,340,789".

Page 398, after line 40, insert:

"X. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year is provided to Prince William County for the Nepali Community Center."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$250,000 the first year for the Nepali Community Center in Prince William County. The Nepali Community Center is a nonprofit that preserves and promotes Nepali identity, culture, languages, values, norms and manners through the organization, as well as maintain and operate Nepali American Community Center to facilitate social, educational, cultural, spiritual, and sports activities and programs aimed at promoting multiculturalism in Northern Virginia.)

Item 331 #8c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$1,125,000	NGF

Language:

Page 394, line 27, strike "\$61,965,789" and insert "\$63,090,789".

Page 395, line 10, after "first year", insert:

"and \$1,125,000 the second year".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.1 million from the nongeneral fund the second year from the the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant to maintain the current Two-Generation/Whole Family Pilot Project. The introduced budget level funds the first year with

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\$1.1 million from TANF but ends the five-year pilot program in fiscal year 2025. Six agencies have participated in the pilot.)

Item 331 #9c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	\$310,000	\$310,000	NGF

Language:

Page 394, line 26, strike "\$63,090,789" and insert "\$63,400,789".

Page 394, line 26, strike "\$61,965,789" and insert "\$62,275,789".

Page 398, line 23, strike "\$190,000" and "\$190,000" and insert: "\$500,000" and "\$500,000".

Page 398, strike lines 26 through 28, and insert:

"housing assistance and other eligible services for individuals served by the organization."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$310,000 each year from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant to the Lighthouse Community Center to support services to low-income families in Central Virginia. The Lighthouse Community Center is located in Lynchburg. The Center is a community-based, trauma-informed care service provider that provides services such as grab-and-go meals, clothing or vouchers for clothing, hygiene supplies, and a bike ministry.)

Item 331 #10c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	\$450,000	\$450,000	NGF

Language:

Page 394, line 27, strike "\$63,090,789" and insert "\$63,540,789".

Page 394, line 27, strike "\$61,965,789" and insert "\$62,415,789".

Page 394, line 42, strike "\$185,725" and "\$185,725" and insert: "\$635,725" and "\$635,725".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$450,000 each year from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant for the Virginia Community Action Partnership contract to manage the statewide "Virginia CASH Campaign," the state supported Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program providing outreach, education, and tax preparation services for Virginians who may be eligible for both the federal and new state Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The

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proposed amendment would increase annual funding of \$185,725 to a total of \$635,725.)

Item 334 #1c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	(\$50,000)	\$0	GF
	(\$50,000)	\$0	NGF

Language:

Page 399, line 48, strike "\$148,616,608" and insert "\$148,516,608".

Page 401, strike lines 14 through 19.

Explanation:

(This amendment repurposes \$50,000 from the general and nongeneral funds for an advanced contact to Medicaid recipients pilot for other priorities.)

Item 334 #2c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	\$3,500,000	\$350,000	GF
	\$3,500,000	\$350,000	NGF

Language:

Page 399, line 48, strike "\$148,616,608" and insert "\$155,616,608".

Page 399, line 48, strike "\$147,491,606" and insert "\$148,191,606".

Page 401, after line 19, insert:

"H. Out of this appropriation, \$3,500,000 the first year and \$350,000 the second year from the general fund and \$3,500,000 the first year and \$350,000 the second year from nongeneral funds shall be available for the development of an integrated benefits system and replacement for CommonHelp. Any unexpended balances in this paragraph at the close of business on June 30 of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated for this purpose."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.5 million the first year and \$350,000 the second year from both the general fund and nongeneral funds to replace the benefits eligibility system currently used by approximately 2.2 million Virginians to apply for Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, the Child Care Subsidy Program, and two Energy Assistance Programs. The current legacy systems would be replaced by a next-generation, low-code application platform supporting best practices in information technology architecture, human-centered design, testing, and training.)

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Opioid Abatement Authority

Language

Language:

Page 406, after line 10, insert:

“C. The Opioid Abatement Authority shall include, as an addendum to its annual executive summary required pursuant to § 2.2-2373, Code of Virginia, an update on prior fiscal year activity related to the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund (the Fund), established pursuant to § 2.2-2377, Code of Virginia. Specifically, the addendum shall include an account of any deposits, designations, and expenditures made, along with corresponding performance measures, and other applicable data and information related to the use of the Fund settlement proceeds by state agencies.

D. Notwithstanding § 2.2-212, Code of Virginia, the Opioid Abatement Authority is an independent agency of the Commonwealth and is not subject to the provisions of that section.

E. The administrative budget for the Opioid Abatement Authority is estimated at \$3,400,000 the first year and \$2,400,000 the second year.

F. In awarding grants to state agencies, the Board of the Opioid Abatement Authority shall ensure that the grant funds are within the scope of the statutory authority of the respective agency to administer such grants. In addition, grant funds shall be considered one-time in nature and shall not create an on-going obligation for the Commonwealth.

G. Out of appropriations provided in this act, \$16,419,145 the first year and \$14,064,145 the second year from nongeneral funds is for disbursement from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund as follows:

Agency	Purpose	FY 2025	FY 2026
Department of Health (601)	Opioid Overdose Reversal Agent Program	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
Department of Health (601)	Opioid Reversal Agents and Test Kits	\$5,519,145	\$5,464,145
Department of Health (601)	Fentanyl Waster Water Testing	\$400,000	\$0
Department of Health (601)	Naloxone for Public Schools	\$0	\$100,000

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Department of Criminal Justice Services (140)	Jail-Based Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Transition Fund	\$2,000,000	\$0
VA Foundation for Healthy Youth (852)	Marketing Efforts for Opioid Crisis	\$500,000	\$500,000
Total		\$16,419,145	\$14,064,145"

Explanation:

(This amendment adds language directing the Opioid Abatement Authority to provide, as an addendum to its requisite annual executive summary, an accounting of all activity related to monies deposited, appropriated, and expended from the Fund., and sets out its administrative budget. In addition, a table of all appropriations in the budget related to the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund is included for transparency.)

Item 348 #1c

Labor	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Secretary of Labor	(\$130,000) -1.00	(\$130,000) -1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 407, line 3, strike "\$807,837" and insert "\$677,837".
Page 407, line 3, strike "\$807,837" and insert "\$677,837".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes proposed funding for a new position in the Secretary of Labor's Office. The Secretary currently has four positions to cover the responsibilities of four state agencies.)

Item 349 #1c

Labor	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Labor and Industry	\$100,000 1.00	\$100,000 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 407, line 12, strike "\$2,153,355" and insert "\$2,253,355".
Page 407, line 12, strike "\$2,153,355" and insert "\$2,253,355".

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Page 408, after line 2, insert:

"C. Out of this appropriation, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the department to hire an additional compliance officer for child labor law violation enforcement."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 each year from the general fund for the Department of Labor and Industry to hire an additional compliance officer for child labor law violation enforcement.)

	Item 352 #1c	
Labor	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Labor and Industry	\$41,842	\$41,842 GF

Language:

Page 408, line 23, strike "\$4,940,153" and insert "\$4,981,995".

Page 408, line 23, strike "\$4,940,153" and insert "\$4,981,995".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$41,842 from the general fund each year to reverse a savings action related to field office consolidations that was included in House Bill 30 as introduced.)

	Item 354 #1c	
Labor	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Workforce Development and Advancement	(\$1,700,000)	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 409, line 32, strike "\$77,056,263" and insert "\$75,356,263".

Page 409, line 38, strike "\$3,201,000" and insert "\$1,501,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.5 million in the first year from the general fund to support start-up costs for the workforce development agency.)

	Item 354 #2c	
Labor	FY24-25	FY25-26

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Department of Workforce
Development and Advancement

(\$1,000,000)

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 409, line 32, strike "\$77,056,263" and insert "\$76,056,263".

Page 409, strike lines 46 through 52.

Page 410, strike line 1.

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects proposed funding for a regional Healthcare Workforce Training System to other health care workforce initiatives funded through amendments in the Virginia Department of Health.)

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Labor

Department of Workforce Development and Advancement

Language

Language:

Page 409, line 40, after "B." insert "1."

Page 409, after line 45, insert:

"2. The Virginia Board of Workforce Development in collaboration with the Virginia Department of Workforce Development and Advancement and the Virginia Community College System shall review instructor salaries for noncredit workforce training programs offered as a part of the Hampton Roads Skilled Trades Rapid On-ramp Network for Growth (STRONG) initiative funded in this paragraph. This review shall include examining current instructor salaries for noncredit workforce training compared to current market rates for aligned professor positions; current approaches to funding instructor positions for noncredit and for credit courses offered as a part of the STRONG initiative; and options for increasing instructor salaries in noncredit course offerings, including appropriate funding model reforms. The Virginia Board of Workforce Development shall submit its preliminary review and recommendations to the Chairs of the House Committees on Appropriations and Education and the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and Education and Health on or before November 1, 2024, and a final report of its review and recommendations on or before by June 30, 2025."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Virginia Board of Workforce Development to review noncredit workforce training instructor salaries that are funded through the Hampton Roads Skilled Trades Rapid On-ramp Network for Growth (STRONG) initiative and offer recommendations on how to improve the salaries of these instructor positions.)

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Item 355 #1c

Labor	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Workforce Development and Advancement	(\$2,000,000)	(\$2,000,000)	GF

Language:

Page 410, line 2, strike "\$61,490,208" and insert "\$59,490,208".
Page 410, line 2, strike "\$61,490,208" and insert "\$59,490,208".
Page 410, strike lines 32 through 45.

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects to other priorities \$2.0 million from the general fund each year recommended for a new Registered Apprenticeship Grant Program.)

Item 356 #1c

Labor	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Employment Commission	\$357,167 3.00	\$357,167 3.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 411, line 2, strike "\$586,779,340" and insert "\$587,136,507".
Page 411, line 2, strike "\$586,779,340" and insert "\$587,136,507".
Page 412, after line 18, insert:
"L. Out of this appropriation, \$357,167 the first year and \$357,167 the second year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1261 and Senate Bill 536 of the 2024 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$357,167 in each year from the general fund and three positions to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1261 and Senate Bill 536 of the 2024 General Assembly, related to the forgiveness of the overpayment of Unemployment Insurance benefits.)

Item 356 #2c

Labor	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Employment Commission	\$275,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 411, line 2, strike "\$586,779,340" and insert "\$587,054,340".

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Page 412, after line 18, insert:

"L. Out of this appropriation, \$275,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 14 of the 2024 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$275,000 the first year from the general fund to the Virginia Employment Commission for one-time costs associated with the administration of House Bill 14 of the 2024 General Assembly, related to employer separation reports submitted for Underemployment Insurance claims.)

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Labor

Virginia Employment Commission

Language

Language:

Page 412, strike lines 13 through 18, and insert:

"K. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, as of January 1, 2025, tax rates established pursuant to §§ 60.2-531, 60.2-515, 60.2-526, 60.2-527, and 60.2-538, Code of Virginia, are hereby reduced by .05 percent. In addition to these rates, a separate administrative fee equal to .05 percent of taxable wages shall be assessed and paid quarterly. The administrative fee is necessary for the proper and efficient administration of the Virginia Unemployment Compensation Act, § 60.2., Code of Virginia. The administrative fees shall: (i) be deposited to the Special Unemployment Compensation Administration Fund pursuant to § 60.2-314 and will be used solely by the Commission for critical technology and staffing requirements; (ii) be due and payable to the Commission by each employer in accordance with such regulation as the Commission may prescribe; (iii) be collected through the same means available for collecting taxes, penalties, and interest. Interest applicable to unpaid taxes will also apply to the administrative fee; (iv) not be used to calculate the employer's amount of state unemployment taxes paid for Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) tax liability purposes; and, (v) not be deducted, in whole or in part, from employees' wages."

Explanation:

(This amendment updates language included in the introduced budget to allow the Virginia Employment Commission to begin collecting an administrative fee to support its operations. It is anticipated that the fee may generate up to \$16.0 million nongeneral funds per year for the Commission.)

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Labor

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Virginia Employment Commission

Language

Language:

Page 412, after line 18, insert:

"L. The Virginia Employment Commission is hereby authorized to request and receive a treasury loan to fund the necessary start-up costs associated with the implementation of a Paid Family and Medical Leave Program for the Commonwealth of Virginia contingent upon the enactment of Senate Bill 373 introduced in the 2024 Session of the General Assembly. The treasury loan shall be repaid for these costs from revenues received from premiums assessed to employers and employees beginning in 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes a treasury loan for the implementation of Senate Bill 373 of the 2024 General Assembly that requires the Virginia Employment Commission to establish and administer a paid family and medical leave program with benefits beginning January 1, 2027. Funding for the program is provided through premiums assessed to employers and employees beginning in 2026.)

Item 358 #1c

Natural and Historic Resources

Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources

Language

Language:

Page 413, line 25, after "unless" strike the remainder of the line and insert:

"otherwise specified."

Page 413, line 26, strike "\$100,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language changes proposed in House Bill 30, as introduced, which would have removed the requirement that 15 percent of mandatory Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF) deposits be directed to the WQIF Reserve if the balance of the Reserve exceeds \$100.0 million.)

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Natural and Historic Resources

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Secretary of Natural and Historic
Resources

\$500,000
3.00

\$500,000 GF
3.00 FTE

Language:

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Page 413, line 3, strike "\$859,627" and insert "\$1,359,627".

Page 413, line 3, strike "\$859,627" and insert "\$1,359,627".

Page 413, after line 40, insert:

"D. Out of the amounts provided for this item, \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to establish the Office of Commonwealth Resilience."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 each year from the general fund and three positions to establish the Office of Commonwealth Resilience under the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources.)

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Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	10.00	10.00	FTE

Language:

Explanation:

(This amendment restores 10 nongeneral fund positions included in fiscal year 2024 that were not included in House Bill 30, as introduced.)

Item 359 #2c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	(\$25,000,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$541,484,912" and insert "\$516,484,912".

page 417, strike lines 22 and 23.

page 417, line 24, strike "T." and insert "S."

Explanation:

(This amendment maintains the current capitalization of the Resilient Virginia Revolving Loan Fund at \$125.0 million. House Bill 30, as introduced, proposed providing an additional capitalization of \$25.0 million the first year from the general fund.)

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Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$460,000 4.00	\$460,000 4.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$541,484,912" and insert "\$541,944,912".

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$136,318,884" and insert "\$136,778,884".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$460,000 from the general fund and four positions each year to support existing nutrient management and data support services. The positions are currently funded through grants but will no longer be supported by those funds. Maintaining these positions is critical to ensure the Commonwealth meets Chesapeake Bay water quality commitments.)

Item 359 #4c

Natural and Historic Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Language

Language:

Page 417, after line 32, insert:

"U. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 10.1-2132, Code of Virginia, the department shall allow grant funds allocated for the Virginia Cost Share Assistance Program to be committed and disbursed as cost-share funding in conjunction with the planning and construction of livestock and poultry waste facilities and prior to animals being on-site, provided that the project is otherwise eligible for funding and the applicant has a contract for animals to be placed on-site within six months of the project's completion. The department shall provide guidelines for implementation of this provision."

Explanation:

(This amendment allows the department to commit and disburse funds in the Virginia Agricultural Cost Share Program as cost-share funding in conjunction with the planning and construction of livestock and poultry waste facilities prior to the animals being on site, if a project would be otherwise eligible for funding, and the applicant has a contract for animals to be placed there within six months of the project's completion.)

Item 359 #5c

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Department of Conservation and Recreation

\$500,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$541,484,912" and insert "\$541,984,912".

Page 417, after line 32, insert:

"U. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to support cyanobacteria mitigation and remediation efforts at Lake Anna."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund the first year to conduct cyanobacteria mitigation and remediation activities at Lake Anna.)

Item 359 #6c

Natural and Historic Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Conservation and Recreation

(\$48,850,000)

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$541,484,912" and insert "\$492,634,912".

Page 417, line 27, after "funds." strike the remainder of the line.

Page 417 strike lines 28 through 32.

Explanation:

(This amendment adjusts by \$48.9 million from the general fund the first year the funding provided in House Bill 30 as introduced for the Coastal Storm Risk Management Project in the City of Norfolk, leaving a balance of \$25.0 million from the general fund to support the project. The amendment also removes language authorizing a Treasury Loan to match federal funding for the project that required local casino tax revenue to be pledged for repayment of the loan.)

Item 359 #7c

Natural and Historic Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Language

Language:

Page 414, line 17, strike "\$10,947,091" and "\$10,947,094" and insert:

"\$11,044,091" and "\$11,044,091".

Page 414, line 28, strike "\$170,000" and "\$170,000" and insert:

"\$267,000" and "\$267,000".

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Explanation:

(This amendment sets out \$97,000 each year from the general fund included in House Bill 30, as introduced, to support Soil and Water Conservation District auditing services.)

		Item 359 #8c	
Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$541,484,912" and insert "\$542,484,912".

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$136,318,884" and insert "\$137,318,884".

Page 414, line 17, strike "\$10,497,091" and "\$10,497,091" and insert: "\$11,497,091" and "\$11,497,091".

Page 414, line 25, strike "\$468,000" and "\$468,000" and insert: "\$1,468,000" and "\$1,468,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$1.0 million each year from the general fund for small dam repairs undertaken by Soil and Water Conservation Districts.)

		Item 359 #9c	
Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$350,000 2.00	\$350,000 2.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$541,484,912" and insert "\$541,834,912".

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$136,318,884" and insert "\$136,668,884".

Page 417, after line 32, insert:

"U. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the Department to establish (i) a position to expedite the training and certification of Soil and Water Conservation District employees to enable them to provide engineering, agronomic, and technical assistance for the preparation of all conservation practices in the Virginia Agricultural Cost share program; and, (ii) a position to expedite the provision of assistance to Soil and Water Conservation Districts with engineering designs for structural practices."

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$350,000 each year from the general fund and two positions to allow the Department of Conservation and Recreation to expedite the assistance it provides to Soil and Water Conservation Districts.)

			Item 359 #10c
Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$541,484,912" and insert "\$544,484,912".

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$136,318,884" and insert "\$139,318,884".

Page 414, line 17, strike "\$10,947,091" and "\$10,947,091" and insert: "\$13,947,091" and "\$13,947,091".

Page 414, line 21, strike "\$9,809,091" and "\$9,809,091" and insert: "\$12,809,091" and "\$12,809,091".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$3.0 million each year from the general fund to support the increasing operational costs faced by Soil and Water Conservation District offices. Additional financial support is necessary for district central operations, administrative assistance, technical assistance for implementation of agricultural and urban BMPs, technical assistance to operate and maintain 104 flood control dams, and technical assistance to implement Resource Management Plans and address tax credit applications.)

			Item 359 #11c
Natural and Historic Resources			
Department of Conservation and Recreation			Language

Language:

Page 417, line 11, after "funds", insert:

"that shall be transferred to the Virginia Natural Resources Commitment Fund, and".

Explanation:

(This amendment directs \$63.0 million the first year from nongeneral funds included in House Bill 30, as introduced, for Agricultural Best Management Practices be directed to the Virginia Natural Resources Commitment Fund, consistent with the general funds included in the introduced bill for such purpose.)

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Item 359 #12c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$593,352 5.00	\$593,352 5.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$541,484,912" and insert "\$542,078,264".
 Page 413, line 48, strike "\$136,318,884" and insert "\$136,912,236".
 Page 416, line 18, strike "\$500,000" and "\$500,000" and insert:
 "\$1,093,352" and "\$1,093,352".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$593,352 each year from the general fund and five positions to increase support for the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Natural Heritage Program. The Natural Heritage Program provides active preserve management at Virginia's 66 Natural Area preserves.)

Item 359 #13c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$136,000 1.00	\$136,000 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$541,484,912" and insert "\$541,620,912".
 Page 413, line 48, strike "\$136,318,884" and insert "\$136,454,884".
 Page 417, after line 32, insert:

"U. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$136,000 the first year and \$136,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the Department to support an additional position in the Division of Soil and Water Conservation for the purpose of nutrient management planning."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$136,000 each year from the general fund and one position to support nutrient management planning.)

Item 359 #14c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
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Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	GF
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Language:

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$541,484,912" and insert "\$542,484,912".

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$136,318,884" and insert "\$137,318,884".

Page 415, line 25, strike "\$1,583,531" and insert:

"\$2,583,531" and "\$2,583,531".

Explanation:

(This amendment restores \$2.6 million each year for deposit in the Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF) Reserve derived from taxes on watercraft fuel sales. House Bill 30, as introduced, proposed reducing the deposit to the Reserve by \$1.0 million each year.)

Item 360 #1c

Natural and Historic Resources

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Department of Conservation and Recreation

\$250,000
2.00

\$250,000 GF
2.00 FTE

Language:

Page 417, line 33, strike "\$100,711,089" and insert "\$100,961,089".

Page 417, line 33, strike "\$98,359,044" and insert "\$98,609,044".

Page 419, after line 26, insert:

"N. Out of the amounts appropriated in this item, \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the Department to support two additional staff positions and related expenses for invasive species management."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$250,000 each year from the general fund and two positions at the Department of Conservation and Recreation to mitigate the impact of invasive species in support of the goals outlined by the Virginia Invasive Species Management Plan. Companion amendments to the Departments of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Forestry, and Wildlife Resources support corresponding funding and positions.)

Item 360 #2c

Natural and Historic Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Language

Language:

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Page 418, line 33, strike "or".
Page 418, line 34, strike "Natural Area Preserve".
Page 418, line 37, strike "or Natural Area Preserve".
Page 418, line 38, strike "and C-26".
Page 418, line 39, strike "and C-26".

Explanation:

(This amendment allows the department to acquire lands for Natural Area Preserves as funding is available through various sources.)

Item 360 #3c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$265,350	\$139,050	NGF

Language:

Page 417, line 33, strike "\$100,711,089" and insert "\$100,976,439".
Page 417, line 33, strike "\$98,359,044" and insert "\$98,498,094".
Page 419, after line 26, insert:
"N. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$265,350 the first year and \$139,050 the second year from nongeneral funds is provided to establish an all-terrain power wheelchair pilot program consistent with the provisions of House Bill 1186 of the 2024 Session of the General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$265,350 the first year and \$139,050 the second year from the nongeneral fund pursuant to House Bill 1186, which establishes the two-year all-terrain wheelchair pilot program at the Department of Conservation and Recreation.)

Item 362 #1c

Natural and Historic Resources		
Department of Environmental Quality		Language

Language:

Page 420, line 17, strike "2028" and insert "2025".
Page 420, line 17, strike "2030" and insert "2026".

Explanation:

(This amendment moves the effective date of the prohibition on use of polystyrene containers

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from 2028 to 2025 for retail food establishments operating 20 or more locations in the Commonwealth, and from 2030 to 2026 for smaller establishments.)

Item 363 #1c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Environmental Quality	(\$4,385,000)	(\$4,135,000)	GF

Language:

Page 420, line 19, strike "\$60,852,618" and insert "\$56,467,618".

Page 420, line 19, strike "\$60,852,618" and insert "\$56,717,618".

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects to other Department of Environmental Quality needs \$4.4 million the first year and \$4.1 million the second year from the general fund proposed in the introduced budget to increase dissolved oxygen monitoring.)

Item 363 #2c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Environmental Quality	\$750,000	\$750,000	GF
	2.00	3.00	FTE

Language:

Page 420, line 19, strike "\$60,852,618" and insert "\$61,602,618".

Page 420, line 19, strike "\$60,852,618" and insert "\$61,602,618".

Page 421, after line 54, insert:

"L. Out of the amounts in this item, \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the second year to establish a mitigation trading platform and wetland in-lieu fee mitigation program consistent with the provisions of § 62.1-44.15:32.1, Code of Virginia."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$750,000 the first year and two positions and \$750,000 the second year from the general fund and three positions to establish a mitigation trading platform and wetland in-lieu fee mitigation program.)

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Department of Environmental Quality	\$135,000 1.00	\$135,000 1.00	GF FTE
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Language:

Page 420, line 19, strike "\$60,852,618" and insert "\$60,987,618".
Page 420, line 19, strike "\$60,852,618" and insert "\$60,987,618".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$135,000 each year and one position to support monitoring of new state observation wells installed by the United States Geological Survey.)

Item 363 #4c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Environmental Quality	\$380,160 3.00	\$380,160 3.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 420, line 19, strike "\$60,852,618" and insert "\$61,232,778".
Page 420, line 19, strike "\$60,852,618" and insert "\$61,232,778".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$380,160 each year from the general fund and three positions pursuant to House Bill 1085, which establishes a system of monitoring and reporting on PFAS sources within public water systems.)

Item 363 #5c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Environmental Quality	\$253,440 2.00	\$253,440 2.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 420, line 19, strike "\$60,852,618" and insert "\$61,106,058".
Page 420, line 19, strike "\$60,852,618" and insert "\$61,106,058".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$253,400 each year from the general fund and two positions pursuant to House Bill 949, which establishes reporting and monitoring processes related to leaks of hazardous substances.)

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Item 363 #6c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Environmental Quality	\$100,000	\$100,000	GF

Language:

Page 420, line 19, strike "\$60,852,618" and insert "\$60,952,618".

Page 420, line 19, strike "\$60,852,618" and insert "\$60,952,618".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 each year from the general fund to increase groundwater technical capacity and complete a study of the groundwater supply in the Commonwealth, pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 25.)

Item 363 #7c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Environmental Quality	\$150,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 420, line 19, strike "\$60,852,618" and insert "\$61,002,618".

Page 421, after line 54, insert:

"L. Out of the amounts in this item, \$150,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the department, in collaboration with Virginia Polytechnic and State University and the Smith Mountain Lake Association, to conduct a study of the harmful algal blooms occurring at Smith Mountain Lake. The research shall include evaluation of conditions that have led to the appearance of harmful algal blooms and include recommendations for prevention of further occurrences."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$150,000 the first year from the general fund for the department, in collaboration with Virginia Tech and the Smith Mountain Lake Association, to conduct a study of harmful algal blooms occurring at Smith Mountain Lake.)

Item 365 #1c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Environmental Quality	\$20,000,000	\$0	GF

Language:

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Page 423, line 1, strike "\$161,281,448" and insert "\$181,281,448".

Page 424, after line 51, insert:

"L. Out of the amounts in this item, \$20,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the establishment of a pay-for-outcomes pilot program in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The Department shall issue requests for nonpoint source pollution reduction proposals, conduct a transparent proposal selection process based on project ranking criteria, execute contracts with selected entities, verify that the promised nonpoint source pollutant reductions are being achieved, and make payments when contractually defined terms are verified. The project ranking criteria shall include cost per pound of nutrients removed, the level of assurance that nutrient reductions shall be provided, habitat and resilience benefits, readiness to proceed, local government coordination, the provision of long-term maintenance and applicability to locally impaired waters."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$20.0 million the first year from the general fund to establish a pay-for-outcomes pilot program at the Department of Environmental Quality.)

	Item 365 #2c	
Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Environmental Quality	\$91,506	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 423, line 1, strike "\$161,281,448" and insert "\$161,372,954".

Page 424, after line 51, insert:

"L. Out of the amounts in this item, \$91,506 the first year from the general fund is provided to the Town of Cleveland for wastewater treatment upgrades."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$91,506 from the general fund the first year for the Town of Cleveland, in Russell County, to complete needed wastewater treatment upgrades.)

	Item 365 #3c	
Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Environmental Quality	(\$8,500,000)	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 423, line 1, strike "\$161,281,448" and insert "\$152,781,448".

Page 424, line 39, strike "\$35,000,000" and insert "\$26,500,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects for other uses \$8.5 million from the general fund the first year provided for a landfill remediation project in House Bill 30, as introduced.)

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Department of Environmental Quality

Language

Language:

Page 425, after line 16, insert:

"C. Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, or any other law, no expenditures from general, special, or other nongeneral fund sources shall be used to take any action that impedes or otherwise interferes with Virginia's rejoining of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative or continued participation therein. Further notwithstanding any other provision of this act, or any other law, any state agency or authority with responsibilities identified in Code § 10.1-1330 must immediately take all actions necessary to rejoin the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and continue participating therein, and any auction proceeds received from allowance sales are hereby appropriated for the purposes set forth in Code § 10.1-1330(C). Such required actions include, but are not limited to, repealing the final regulation titled 9VAC5-140, Regulation for Emissions Trading Programs published in the Virginia Register on July 31, 2023, reissuing the final regulation titled 9VAC5-140, Regulation for Emissions Trading Programs published in the Virginia Register on August 3, 2020, selling the allowances generated by the reissued regulatory program through auctions run by the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, distributing auction proceeds in accordance with Code § 10.1-1330(C) and appropriations included herein, and providing annual reporting in accordance with Code § 10.1-1330(D). Any regulatory action necessary to effectuate the requirements of this provision is hereby exempted from the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.); the Department of Environmental Quality must complete such regulatory action without further action by the Air Pollution Control Board and the reissued regulatory program must take effect no later than 90 days from the effective date of this act."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires the Commonwealth to rejoin the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and directs the appropriate agencies to take the necessary actions to rejoin RGGI.)

Item 367 #1c

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Department of Wildlife Resources	\$775,000 2.00	\$775,000 2.00	NGF FTE
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Language:

Page 425, line 29, strike "\$58,881,987" and insert "\$59,656,987".

Page 425, line 29, strike "\$56,881,987" and insert "\$57,656,987".

Page 425, after line 51, insert:

"D. Out of the amounts appropriated in this item, \$775,000 the first year and \$775,000 the second year from the Game Protection Fund is provided to the department to support two additional staff positions and related expenses for invasive species management and to take steps to eradicate or slow the spread of priority species."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$775,000 each year from nongeneral funds and two positions at the Department of Wildlife Resources to mitigate the impact of invasive species in support of the goals outlined by the Virginia Invasive Species Management Plan. Companion amendments to the Departments of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Forestry, and Conservation and Recreation support corresponding funding and positions.)

Item 371 #1c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Historic Resources	\$400,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 427, line 28, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$55,277,427".

Page 430, after line 32, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$400,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the Town of Wytheville for structural rehabilitation of the Haller-Gibboney Rock House Museum."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$400,000 the first year from the general fund for structural repairs to the Haller-Gibboney Rock House Museum.)

Item 371 #2c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Historic Resources	\$5,000,000	\$0	GF

Language:

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Page 427, line 28, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$59,877,427".

Page 430, after line 32, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$5,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the County of Prince William to support activities undertaken by the National Museum of Americans in Wartime. These funds shall be matched by \$2,500,000 provided by the County of Prince William."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$5.0 million from the general fund the first year to Prince William County to support infrastructure development for the National Museum of Americans in Wartime. As a condition of this appropriation, Prince William County is required to provide matching funds totaling \$2.5 million.)

Item 371 #3c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Historic Resources	\$285,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 427, line 28, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$55,162,427".

Page 430, after line 32, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$285,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the County of Appomattox for renovation of facilities of the Carver Price Legacy Museum."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$285,000 the first year from the general fund for improvements at the Carver Price Legacy Museum.)

Item 371 #4c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Historic Resources	\$500,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 427, line 28, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$55,377,427".

Page 430, after line 32, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Roanoke for improvements at the Virginia Museum of Transportation."

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$500,000 the first year from the general fund to the City of Roanoke for improvements at the Virginia Museum of Transportation.)

Item 371 #5c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Historic Resources	\$500,000	\$500,000	GF

Language:

Page 427, line 28, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$55,377,427".

Page 427, line 28, strike "\$13,877,427" and insert "\$14,377,427".

Page 430, after line 32, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the City of Charlottesville for school-based public learning and engagement programs at the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center and the Center for Local Knowledge Programs."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 each year from the general fund to the City of Charlottesville for the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center in support of their school-based and public learning and engagement programs and the Center for Local Knowledge Programs.)

Item 371 #6c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Historic Resources	\$500,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 427, line 28, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$55,377,427".

Page 430, after line 32, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the County of Westmoreland for activities undertaken by Stratford Hall for preservation and expanded interpretation."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund the first year for Westmoreland County to support preservation and expanded interpretation at Stratford Hall.)

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Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Historic Resources	\$500,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 427, line 28, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$55,377,427".

Page 430, after line 32, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the County of Richmond for activities undertaken by the Menokin Foundation for preservation and restoration."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund the first year for preservation and restoration activities undertaken by the Menokin Foundation in Richmond County.)

Item 371 #8c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Historic Resources	\$100,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 427, line 27, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$54,977,427".

Page 430, after line 32, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$100,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the County of Brunswick for the conservation and restoration of Saint Paul's College Museum and Archives."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 from the general fund the first year to Brunswick County to support the efforts of the James Solomon Russell – Saint Paul's College Museum and Archives restoration projects that are needed to preserve the photographs, papers, records, and other artifacts in the Museum's collection.)

Item 371 #9c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Historic Resources	\$1,500,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 427, line 27, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$56,377,427".

Page 430, after line 32, insert:

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"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$1,500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the County of James City for the Preservation Virginia and its subsidiary, Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation, to support studies, permitting, schematic designs, and archaeology needed to implement flood protection measures at Jamestown."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.5 million from the general fund the first year to James City County for the Preservation Virginia and its subsidiary, Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation to support studies, permitting, schematic designs and archaeology needed in to implement flood protection measures at Jamestown.)

Item 371 #10c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Historic Resources	\$884,800	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 427, line 28, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$55,762,227".

Page 430, after line 32, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$884,800 the first year from the general fund is provided to the County of Bedford to support emergency stabilization and restoration measures of the 1857 Slave Dwelling located at Poplar Forest."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$884,800 the first year from the general fund to Bedford County for emergency stabilization the 1857 Slave Dwelling at Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest.)

Item 371 #11c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Historic Resources	\$500,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 427, line 28, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$55,377,427".

Page 430, after line 32, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Richmond to support capital improvements at the Valentine Museum."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 the first year from the general fund to support the Valentine Museum's capital campaign to improve collection care, reinterpret the Edward

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Valentine Sculpture Studio, and build its endowment. Successful completion of the campaign will ensure expanded access to primary sources used in history and social studies education programming for student and adult audiences.)

Item 371 #12c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Historic Resources	\$200,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 427, line 28, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$55,077,427".

Page 430, after line 32, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$200,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the County of Botetourt to support improvements at the Buchanan Theater."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$200,000 the first year from the general fund to support improvements at the Buchanan Theater.)

Item 371 #13c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Historic Resources	\$850,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 427, line 28, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$55,727,427".

Page 430, after line 32, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$850,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the County of Clarke for structural repairs to the Burwell-Morgan Mill."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$850,000 the first year from the general fund for structural repairs to the Burwell-Morgan Mill in Clarke County.)

Item 371 #14c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Historic Resources	(\$15,000,000)	\$0 GF

Language:

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Page 427, line 28, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$39,877,427".
Page 430, line 23, strike "\$35,000,000" and insert "\$20,000,000".
Page 430, line 25, after "sites" insert:
"and history museums".
Page 430, line 27, strike "one-to-one" and insert:
"minimum one-third".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$20.0 million the first year from the general fund for the Department of Historic Resources to establish a matching grant program for capital improvements at historic sites and history museums expected to see increased visitation related to the Commonwealth's semiquincentennial celebrations. The amendment also establishes the minimum matching requirement for grantees at one-third of the amount awarded, and it allows both historical sites and history museums to be eligible to receive grant awards.)

Item 371 #15c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Historic Resources	(\$5,000,000)	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 427, line 28, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$49,877,427".
Page 428, line 23, strike "G.1." and insert "G."
Page 428, line 23, strike "\$10,250,000" and insert "\$5,250,000".
Page 428, strike lines 29 through 39.

Explanation:

(This amendment level-funds the Virginia Battlefield Preservation Fund at \$5.3 million each year from the general fund by removing a one-time \$5.0 million increase the first year proposed in House Bill 30, as introduced, and removes language that directed \$4.5 million of this amount to a specific historic battlefield site.)

Item 371 #16c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Historic Resources	\$250,000	\$250,000 GF

Language:

Page 427, line 28, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$55,127,427".
Page 427, line 28, strike "\$13,877,427" and insert "\$14,127,427".

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Page 430, after line 32, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the County of Fairfax to support Black Women United for Action in the creation of an African American Research Fellowship to be undertaken at the George Washington Presidential Library at Mount Vernon."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$250,000 each year from the general fund to support the establishment of an African American Research Fellowship at the George Washington Presidential Library at Mount Vernon.)

Item 371 #17c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Historic Resources	\$950,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 427, line 28, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$55,827,427".

Page 430, after line 32, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$950,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Richmond to support the JXN Project."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$950,000 the first year from the general fund to support the JXN Project in the City of Richmond.)

Item 373 #1c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Marine Resources Commission	\$3,750,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 430, line 51, strike "\$28,766,720" and insert "\$32,516,720".

Page 431, after line 38, insert:

"F. Out of this appropriation, \$3,750,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the non-federal share of costs of an Army Corps of Engineers environmental restoration project at Money Point in the Elizabeth River in the City of Chesapeake. Any remaining balance at year-end shall be carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.8 million the first year from the general fund for the non-federal

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share of costs of an Army Corps of Engineers environmental restoration project in the Elizabeth River in Chesapeake. The federal government has designated \$11.3 million in federal funds toward the project.)

Item 373 #2c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Marine Resources Commission	\$500,000	\$500,000	GF

Language:

Page 430, line 51, strike "\$28,766,720" and insert "\$29,266,720".

Page 430, line 51, strike "\$25,766,720" and insert "\$26,266,720".

Page 431, line 31, strike "\$3,500,000" and "\$3,500,000" and insert:

"\$4,000,000" and "\$4,000,000".

Page 431, after line 38, insert:

"E.3. Out of the amounts provided to support oyster replenishment and oyster restoration activities, the Commission may expend up to \$200,000 from the general fund the first year to support the Potomac River Fisheries Commission implementation of a oyster revitalization project in the Potomac River. The funding is contingent on an equal amount of support being provided for the project by the state of Maryland. If the matching funds are not provided, the Commission may use the funding for other oyster replenishment projects."

Explanation:

(This amendment restores \$500,000 each year from the general fund for oyster restoration projects. The amendment authorizes the Marine Resources Commission to use a portion of the funding to support a Potomac River Fisheries Commission project, contingent on matching support from Maryland.)

Item 377 #1c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security	\$150,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 433, line 3, strike "\$782,092" and insert "\$932,092".

Page 434, after line 4, insert:

"D. The Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security shall complete a review and assessment of the sufficiency of fire and emergency medical services funding in the Commonwealth. The review and assessment shall include, but not be limited to, (i) identification of local, state, and federal funding provided to support local fire and emergency

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medical services by locality or region, and to the extent possible, trends in funding by source; (ii) consideration of identifiable fire or emergency medical service funding needs by locality or region; (iii) identification of factors that influence or differentiate the ability of localities or regions to meet the funding needs of local and regional fire and emergency medical services; (iv) factors influencing the ability of localities or regions to meet fire and emergency medical services funding needs; and, (v) consideration of the costs and benefits of consolidation state-level administration of fire and emergency medical services funding and oversight, to include an assessment of administrative models used in other states. In completing the assessment, the Secretary shall convene at least three stakeholder group meetings whose membership shall include, but not be limited to, representatives from the Department of Fire Programs, the Office of Emergency Medical Services, the Virginia Fire Services Council, Virginia's Regional EMS Councils, the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association, the Virginia Association of Counties, and the Virginia Municipal League. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$150,000 the first year from the general fund for the Secretary to procure the services of technical experts to complete the review and assessment. The Secretary shall provide a summary report of the findings of the review and assessment, as well as any recommendations, to the Chairs of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations no later than November 1, 2024."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security to complete a review and assessment of the sufficiency of fire and emergency medical services funding in the Commonwealth.)

Item 377 #2c

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security

Language

Language:

Page 434, after line 4, insert:

"D. The Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, with the cooperation and assistance of the Virginia Association of Counties, the Virginia Municipal League, the Virginia Sheriffs' Association, the Virginia Association of the Chiefs of Police, and other appropriate stakeholders, shall evaluate and submit to the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2024, a report to establish authority in the Code of Virginia for local civilian-led units designed to respond, investigate, and handle calls for services related to minor traffic accidents and other duties as assigned. The report shall include potential legislative language, any costs savings to local police and sheriff departments, research around best practices from other states, recommendations for implementation and tasks that could be assigned to local civilian-led units, and a list of potential challenges the units could face being set up by local jurisdictions."

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides language directing the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, in collaboration with other partners, to evaluate establishing authority in the Code of Virginia for local civilian-led units designed to respond, investigate, and handle calls for services related to minor traffic accidents and other duties as assigned. The Secretary is required to submit a report that includes potential legislative language, research, and best practices from other states, any costs savings to local law-enforcement agencies, and other specified information by November 1, 2024.)

Item 380 #1c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority	(\$28,048,773)	(\$28,048,773)	NGF

Language:

Page 434, line 33, strike "\$28,048,773" and insert "\$0".

Page 434, line 33, strike "\$28,048,773" and insert "\$0".

Page 434, strike lines 31 through 47.

Page 435, strike lines 1 through 12.

Explanation:

(The intent of this amendment is to transfer the Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (ABC) from the Public Safety and Homeland Security Secretariat to Independent Agencies in the Appropriation Act. This amendment removes the program area related to crime detection and investigation from the Secretariat and companion amendments complete the transfer of all ABC program areas to Independent Agencies. This action aligns with the ABC's status as an independent authority, as established by § 4.1-101, Code of Virginia.)

Item 381 #1c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority	(\$1,049,870,828) -1699.00	(\$1,099,910,490) -1699.00	NGF FTE

Language:

Page 435, line 13, strike "\$1,049,870,828" and insert "\$0".

Page 435, line 13, strike "\$1,099,910,490" and insert "\$0".

Page 435, strike lines 13 through 48.

Explanation:

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(The intent of this amendment is to transfer the Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (ABC) from the Public Safety and Homeland Security Secretariat to Independent Agencies in the Appropriation Act. This amendment removes the program area related to alcoholic beverage merchandising from the Secretariat and companion amendments complete the transfer of all ABC program areas to Independent Agencies. This action aligns with ABC's status as an independent authority, as established by § 4.1-101, Code of Virginia.)

Item 382 #1c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Cannabis Control Authority	(\$4,502,242)	(\$4,502,242)	GF
	(\$908,818)	(\$908,818)	NGF
	-42.00	-42.00	FTE

Language:

Page 435, line 50, strike "\$5,411,060" and insert "\$0".

Page 435, line 50, strike "\$5,411,060" and insert "\$0".

Page 435, strike lines 49 and 50.

Page 436, strike lines 1 through 23.

Explanation:

(The intent of this amendment is to transfer the Cannabis Control Authority (CCA) program area from the Public Safety and Homeland Security Secretariat to Independent Agencies in the Appropriation Act. This amendment removes the program area from the Secretariat and a companion amendment reestablishes the program area under Independent Agencies. This action aligns with the CCA's status as an independent authority, as established by § 4.1-601, Code of Virginia.)

Item 384 #1c

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Corrections

Language

Language:

Page 437, after line 7, insert:

"C. The Department of Corrections shall coordinate with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to provide identification cards to inmates through the DMV Connect program."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides language that directs the Department of Corrections to coordinate with the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide identification cards to inmates through the

DMV Connect program.)

Item 385 #1c

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Corrections

Language

Language:

Page 437, line 39, after "5.", insert "a."

Page 437, line 39, after "Jails", insert "(the Board)".

Page 437, line 39, strike "Department of" and insert "Board".

Page 437, strike "Corrections".

Page 437, line 41, after "August 1," strike the remainder of the line and insert:

"all submittal elements of a Planning Study or its equivalent, and such other essential documents and forms as may be appropriate to determine building cost summary, costs for upgrades, including, but not limited to, costs for upgrades to doors, windows, HVAC, and security systems, construction, expansion, and renovation of existing jail facilities; any existing design document for each project; the detailed list of the Board-approved costs; and".

Page 437, strike lines 42 through 44.

Page 437, line 45, strike "approved costs, and any".

Page 437, line 46, strike "October" and insert "September".

Page 437, line 47, strike "1," and insert "15,".

Page 437, line 49, strike "1" and insert "15".

Page 438, after line 2, insert:

"b. The State Board of Local and Regional Jails, in consultation with DGS, shall evaluate and amend, if necessary, its Standards for Planning, Design, Construction, and Reimbursement of Local Correctional Facilities, to enable the Board to collect detailed data necessary for DGS to conduct a cost review process of projects approved by the Board."

Explanation:

(This language-only amendment makes technical changes to provisions that require the Department of General Services to review capital projects for local or regional jails to which the state contributes funding. Specifically, these amendments streamline the processes utilized by the Department and the State Board of Local and Regional Jails to facilitate these reviews.)

Item 388 #1c

Public Safety and Homeland Security

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Corrections

(\$2,000,000)

(\$2,000,000)

GF

Language:

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Page 439, line 32, strike "\$926,775,111" and insert "\$924,775,111".

Page 439, line 32, strike "\$908,097,549" and insert "\$906,097,549".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces from \$4.0 million each year to \$2.0 million each year from the general fund the amounts provided for unspecified cost increases in Department of Corrections operations.)

Item 388 #2c

Public Safety and Homeland Security

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Corrections

(\$1,556,400)

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 439, line 32, strike "\$926,775,111" and insert "\$925,218,711".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$1.6 million from the general fund the first year to phase in funding for Lawrenceville Correctional Center to transition from private to state management, bringing the total increase to \$22.9 million from the general fund the first year and \$18.4 million from the general fund the second year. The Department of Corrections plans to increase the staff to inmate ratio as it assumes management of the facility and a phased approach allows additional time for recruitment efforts.)

Item 388 #3c

Public Safety and Homeland Security

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Corrections

(\$2,835,292)

(\$2,835,292) GF

Language:

Page 439, line 32, strike "\$926,775,111" and insert "\$923,939,819".

Page 439, line 32, strike "\$908,097,549" and insert "\$905,262,257".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$2.8 million from the general fund each year to adjust the career progression program proposed in the introduced budget. The amount is estimated to be sufficient for three career steps for correctional officers and two career steps for sergeants.)

Item 388 #4c

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Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Corrections	(\$2,918,065)	(\$2,918,065)	GF

Language:

Page 439, line 32, strike "\$926,775,111" and insert "\$923,857,046".

Page 439, line 32, strike "\$908,097,549" and insert "\$905,179,484".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$2.9 million from the general fund each year included in House Bill 30, as introduced, for raises for vacant correctional officer positions.)

Item 388 #5c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Corrections	\$3,200,000 37.00	\$3,200,000 37.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 439, line 32, strike "\$926,775,111" and insert "\$929,975,111".

Page 439, line 32, strike "\$908,097,549" and insert "\$911,297,549".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.2 million from the general fund each year for the cost of implementing House Bill 1246 and Senate Bill 719, which place restrictions on the use of isolated confinement in adult correctional facilities. The amount covers up to 37 positions including 22 casework counselors and 15 mental health clinicians to support the 48-hour reviews required by the legislation.)

Item 388 #6c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Corrections	\$300,000	\$300,000	NGF

Language:

Page 439, line 32, strike "\$926,775,111" and insert "\$927,075,111".

Page 439, line 32, strike "\$908,097,549" and insert "\$908,397,549".

Page 439, line 44, strike "\$1,620,000" and "\$1,620,000" and insert: "\$1,920,000" and "\$1,920,000".

Page 439, line 50, strike "\$1,325,000" and "\$1,325,000" and insert: "\$1,625,000" and "\$1,625,000".

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Explanation:

(This amendment appropriates an additional \$300,000 from nongeneral funds each year from the commissary fund to support the continued provision of faith-based services to inmates held by the Department of Corrections.)

Item 390 #1c

Public Safety and Homeland Security

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Corrections

(\$500,000)

(\$500,000) GF

Language:

Page 442, line 11, strike "\$208,269,421" and insert "\$207,769,421".

Page 442, line 11, strike "\$207,829,237" and insert "\$207,329,237".

Page 444, strike lines 45 through 47.

Page 444, line 48, strike "T" and insert "S".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes funding and associated language proposed in House Bill 30, as introduced, which would have provided \$500,000 each year from the general fund as a payment in lieu of taxes to the County of Sussex. Existing language within the Appropriations Act explicitly exempts the Department of Corrections from providing such payments.)

Item 390 #2c

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Corrections

Language

Language:

Page 444, line 40, after "Special Session I" insert:

"and eligibility for such earned-sentence-credit structure as set forth in House Bill 45 and House Bill 77, 2024 Session".

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes funding and positions previously appropriated for implementation of the earned-sentence-credit structure established by House Bill 5148 and Senate Bill 5034, 2020 Special Session I, to also be used for implementation of House Bill 77 and House Bill 45, 2024 Session.)

Item 390 #3c

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Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Corrections	\$102,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 442, line 11, strike "\$208,269,421" and insert "\$208,371,421".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$102,000 the first year from the general fund for the estimated fiscal impact to the Department of Corrections of Senate Bill 696, which relates to sentence modifications for individuals with marijuana-related charges.)

Item 390 #4c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Corrections	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 442, line 11, strike "\$208,269,421" and insert "\$209,269,421".

Page 442, line 11, strike "\$207,829,237" and insert "\$208,829,237".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million from the general fund each year to reverse an unspecified budget reduction proposed in the introduced budget.)

Item 390 #5c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Corrections	\$250,000	\$250,000 GF

Language:

Page 442, line 11, strike "\$208,269,421" and insert "\$208,519,421".

Page 442, line 11, strike "\$207,829,237" and insert "\$208,079,237".

Page 445, after line 1, insert:

"U. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year from the general fund for a pilot program for the Department of Corrections to expand efforts to engage students in high school and the Virginia Community College System to pursue careers in corrections through education, connection to employers, and awareness of the career trajectory for correctional officers."

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$250,000 from the general fund each year for a pilot program for the Department of Corrections to expand efforts to engage students in high school and the Virginia Community College System to pursue careers in corrections through education, connection to employers, and awareness of the career trajectory for correctional officers.)

Item 390 #6c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Corrections	(\$2,291,666) \$0	(\$5,293,666) \$1,000,000	GF NGF

Language:

Page 442, line 11, strike "\$208,269,421" and insert "\$205,977,755".

Page 442, line 11, strike "\$207,829,237" and insert "\$203,535,571".

Page 444, line 32, strike "\$7,281,666" and "\$7,281,666" and insert: "\$4,990,000" and "\$1,988,000".

Page 444, line 33, strike the second "\$1,000,000" and insert "\$2,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces by \$2.3 million the first year and \$5.3 million the second year from the general fund and increases by \$1.0 million from nongeneral funds the second year the appropriation for electronic health records to align with projected vendor costs.)

Item 390 #7c

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Corrections

Language

Language:

Page 445, after line 1, insert:

"U. The Department of Corrections shall provide an assesment of its use of staffing posts and facility space with the goal of maximizing efficiency in light of the lower inmate population and correctional officer staffing level as compared to a decade ago. The assessment shall include: (i) the Department's authorized, funded, and filled position levels over the past ten years; (ii) a summary of the current methodology for establishing staffing levels for each facility; (iii) an examination of establishing per facility staffing ratios, with distinct measures for double bunked and non-double bunked units, that may be used to set target staffing levels depending on inmate populations; and (iv) facility age, outstanding maintenance needs, and debt services. The Director of the Department of Corrections, or his designees, shall meet quarterly with the appropriate staff from the Department of Planning and Budget, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee to provide updates on the

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assessment, and shall provide a report by December 1, 2024."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Corrections to provide an assessment of its use of staffing posts and facility space in light of the lower inmate population and correctional officer staffing level as compared to a decade ago.)

		Item 390 #8c	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Corrections	(\$531,902)	(\$531,902)	GF

Language:

Page 442, line 11, strike "\$208,269,421" and insert "\$207,737,519".
Page 442, line 11, strike "\$207,829,237" and insert "\$207,297,335".
Page 444, strike lines 19 through 24.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$531,902 from the general fund each year included in the introduced budget for wastewater operations for the Town of Craigsville. A companion amendment provides \$3.8 million from the general fund the first year to defease all bonds on the Town of Craigsville's wastewater and water plants. The Augusta Correctional Center has historically contributed to wastewater operational costs in Craigsville and plans to close at the end of fiscal year 2024.)

		Item 390 #9c	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Corrections	\$809,816	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 442, line 11, strike "\$208,269,421" and insert "\$209,079,237".
Page 444, line 48, strike "\$440,184" and insert "\$1,250,000".
Page 444, strike lines 52 to 53.
Page 445, strike line 1, and insert:
"1. House Bill 2 and Senate Bill 2 -- \$50,000
2. House Bill 18 and Senate Bill 7 -- \$50,000
3. House Bill 22 and Senate Bill 210 -- \$50,000
4. House Bill 36 and Senate Bill 44 -- \$50,000
5. House Bill 173 and Senate Bill 100 -- \$50,000
6. House Bill 175 and Senate Bill 99 -- \$50,000"

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7. House Bill 362 and Senate Bill 642 -- \$50,000
8. House Bill 454 and Senate Bill 383 -- \$50,000
9. House Bill 698 and Senate Bill 448 -- \$50,000
10. House Bill 861 and Senate Bill 515 -- \$50,000
11. House Bill 1174 and Senate Bill 327 -- \$50,000
12. House Bill 1187 and Senate Bill 614 -- \$50,000
13. House Bill 1195 and Senate Bill 273 -- \$50,000
14. House Bill 172 -- \$50,000
15. House Bill 351 - \$50,000
16. House Bill 590 -- \$50,000
17. House Bill 633 -- \$50,000
18. House Bill 798 -- \$50,000
19. Senate Bill 363 -- \$50,000
20. Senate Bill 522 -- \$50,000
21. Senate Bill 731 -- \$50,000
22. Senate Bill 364 -- \$50,000
23. Senate Bill 369 -- \$50,000
24. Senate Bill 394 -- \$50,000
25. Senate Bill 469 -- \$50,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$809,816 from the general fund the first year for the required deposit to the Corrections Special Reserve Fund, pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, Code of Virginia, for 25 sentencing bills which have been adopted by the General Assembly, and which increase the number of state-responsible prison beds that will be required over the next six years.)

Item 390 #10c

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Corrections

Language

Language:

Page 444, line 37, after "R." strike "1."
Page 444, strike lines 41 through 44.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language limiting eligibility for inmates convicted of certain offenses to receive enhanced earned sentence credits pursuant to § 53.1-202.3, Code of Virginia.)

Item 391 #1c

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Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$750,000	\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 445, line 11, strike "\$5,807,704" and insert "\$6,557,704".

Page 446, after line 20, insert:

"K. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$750,000 the first year from Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program funds to provide Substantial Risk Order training consistent with the provisions of House Bill 637 of the 2024 Session of the General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$750,000 the first year from the nongeneral fund to implement Substantial Risk Order training.)

Item 391 #2c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$125,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 445, line 11, strike "\$5,807,704" and insert "\$5,932,704".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$125,000 the first year from the general fund pursuant to House Bill 250, which directs the Department of Criminal Justice Services to develop training standards for law enforcement officers regarding interrogation practices.)

Item 391 #3c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$262,000 2.00	\$262,000 GF 2.00 FTE

Language:

Page 445, line 11, strike "\$5,807,704" and insert "\$6,069,704".

Page 445, line 11, strike "\$5,807,704" and insert "\$6,069,704".

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$262,000 each year from the general fund and two positions to implement the provisions of Senate Bill 88, which revises the process for law enforcement officer decertification and reinstatement.)

		Item 391 #4c	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$125,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 445, line 11, strike "\$5,807,704" and insert "\$5,932,704".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$125,000 the first year from the general fund to implement the provisions of House Bill 1246 and Senate Bill 547, which direct the Department of Criminal Justice Services to establish minimum and in-service training standards for law-enforcement officers on communicating with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, such as autism spectrum disorder.)

		Item 391 #5c	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$490,750 3.00	\$340,750 3.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 445, line 11, strike "\$5,807,704" and insert "\$6,298,454".

Page 445, line 11, strike "\$5,807,704" and insert "\$6,148,454".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$490,750 the first year and \$340,750 the second year from the general fund and three positions pursuant to House Bill 797.)

		Item 392 #1c	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$200,000	\$400,000	GF

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Language:

Page 446, line 22, strike "\$3,226,221" and insert "\$3,426,221".

Page 446, line 22, strike "\$3,226,221" and insert "\$3,626,221".

Page 446, after line 49, insert:

"G. Included within the appropriation for this item is \$200,000 the first year and \$400,000 the second year from the general fund for the Demand Reduction and Safe Harbor for Domestic Minor Sex Trafficked Youth pilot program, consistent with the provisions of Chapter 556 of the 2023 Session of the General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$200,000 the first year and \$400,000 the second year from the general fund for the Demand Reduction and Safe Harbor for Domestic Minor Sex Trafficked Youth pilot program.)

Item 392 #2c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$123,250 1.00	\$123,250 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 446, line 22, strike "\$3,226,221" and insert "\$3,349,471".

Page 446, line 22, strike "\$3,226,221" and insert "\$3,349,471".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$123,250 each year from the general fund and one position pursuant to House Bill 611, which directs the Department of Criminal Justice Services to analyze and report on deaths of individuals in custody or while incarcerated.)

Item 394 #1c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$30,000	\$30,000	GF

Language:

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$223,993,666" and insert "\$224,023,666".

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$227,893,666" and insert "\$227,923,666".

Page 453, after line 44, insert:

"S. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$30,000 the first year and \$30,000 the second year from the general fund for the Community Resource Opportunity Project."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$30,000 each year from the general fund for the Community Resource Opportunity Project.)

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Department of Criminal Justice Services

Language

Language:

Page 448, after line 19, insert:

"c. The Department of Criminal Justice Services (the Department) shall convene a work group to study and make recommendations on requiring a local court-appointed special advocate (CASA) program to be established and available in every judicial district of the Commonwealth. The work group shall include the CASA Program Coordinator, representatives of at least two local CASA programs, at least two volunteer court-appointed special advocates, at least two judges of a juvenile and domestic relations district court and one judge of a circuit court sitting in a judicial district where a local CASA program is established, at least two judges of a juvenile and domestic relations district court and one judge of a circuit court sitting in a judicial district where no local CASA program has been established, a representative from the Department of Social Services, and any other stakeholders deemed appropriate by the Department. The work group shall identify any judicial districts in the Commonwealth where no local CASA program has been established and determine the feasibility, including analyzing any obstacles, of requiring the establishment of a local CASA program in every judicial district. The work group shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2024."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Criminal Justice Services to convene a work group to study and make recommendations on requiring a local court-appointed special advocate (CASA) program to be established and available in every judicial district of the Commonwealth and submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2024.)

Item 394 #3c

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Criminal Justice Services

Language

Language:

Page 449, after line 40, insert:

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"c. The Director, Department of Criminal Justice Services, is authorized to establish a digital mapping program for Virginia public universities and community colleges, in addition to the existing digital mapping program for local school divisions, which may provide grants to public universities, two-year colleges, and community colleges to support technology that provides visual communication and collaboration tools to coordinate emergency response, such as floor plans that are available on cell phones and enhanced communication during an emergency."

Explanation:

(This amendment clarifies that the Department of Criminal Justice Services is authorized to establish a digital mapping program for Virginia public universities and community colleges, in addition to the existing digital mapping program for local school divisions, which may provide grants to public universities, two year colleges, and community colleges to support technology that provides visual communication and collaboration tools to coordinate emergency response, such as floor plans that are available on cell phones and enhanced communication during an emergency.)

Item 394 #4c

Public Safety and Homeland Security

FY24-25

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Department of Criminal Justice
Services

\$3,000,000

\$3,000,000

GF

Language:

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$223,993,666" and insert "\$226,993,666".

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$227,893,666" and insert "\$230,893,666".

Page 453, after line 44, insert:

"S. Included in this appropriation for this item is \$3,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000 the second year from the general fund for youth development programs including: (i) \$2,000,0000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year for the Big Heroes of Minority in Every Society (Big H.O.M.I.E.S.) program; and (ii) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year for the Cleaning Up the Streets Youth Employment Program (C.U.T.S)."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.0 million from the general fund each year for youth development programs, including \$2.0 million each year for the Big Heroes of Minority in Every Society (Big H.O.M.I.E.S.) program and \$1.0 million each year for the Cleaning Up the Streets Youth Employment Program (C.U.T.S). These programs provide services that foster positive relationships, mentorships, community activities, and employment in order to reduce youth violence.)

Item 394 #5c

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Department of Criminal Justice Services

Language

Language:

Page 452, line 3, after "providing" insert:

"forensic and related analytical".

Page 452, line 4, strike "state and".

Page 452, line 6, after "efforts." insert:

"No grants awarded shall be given to state agencies or offices."

Page 452, after line 56, insert:

"e. Grant funding provided pursuant to this subsection N. of this item that is used for law-enforcement equipment may solely be used for forensic and analytical purposes, in addition to other requirements set forth in this subsection N."

Explanation:

(This amendment prohibits the Department of Criminal Justice Services from awarding Operation Ceasefire Grant Fund grants to state agencies, or for the purchase of non-forensic equipment for law enforcement.)

Item 394 #6c

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Department of Criminal Justice
Services

(\$7,500,000)

(\$7,500,000) GF

Language:

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$223,993,666" and insert "\$216,493,666".

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$227,893,666" and insert "\$220,393,666".

Page 452, line 14, strike "c."

Page 452, line 14, strike "\$17,500,000" and "\$17,500,000" and insert:

"\$10,000,000" and "\$10,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment makes a downward adjustment in the base appropriation for the Operation Ceasefire Grant Fund to reflect observed utilization of the Fund. This amendment supports the provision of \$10.0 million each year for the Grant Fund.)

Item 394 #7c

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Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$125,000	\$125,000	GF
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Language:

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$223,993,666" and insert "\$224,118,666".

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$227,893,666" and insert "\$228,018,666".

Page 453, after line 44, insert:

"S. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the second year from the general fund to the City of Richmond to support the Help Me Help You program."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$125,000 each year from the general fund to support the Help Me Help You (HMHY) program. HMHY serves as a resource to the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Corrections to assist returning citizens who have been released from jail or prison.)

Item 394 #8c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$500,000	\$500,000	GF

Language:

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$223,993,666" and insert "\$224,493,666".

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$227,893,666" and insert "\$228,393,666".

Page 453, after line 44, insert:

"S. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year from the general fund to support the REAL LIFE Initiative."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 each year from the general fund for the REAL LIFE Initiative, a targeted intervention initiative, focusing on individuals most likely to engage in or become victims of gun violence within a specific locality.)

Item 394 #9c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$80,000	\$80,000	GF

Language:

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Page 447, line 6, strike "\$223,993,666" and insert "\$224,073,666".

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$227,893,666" and insert "\$227,973,666".

Page 448, line 51, strike "\$28,190,378" and "\$28,190,378" and insert: "\$28,270,378" and "\$28,270,378".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$80,000 from the general fund each year for a full-time, state-supported local employee to expand pretrial services to Powhatan, Buckingham, Charlotte, and Cumberland Counties. The pretrial service officers will be based out of Piedmont Court Services.)

Item 394 #10c

Public Safety and Homeland Security

FY24-25

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Department of Criminal Justice
Services

\$46,500

\$46,500 GF

Language:

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$223,993,666" and insert "\$224,040,166".

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$227,893,666" and insert "\$227,940,166".

Page 448, line 51, strike "\$28,190,378" and "\$28,190,378" and insert: "\$28,236,878" and "\$28,236,878".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$46,500 from the general fund each year for personnel and related costs for a pretrial officer to expand pretrial services to Bath and Highland Counties.)

Item 394 #11c

Public Safety and Homeland Security

FY24-25

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Department of Criminal Justice
Services

\$2,000,000

\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$223,993,666" and insert "\$225,993,666".

Page 453, after line 44, insert:

"S. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$2,000,000 the first year from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund for deposit in the Jail-Based Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Transition Fund."

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$2.0 million the first year from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund to be deposited in the Jail-Based Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Transition Fund. A companion amendment to the Compensation Board removes \$500,000 the first year Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund provided for such purpose.)

Item 394 #12c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)	GF

Language:

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$223,993,666" and insert "\$223,493,666".
Page 447, line 6, strike "\$227,893,666" and insert "\$227,393,666".
Page 450, line 37, strike "\$2,500,000" and "\$2,500,000" and insert: "\$2,000,000" and "\$2,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces the appropriation for the Jail Mental Health Pilot Program by \$500,000 each year from the general fund to reflect the closure of Hampton Roads Regional Jail.)

Item 394 #13c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	(\$4,083,951)	(\$6,837,475)	GF

Language:

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$223,993,666" and insert "\$219,909,715".
Page 447, line 6, strike "\$227,893,666" and insert "\$221,056,191".
Page 449, line 27, strike "\$27,200,000" and "\$27,200,000" and insert: "\$23,116,049" and "\$20,362,525".
Page 449, strike lines 31 through 33.

Explanation:

(This amendment allows for the provision of \$4.7 million each year from the general fund in new School Resource Officer Incentive Grants, as well as reflecting ongoing grant obligations totaling \$18.4 million the first year and \$15.7 million the second year. Including both new and ongoing grant obligations, grant spending by the School Resource Officer Incentive Grant

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program totaled \$18.7 million in fiscal year 2024, substantially lower than the \$27.2 million provided for the program in that year. The amendment also removes language from Chapter 2, 2022 Special Session I, erroneously kept in House Bill 30, as introduced, which was previously included to waive all matching requirements for School Resource Officer Incentive Grants in fiscal year 2023.)

Item 394 #14c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$94,750	\$94,750	GF

Language:

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$223,993,666" and insert "\$224,088,416".

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$227,893,666" and insert "\$227,988,416".

Page 449, after line 22, insert:

"3. Out of this appropriation, \$94,750 the first year and \$94,750 the second year from the general fund is provided for the expansion of pretrial services to the Counties of Botetourt and Alleghany."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$94,750 each year from the general fund to support expansion of pretrial services to the Counties of Botetourt and Alleghany.)

Item 394 #15c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$1,324,229	\$1,324,229	GF

Language:

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$223,993,666" and insert "\$225,317,895".

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$227,893,666" and insert "\$229,217,895".

Page 448, line 8, strike "\$4,664,578" and insert "\$5,988,807".

Page 448, line 8, strike "\$7,064,578" and insert "\$8,388,807".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.3 million from the general fund each year for the Victim Witness Grant Program. The amount is estimated to be sufficient to return grantees to the fiscal year 2023 level of grant funding provided through the Department of Criminal Justice Services.)

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Item 394 #16c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$2,068,114	\$2,068,114	GF

Language:

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$223,993,666" and insert "\$226,061,780".

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$227,893,666" and insert "\$229,961,780".

Page 450, line 10, strike "\$2,500,000" and insert "\$4,568,114".

Page 450, line 11, strike "\$6,000,000" and insert "\$8,068,114".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.1 million from the general fund each year for sexual assault crisis centers and domestic violence programs to provide comprehensive services to victims. The amount is estimated to be sufficient to return grantees to the fiscal year 2023 level of grant funding provided through the Department of Criminal Justice Services.)

Item 394 #17c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$1,450,000	\$2,500,000	GF

Language:

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$223,993,666" and insert "\$225,443,666".

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$227,893,666" and insert "\$230,393,666".

Page 453, after line 44, insert:

"S.1. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$1,250,000 the first year and \$2,500,000 the second year from the general fund to increase competitive grants awarded through the Victim Services Grant Program. The Department shall prioritize grants to victim services agencies that did not receive a dedicated appropriation in Chapter 1, 2023 Special Session I Acts of Assembly. This amount shall be in addition to nongeneral funds available through federal grants and special revenue included in this item.

2. In addition to the amounts appropriated in the preceding paragraph, \$200,000 the first year from the general fund is included in this item for a contract with Ayuda to provide immigration, legal, and social services to victims of human trafficking in the Commonwealth."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.5 million from the general fund the first year and \$2.5 million from the general fund the second year to increase grants for victim services agencies, including:

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\$3.8 million from the general fund each year for Victim Services Grant Program competitive grants to offset expected declines in federal funding through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA); and \$200,000 from the general fund the first year designated for legal and other services for victims of human trafficking.)

Item 394 #18c

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Department of Criminal Justice
Services

\$3,500,000

\$3,500,000 GF

Language:

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$223,993,666" and insert "\$227,493,666".

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$227,893,666" and insert "\$231,393,666".

Page 452, line 20, strike "\$10,000,000" and "\$10,000,000" and insert:
"\$14,000,000" and "\$14,000,000".

Page 452, line 27, strike "9,500,000" and insert:

"at least \$13,000,000 the first year and at least \$13,000,000 the second year".

Page 452, line 28, strike "and".

Page 452, line 28, after "City of Richmond," insert:

"and the City of Roanoke,".

Page 452, line 29, strike "three" and insert "four".

Page 452, line 52, strike "\$500,000" and insert:

"\$925,000 the first year and \$900,000 the second year".

Page 452, line 56, after "the Office." insert:

"Of these amounts designated to support the Office, at least \$425,000 the first year and at least \$400,000 the second year shall be used for a contract with the Virginia Commonwealth University L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs (the School) for the School to collaborate with local entities who have received grant funding appropriated pursuant to subsection N. of this item, including local law enforcement agencies, to provide strategic planning, program evaluation, and data-driven innovations to improve the public sector's response to community violence. The School may collaborate with faculty and students from Virginia State University and Norfolk State University as needed."

Explanation:

(This amendment increases by \$3.5 million from the general fund each year funds for the Safer Communities Program administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Services, which provides targeted grants and technical assistance to localities with disproportionately high violent crime rates. Language expands grant eligibility to the City of Roanoke, in addition to continuing grant funding for the Cities of Norfolk, Richmond, and Portsmouth. The amount includes \$425,000 from the general fund the first year and \$400,000 from the general fund the second year for the Office of Safer Communities to contract with the VCU Wilder School of

Government and Public Affairs, who may collaborate Virginia State University and Norfolk State University, to work with community violence reduction grantees to provide strategic planning, program evaluation, and data-driven innovations to improve the public sector's response to community violence.)

Item 394 #19c

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Criminal Justice Services

Language

Language:

Page 452, line 57, after "O." insert "1."

Page 453, line 6, strike "The funds appropriated in this item shall be distributed to" and insert: "Eligible grant applicants include".

Page 453, line 8, after "crimes" insert:

", as well as localities engaged in partnership programs with such institutions or nonprofit organizations".

Page 453, line 12, after "organizations" insert:

"to combat hate crimes".

Page 453, line 12, after "shall" insert:

"be awarded to the applicable locality to distribute to the grant recipient and shall".

Page 453, line 12, strike "the" and insert "any other".

Page 453, after line 13, insert:

"2. The Department shall disseminate information about the opportunity to stakeholders in order to ensure awareness of the grant process and timeline for application among interested institutions and nonprofit organizations. The Department may use up to \$50,000 out of the appropriation in this item for the dissemination of such information."

Explanation:

(This amendment make changes to the eligibility and award process for grants to combat hate crimes. The amendment authorizes localities partnering with institutions and non-profits to be eligible for grants, in addition to non-profits and institutions themselves. The amendment also directs the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to award grants to the applicable locality for distribution to the grant recipient and to disseminate information about the grant opportunity to stakeholders. Currently, only localities partnering with non-profits and institutions are eligible for these grants.)

Item 396 #1c

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Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	GF
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Language:

Page 453, line 56, strike "\$237,650,081" and insert "\$247,650,081".
Page 453, line 56, strike "\$219,650,081" and insert "\$229,650,081".
Page 454, line 12, strike "\$219,650,081" and "\$219,650,081" and insert:
"\$229,650,081" and "\$229,650,081".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$10.0 million from the general fund each year for the Aid to Localities with Police Departments ("599") program.)

Item 396 #2c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	(\$18,000,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 453, line 57, strike "\$237,650,081" and insert "\$219,650,081".
Page 454, strike lines 51 through 55.
Page 455, strike lines 1 through 18.

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$18.0 million from the general fund the first year proposed in House Bill 30, as introduced, which would have established a new, one-time officer recruitment and wellness initiative within the Department of Criminal Justice Services.)

Item 398 #1c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Emergency Management	(\$271,909)	(\$271,909)	GF

Language:

Page 455, line 36, strike "\$32,452,074" and insert "\$32,180,165".
Page 455, line 36, strike "\$32,452,074" and insert "\$32,180,165".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces by \$271,909 from the general fund each year funding proposed in the

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introduced budget for the Disaster Logistics Support and Coordination Center operated by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.)

Item 401 #1c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Emergency Management	\$125,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 457, line 39, strike "\$13,267,967" and insert "\$13,392,967".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$125,000 from the general fund the first year for the purchase of portable deployable emergency communications assets capable of operating independently from commercial power and of generating an area of wi-fi and cellular coverage using Federal Communications Commission-licensed spectrum, including the Band 14 spectrum. These emergency communications assets shall be strategically staged across the Commonwealth to enable swift response to emergencies by supporting public safety and emergency management communications.)

Item 407 #1c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Fire Programs	(\$217,000)	(\$217,000) GF

Language:

Page 461, line 18, strike "\$4,140,932" and insert "\$3,923,932".

Page 461, line 18, strike "\$4,140,932" and insert "\$3,923,932".

Page 461, line 23, before "The" insert "A."

Page 461, after line 24, insert:

"B. The State Fire Marshal shall submit a report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, no later than November 1, 2024, that assess options for increasing fees for fire inspections, other than complaint-based inspections, to align with the actual cost of providing the inspection service. The assessment shall include an analysis of inspection workload, costs incurred, and fees collected organized by categories that are based on the type of organizations and activities being inspected."

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces by \$217,000 from the general fund each year the proposed increase for the State Fire Marshal's office, bringing the total increase to \$217,000 each year. Language

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directs the State Fire Marshal to assess options for increasing certain fire inspection fees to better align with the cost of providing the service and report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1, 2024. The goal of the assessment is to analyze additional options in advance of the 2024 code cycle of the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code administered by the Virginia Board of Housing and Community Development.)

Item 408 #1c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Forensic Science	(\$126,752)	(\$126,752)	GF

Language:

Page 461, line 34, strike "\$63,963,945" and insert "\$63,837,193".

Page 461, line 34, strike "\$64,084,004" and insert "\$63,957,252".

Explanation:

(This amendment makes a technical correction of amounts included in House Bill 30 which incorrectly calculated annualization of costs of amounts included in Chapter 1, 2023 Special Session I.)

Item 408 #2c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Forensic Science	\$238,739	\$196,638	GF
	1.00	1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 461, line 34, strike "\$63,963,945" and insert "\$64,202,684".

Page 461, line 34, strike "\$64,084,004" and insert "\$64,280,642".

Page 462, after line 38, insert:

"G. Beginning January 1, 2025, the Department of Forensic Science shall identify all blood samples submitted in driving under the influence cases that it analyzed for alcohol and tetrahydrocannabinol content but did not screen for the presence of drugs within a drug class. If eligible for destruction pursuant to subsection B of § 18.2-268.7, any personal or case identifying information shall be removed from the identified blood samples and such blood samples shall be screened for the presence of drugs within a drug class. On at least an annual basis based on the calendar year, the Department of Forensic Science shall report the results of such drug screenings, including the number of blood samples screened, the types of drug classes detected, and the judicial districts in which the related driving under the influence cases arose, to the Department of Motor Vehicles in an aggregate manner.

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Beginning January 1, 2025, the Department of Forensic Science shall provide for the analysis of all blood samples of drivers killed in motor vehicle and commercial motor vehicle accidents, as submitted by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, for both alcohol and drug content and shall report such content to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$238,729 from the general fund the first year and \$196,638 from the general fund the second year and one position for the collection and reporting of data for drug impaired driving by testing all blood submissions of impaired drivers and driver decedents. This action was unanimously endorsed by the Virginia State Crime Commission as a result of the Commission's 2022 study on driving under the influence.)

Item 414 #1c

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Department of Juvenile Justice

Language

Language:

Page 466, after line 54, insert:

"B. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Juvenile Justice base its rehabilitative programming on the best available evidence of effectiveness and routinely evaluate and improve its programming. To that end, the Department shall conduct a comprehensive evaluation of its rehabilitative programs for youth in direct care to ensure they align with national evidence-based practices, in accordance with the recommendations in the Joint Legislative Audit & Review Commission's 2021 report entitled "Virginia's Juvenile Justice System". The evaluation shall include an assessment of whether the Department has sufficient staffing levels to support such evidence-based programming and, if necessary, provide recommendations to address staffing shortfalls based on successful recruitment and retention practices in other states. The Department shall provide a report on its finding and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than December 1, 2024."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of its rehabilitative programming for youth in direct care to ensure programs align with the best available evidence of effectiveness and that DJJ has sufficient staffing levels to support such programs. DJJ shall submit a report to the General Assembly with its findings and recommendations no later than December 1, 2024.)

Item 415 #1c

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Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of State Police	\$96,300	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 467, line 11, strike "\$117,760,285" and insert "\$117,856,585".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$96,300 the first year from the general fund to implement the provisions of House Bill 916.)

Item 415 #2c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of State Police	\$1,917,560	\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 467, line 11, strike "\$117,760,285" and insert "\$119,677,845".

Page 469, after line 40, insert:

"R. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, up to \$1,000,000 from the Insurance Fraud Fund and up to \$917,560 from the HEAT Fund as a one-time appropriation the first year shall be used to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 838 and Senate Bill 504 of the 2024 Session of the General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides up to \$1.9 million the first year from nongeneral funds to implement House Bill 838 and Senate Bill 504.)

Item 416 #1c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of State Police	(\$1,537,436)	(\$1,506,909) GF

Language:

Page 469, line 41, strike "\$382,697,521" and insert "\$381,160,085".

Page 469, line 41, strike "\$383,543,932" and insert "\$382,037,023".

Page 471, after line 38, insert:

"U. Included within the appropriation for this item is \$1,463,415 the first year and \$1,500,000 the second year from the general fund to provide targeted salary increases to address salary compression among sworn positions."

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Explanation:

(This amendment reduces, by \$1.5 million from the general fund each year, the \$3.0 million from the general fund each year in the introduced budget for sworn position salary increases, bringing the total to \$1.5 million from the general fund each year to address salary compression. Instead of providing a 1.4 percent pay raise to all eligible sworn employees, as proposed in the introduce budget, budget language directs the Virginia State Police to provide targeted salary increases to address salary compression among sworn positions.)

Item 416 #2c			
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of State Police	\$292,050	\$292,050	GF
	2.00	2.00	FTE

Language:

Page 469, line 42, strike "\$382,697,521" and insert "\$382,989,571".
Page 469, line 42, strike "\$383,543,932" and insert "\$383,835,982".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$292,050 from the general fund each year for two aviation division pilot positions for medflight operations, as well as specialized law enforcement services.)

Item 416 #3c			
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of State Police	(\$342,285)	(\$410,745)	GF
	-3.00	-3.00	FTE

Language:

Page 469, line 42, strike "\$382,697,521" and insert "\$382,355,236".
Page 469, line 42, strike "\$383,543,932" and insert "\$383,133,187".
Page 471, strike lines 36 through 38.

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces by \$342,285 the first year and \$410,745 the second year from the general fund and three positions the funding proposed in the introduced budget for seven additional positions in the Virginia Fusion Center (VFC), bringing the total new VFC funded positions to four.)

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Item 416 #4c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of State Police	\$0	(\$770,800)	GF

Language:

Page 469, line 42, strike "\$383,543,932" and insert "\$382,773,132".
Page 470, line 30, strike "\$1,220,800" and insert "\$450,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$770,800 GF the second year proposed in the introduced budget to support healthcare personnel for medflight operations based in Chesterfield County. A companion amendment under Health and Human Resources directs the Office of Emergency Medical Services to adjust hospitals' Trauma Center Fund payments to reflect their allocation of flight personnel based on their share of Virginia State Police medflight patients transported to the hospital. A second companion amendment provides two additional pilot positions for the aviation division.)

Item 417 #1c

Public Safety and Homeland Security		
Department of State Police		Language

Language:

Page 472, after line 36, insert:
"E. The Department of State Police shall provide a report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, no later than November 1, 2024, on: (i) the outcomes of the Department's body-worn camera pilot program; and (ii) the costs and operational changes associated with implementing a comprehensive body-worn camera program for the Department."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Virginia State Police to provide a report on the outcomes of its body-worn camera pilot program and the costs associated with implementing a comprehensive body-worn camera program to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees.)

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Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26
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Department of State Police (\$100,314) (\$100,314) GF

Language:

Page 471, line 39, strike "\$45,926,971" and insert "\$45,826,657".

Page 471, line 39, strike "\$45,926,971" and insert "\$45,826,657".

Page 472, line 34, strike "\$905,364" and "\$905,364" and insert:

"\$805,050" and "\$805,050".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces the Department of State Police budget by \$100,314 from the general fund each year to provide a technical adjustment to the base appropriation for new items provided in Chapter 1, 2023 Special Session I, Acts of Assembly.)

Item 417 #3c

Public Safety and Homeland Security

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of State Police

\$234,360

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 471, line 39, strike "\$45,926,971" and insert "\$46,161,331".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$234,360 from the general fund the first year for the fiscal impact of House Bill 904 and Senate Bill 300, which relate to voter registration.)

Item 419 #1c

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Virginia Parole Board

Language

Language:

Page 473, line 3, before "Notwithstanding" insert "A."

Page 473, after line 10, insert:

"B. The Virginia Parole Board shall submit a report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, no later than October 1, 2024, assessing the adequacy and functionality of their case system and estimated costs for any necessary system upgrades."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Virginia Parole Board to assess the adequacy of their case system

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and report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by October 1, 2024.)

Item 422 #1c

Transportation

Department of Aviation

Language

Language:

Page 478, after line 4, insert:

"G. Out of the appropriation for the Commonwealth's Development Opportunity Fund, as established in § 2.2-115, Code of Virginia, provided in Item 101 Paragraph A. of this act, \$1,000,000 the first year shall be transferred to this item to support the development of an Advanced Air Aviation Test Site. The Department, in cooperation with the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority, shall work with the industry to identify the optimal location or locations and uses of these funds."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million from the Commonwealth's Development Opportunity Fund in fiscal year 2025 to support the development of an Advanced Air Aviation Test Site in the Commonwealth.)

Item 426 #1c

Transportation

Department of Motor Vehicles

FY24-25

\$442,500
3.00

FY25-26

\$213,900 GF
3.00 FTE

Language:

Page 478, line 44, strike "\$230,505,286" and insert "\$230,947,786".

Page 478, line 44, strike "\$230,505,286" and insert "\$230,719,186".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$442,500 the first year and \$213,900 the second year from the general fund and three positions to the DMV to implement the sealing and expungement processes as a result of legislation adopted during the 2021 and 2023 General Assembly Sessions, as recommended by the Crime Commission. The fiscal year 2025 cost includes a one-time cost of \$228,600 to process the 25,400 records that would qualify for automatic expungement pursuant to the provisions of the bills. DMV incurs a one-time cost of \$9 per automated expungement.)

Item 426 #2c

Transportation

Department of Motor Vehicles

Language

Language:

Page 480, after line 48, insert:

"P. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall coordinate with the Department of Corrections to provide identification cards to inmates through the DMV Connect program."

Explanation:

(This amendment ensures the Department of Motor Vehicles continues to work with the Department of Corrections to provide ID cards to inmates.)

Item 426 #3c

Transportation

Department of Motor Vehicles

Language

Language:

Page 480, strike lines 31 through 39.

Page 480, line 40, strike "O." and insert "N."

Explanation:

(This amendment removes budget language concerning commercial motor vehicle training which is made obsolete with the passage of House Bill 844 of the 2024 General Assembly Session.)

Item 433 #1c

Transportation

Department of Rail and Public Transportation

Language

Language:

Page 484, after line 46 insert:

"G. Notwithstanding § 33.2-1915, Code of Virginia, the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation District Commission may enter into contracts or agreements with the counties, cities or towns, or planning districts that are within an adjacent planning district to provide commuter transit service between such counties, cities or towns, and Washington D.C. in the I-

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66 and US 29 corridors.”

Explanation:

(This amendment clarifies that the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation District Commission has the authority to enter into contracts and agreements with adjacent localities and planning districts in an effort to promote commuter transit services within the region.)

Item 433 #2c

Transportation	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Rail and Public Transportation	\$65,000,000	\$84,500,000	GF

Language:

Page 483, line 6, strike "\$848,991,629" and insert "\$913,991,629".

Page 483, line 6, strike "\$860,649,660" and insert "\$945,149,660".

Page 484, strike lines 24 through 46, and insert:

"F.1. The provisions of Virginia Code § 33.2-1526.1 (K) are temporarily suspended for fiscal years 2025 and 2026. This section of Code shall resume in fiscal year 2027. This Code change provides a two-year suspension of the requirement that limits the annual Virginia operating assistance for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to no more than three percent over the prior year's approved budget.

2. The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority shall complete a comparison of its total costs and overhead costs, defined as general administration and non-vehicle maintenance costs, against the cost of similar transit systems providing service in the cities of Boston, MA; Chicago, IL; New York, NY; Philadelphia, PA; San Francisco, CA; and Washington, DC, and submit this comparison to the Joint Subcommittee on Northern Virginia Public Transit."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$65.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 and \$84.5 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to support the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority while the Joint Subcommittee on Northern Virginia Public Transit, established pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 28 (2024, completes its work.)

Item 437 #1c

Transportation	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Transportation	\$50,000	\$50,000	NGF

Language:

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Page 485, line 49, strike "\$152,889,813" and insert "\$152,939,813".

Page 485, line 49, strike "\$114,076,286" and insert "\$114,126,286".

Page 486, line 6, strike "\$7,000,000" and "\$7,000,000" and insert: "\$7,050,000" and "\$7,050,000".

Page 486, line 8, after "needs." insert:

"Included in the amounts in this item, \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the second year from the allocation for the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment is provided for sponsorship of the annual Public Policy Day (formerly Mobility Talks International) at the Washington, DC Auto Show."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50,000 from the nongeneral fund each year to support the annual Public Policy Day Conference that is held in Washington. The conference brings together government and industry leaders to promote best practices related to autonomous vehicles.)

Item 438 #1c

Transportation

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Transportation

(\$20,000,000)

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 486, line 31, strike "\$4,019,337,848" and insert "\$3,999,337,848".

Page 488, strike lines 17 through 19.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates \$20.0 million general fund deposit into the Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund, which was proposed in the introduced budget for fiscal year 2025.)

Item 438 #2c

Transportation

Department of Transportation

Language

Language:

Page 488, line 13, after "K." insert "1."

Page 488, line 13, strike "at least \$200,000,000" and insert:

"up to \$90,000,000, no more than \$15,000,000 in any individual year,".

Page 488, after line 16, insert:

"2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any proposed direction of funds by the

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Governor for transportation projects under the Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund pursuant to § 33.2-1529.1 (C)(2) of the Code of Virginia in excess of \$20.0 million for any one project, and any cumulative direction of funds pursuant to that subdivision in excess of \$50.0 million during a biennium, shall be subject to approval by the MEI Project Approval Commission established pursuant to § 30-309, Code of Virginia, and the Commission shall complete such review within 21 days of submission. Absent a recommendation within such 21-day period that the funds should not be directed, or in the event that the Commission does not provide a recommendation within such 21-day period, the funds shall be directed."

Explanation:

(This amendment amends language included in the introduced budget related to the CTB's authority to deposit Commonwealth Transportation Funds into the Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund over the next six years.)

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Transportation

Department of Transportation

Language

Language:

Page 488, after line 22, insert:

"N. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 33.2-214, E. of the Code of Virginia, the Commonwealth Transportation Board may advance preliminary engineering and right-of-way activities prior to full funding for construction for projects in the Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Program as adopted by the Board. The anticipated funding for the construction of the project must be planned for within the subsequent three years after the Six-Year Improvement Program. The Department of Transportation shall report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations, House Transportation, Senate Finance and Appropriations, and Senate Transportation Committees on any projects advanced in this manner."

Explanation:

(This amendment makes a limited exception to the Code requirement to allow projects in the I-81 Corridor Improvement Program to move forward even if all of the funding is not included for the completion of the project in the six year improvement plan. Allowing this exception on a limited basis for I-81 projects is proposed because there is a dedicated revenue stream to support the projects and waiting until projects are fully funded will lead to potentially expensive delays.)

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Transportation

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Department of Transportation

Language

Language:

Page 488, line 21, after "support the", strike the remainder of the line and insert: "advancement of projects in the Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Program."
Page 488, strike line 22.

Explanation:

(This amendment modifies language in the introduced budget related to the \$70.0 million from the general fund proposed for the I-81 Corridor Improvement program. The introduced language referenced the funding was for Northbound Lane Widening Project from Mile Marker 116 to 128 in the Salem District. Dedicating the funding to the approved Corridor Improvement Program will allow for more cost effective implementation, including widening of both the north bound and south-bound lanes concurrently, which will reduce the total cost over the life of the project by \$70.0 million.)

Item 441 #1c

Transportation

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Transportation

\$77,000,000

\$24,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 488, line 47, strike "\$97,365,200" and insert "\$174,365,200".
Page 488, line 47, strike "\$98,331,321" and insert "\$122,331,321".
Page 489, after line 5, insert:

C.1. Out of the amounts in this item, \$77,000,000 the first year and \$24,000,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the Department for the purpose of providing additional toll relief to eligible drivers (a) who earn less than \$50,000 per year, (b) whose primary residence is in a planning district with at least three tolled bridges or tunnels and within a locality with a score of 104 or higher on the fiscal stress index, as published by the Department of Housing and Community Development in July 2023, and (c) who drive a two-axle passenger vehicle to utilize the tunnels in a locality described in (b). The Commissioner shall use funds appropriated in this Item i) to establish a program to provide such eligible drivers with an E-ZPass transponder and the required prefunded account balance, for those who have not previously enrolled in the existing Toll Relief program and have not opened a Virginia E-ZPass Account; ii) to provide an additional 50 percent toll relief rebate, that when combined with the existing Toll Relief program, provides a 100 percent toll rebate on up to 14 trips per week on the Elizabeth River Tunnels; and iii) to redeem outstanding customer balances and fees as of December 31, 2023, due to Elizabeth River Crossings (ERC) for eligible drivers subject to negotiation between the Commissioner and ERC.

2. The toll relief programs authorized in this item will end in fiscal year 2036 in conjunction

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with the planned end of the existing Toll Relief program in fiscal year 2036. This toll relief is in addition to the current Toll Relief program administered by the Department and funded by ERC. The Department shall implement this additional toll relief program no later than January 1, 2025, and administer such program in the same manner as the existing Toll Relief program.

3. All funding appropriated in this item for toll relief shall be deposited into an Eligible Drivers Toll Relief Fund. Any funds remaining in the Fund at the end of a biennium shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. All interest and dividends that are earned on the account shall be credited to the Fund. Any funds remaining in the Fund at the end of the toll relief program in 2036 shall revert to the general fund.

4. The Department of Transportation and the Department of Treasury shall enter into a memorandum of agreement related to the management and investment of the monies in the Fund.

5. Consistent with the provisions of subdivision C of § 58.1-3, the Tax Commissioner is authorized to provide to the Department of Transportation, upon entering into a written agreement, the adjusted gross income and any additional information supporting validation of the income of drivers eligible to participate in a toll relief program.

6. The Commissioner shall report to the Governor, the Secretary of Transportation, Chairs of the House Committees on Appropriations, Finance, and Transportation and the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and on Transportation annually by the first day of the regular session of the General Assembly on the additional toll relief provided from the Fund.

7. The Commissioner shall evaluate the cost and feasibility of permitting HOV access at all times and free-of-charge on the Downtown-Midtown Tunnel facility and provide the estimated cost and recommendations for implementation to the Governor, the Secretary of Transportation, Chairs of the House Committees on Appropriations, Finance, and Transportation and the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and on Transportation no later than October 1, 2024.

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$77.0 million the first year and \$24.0 million the second year from the general fund to support additional toll relief to eligible drivers who earn less than \$50,000 per year. When combined with the existing Toll Relief program, this program will provide a 100 percent toll rebate on up to 14 trips per week through the Elizabeth River Crossing until 2036.)

Item 442 #1c

Transportation

Department of Transportation

Language

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Language:

Page 490, after line 4, insert:

"G. Notwithstanding § 33.2-319, Code of Virginia, any municipality that annexed or incorporated land from an adjacent county pursuant to an annexation order that became effective in 1941, in which the land included a residential subdivision with streets that had been maintained by the county and that are open to and used by the public, shall accept such streets into such municipality's public street system, shall maintain such streets in the same manner as it maintains public streets in other residential subdivisions, and shall qualify for payments under § 33.2-319, Code of Virginia, with respect to such streets, even though such streets may not meet current or previous design standards for streets in such municipality."

Explanation:

(This amendment clarifies that cities which acquired land previously part of a neighboring county shall be responsible for maintaining public roads even if the roads were once privately owned.)

Item 444 #1c

Transportation

FY24-25

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Department of Transportation

\$200,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 492, line 29, strike "\$354,169,643" and insert "\$354,369,643".

Page 494, after line 32, insert:

"O. Out of the amounts in this item, \$200,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the Virginia Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Central Virginia Planning District Commission, to conduct a study to evaluate the costs to build a connector road from the former Central Virginia Training Center property to the Old Town Connector, Route 210, in Amherst County. The department shall submit the results of the study to the Central Virginia Planning District Commission, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2025."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$200,000 from the general fund the first year for the department, in conjunction with the Central Virginia Planning District Commission, to study a second entrance point to the former Central Virginia Training Center property in Amherst County.)

Item 451 #1c

Transportation

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Virginia Port Authority

Language

Language:

Page 498, line 46, after "dredging", strike the remainder of the line and insert:

"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;"

Page 498, line 47, strike "material;"

Page 498, line 48, strike "waterway" and insert:

"approved waterway dredging".

Explanation:

(This amendment modifies language which specifies the guidelines of the expenses eligible for funding from the Virginia Waterway Maintenance Fund.)

Item 451 #2c

Transportation

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Port Authority

\$7,500,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 498, line 4, strike "\$11,612,325" and insert "\$19,112,325".

Page 498, after line 50, insert:

"D. Out of the amounts in this item, \$7,500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to fund a pilot municipal dredge program operated by the Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority for the dredging of shovel-ready projects, to be distributed by the Virginia Port Authority upon approval of a Municipal Dredging Operating Program and a Municipal Dredging Operating Agreement. Funding for this program is designated for shovel-ready, shallow-draft dredging projects in localities identified in Chapter 66 of the Code of Virginia, or through the development of operating agreements between the Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority and the Eastern Shore Water Access Authority or the Northern Neck Public Access Authority."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$7.5 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 for municipal dredging projects.)

Item 455 #1c

Veterans and Defense Affairs

FY24-25

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Department of Veterans Services

(\$11,400,000)

\$0 GF

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Language:

Page 501, line 45, strike "\$129,467,122" and insert "\$118,067,122".

Page 502, line 2, strike "\$30,500,000" and insert "\$19,100,000".

Page 502, after line 8, insert:

"C. The Department of Veterans Services shall provide to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees: (i) quarterly reports detailing revenues and expenditures; and (ii) by September 1, 2024, a business plan that demonstrates how the veterans care centers will operate using solely nongeneral funds after start-up general fund moneys are exhausted."

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces by \$11.4 million the first year from the general fund the proposed funding for Virginia's two new veterans care centers, bringing the total one-time appropriation to \$19.1 million from the general fund. Budget language directs the Department of Veterans Services to provide quarterly updates and a business plan to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees.)

Item 456 #1c

Veterans and Defense Affairs	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Veterans Services	(\$398,660)	(\$404,841)	GF

Language:

Page 502, line 9, strike "\$37,389,137" and insert "\$36,990,477".

Page 502, line 9, strike "\$37,374,318" and insert "\$36,969,477".

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$398,660 from the general fund the first year and \$404,841 from the general fund the second year proposed in the introduced budget to address increased costs for a veterans benefits office associated with its expansion to accommodate colocation with other agencies.)

Item 457 #1c

Veterans and Defense Affairs	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Veterans Services	(\$500,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 503, line 25, strike "\$8,422,681" and insert "\$7,922,681".

Page 503, strike lines 39 and 40.

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Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$500,000 from the general fund the first year proposed in the introduced budget to support the revitalization of the Military Women's Memorial located in Arlington County, which would include a new education center.)

Item 458 #1c

Veterans and Defense Affairs

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Veterans Services

(\$470,784)

(\$299,691) GF

Language:

Page 503, line 41, strike "\$5,141,182" and insert "\$4,670,398".

Page 503, line 41, strike "\$4,380,088" and insert "\$4,080,397".

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$470,784 from the general fund the first year and \$299,691 from the general fund the second year to other priorities. The reduction includes: \$75,740 over the biennium for digital signature software for which funding was previously made available through an undesignated appropriation in Chapter 2, 2022 Special Session I Acts of Assembly; and \$694,735 over the biennium to establish a phone triage system for the Department of Veterans Services offices.)

Item 461 #1c

Veterans and Defense Affairs

Department of Military Affairs

Language

Language:

Page 504, strike lines 23 through 25.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language in the introduced budget that would authorize unexpended year-end balances in the National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program to automatically carry forward to the following fiscal year.)

Item 465 #1c

Veterans and Defense Affairs

Department of Military Affairs

Language

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Language:

Page 506, after line 7, insert:

"E. The Adjutant General shall facilitate and coordinate efforts to make Virginia National Guard members aware of the state-sponsored group term life insurance program offered to all members of the Virginia National Guard, to include: (i) allowing program representatives to provide briefings to Virginia National Guard units at least annually, to the extent that it does not directly interfere with required training and other duties; and (ii) referring National Guard members to the program upon their request."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Adjutant General to facilitate and coordinate efforts to make Virginia National Guard members aware of the state-sponsored group term life insurance program available to them, to include: (i) allowing program representatives to provide briefings to Virginia National Guard units at least annually, to the extent that it does not directly interfere with required training and other duties; and (ii) referring National Guard members to the program upon their request.)

	Item 469 #1c		
Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Central Appropriations	\$0	\$610,000	GF

Language:

Page 509, line 12, strike "\$174,632,045" and insert "\$175,242,045".

Page 511, line 41, strike "\$6,938,318" and "\$6,220,813".

Explanation:

(This amendment adjusts funding for contribution rates for the VRS retirement system pursuant to the enactment of House Bill 1312 of the 2024 General Assembly Session which adds DCR conservation officers to the VaLORS program beginning July 1, 2025.)

	Item 469 #2c		
Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Central Appropriations	\$124,605,815	\$252,050,142	GF

Language:

Page 509, line 12, strike "\$84,088,011" and insert "\$208,693,826".

Page 509, line 12, strike "\$174,632,045" and insert "\$426,682,187".

Page 516, line 5, strike "\$44,846,024" and insert:

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"\$134,502,573 the first year and \$273,040,223".

Page 516, line 6, strike "one" and insert:

"three percent on June 10, 2024 and an additional three".

Page 516, line 46, strike "one" and insert:

"three percent on June 10, 2024 and an additional three".

Page 517, line 15, strike "one" and insert:

"three percent no earlier than June 10, 2024 and an additional three".

Page 517, line 22, strike "one" and insert:

"three percent on July 1, 2024 and an additional three".

Page 517, line 35, strike "\$12,692,725" and insert:

"\$38,018,552 the first year and \$80,663,893".

Page 517, line 37, strike "\$1,485,084" and insert:

"\$4,455,837 the first year and \$9,044,194".

Page 517, line 38, strike "one" and insert:

"three percent increase in base pay effective June 10, 2024 and an additional three".

Page 517, line 41, strike "\$610,941" and insert:

"\$1,832,807 the first year and \$3,720,598".

Page 517, line 42, strike "one" and insert:

"three percent increase in base pay effective June 10, 2024 and an additional three".

Page 517, strike lines 45 through 47.

Page 518, strike lines 1 through 41.

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$124.6 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 and \$252.1 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 for employee compensation actions for state employees and state supported local employees. The amendment uses this funding, as a well as funding included in the introduced budget, to support a three (3) percent salary increase in each year of the biennium. Total funding for these actions, including the funding in the introduced budget is \$178.8 million in fiscal year 2025 and \$366.5 million in fiscal year 2026.)

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Central Appropriations

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Central Appropriations

\$0

(\$27,046,198) GF

Language:

Page 509, line 12, strike "\$174,632,045" and insert "\$147,585,847".

Page 510, line 33, strike "\$66,667,915" and insert "\$39,621,717".

Explanation:

(This amendment reflects savings of \$27.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2026

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from level funding the premiums for the state employee health insurance over the two years. The budget includes funding of \$39.6 million from the general fund each year to fund a 6.3 percent increase in the premiums in July 2025.)

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Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Central Appropriations	\$219,233	\$219,233	GF

Language:

Page 509, line 12, strike "\$84,088,011" and insert "\$84,307,244".

Page 509, line 12, strike "\$174,632,045" and insert "\$174,851,278".

Page 515, line 29, strike "\$1,745,613" and "\$1,745,613" and insert: "\$1,964,846" and "\$1,964,846".

Page 515, line 32, after "System." insert:

"The funding included in this item is based on the contribution rate of \$1,015.00 per FTE."

Explanation:

(This amendment adjusts funding for contribution rates for the Line of Duty Act death benefit pursuant to the enactment of House Bill 321 and Senate Bill 649 which increases from \$25,000 to \$75,000 the death benefit payout for a death caused by occupational cancer, respiratory disease, or hypertension or heart disease.)

Item 469 #5c

Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Central Appropriations	(\$5,476,450)	(\$5,714,555)	GF

Language:

Page 509, line 12, strike "\$84,088,011" and insert "\$78,611,561".

Page 509, line 12, strike "\$174,632,045" and insert "\$168,917,490".

Page 512, line 19, strike "1.34%" and "1.34%" and insert: "1.18%" and "1.18%".

Page 512, line 33, strike "\$2,720,859" and insert "\$8,197,309".

Page 512, line 33, strike "\$2,839,154" and insert "\$8,553,709".

Explanation:

(This amendment reflects savings of \$11.2 million from the general fund over the biennium from funding the contribution rates for the employee group life insurance program based on the actuarial certified rate of 1.18 percent.)

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Item 469 #6c

Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Central Appropriations	\$8,098,486	\$71,446,305	GF
	\$10,081,714	\$83,782,903	NGF

Language:

Page 509, line 12, strike "\$84,088,011" and insert "\$102,268,211".

Page 509, line 12, strike "\$174,632,045" and insert "\$329,861,253".

Page 516, line 1, strike "\$1,015,507", insert "\$4,186,394".

Page 516, line 2, strike "3,336,858", insert "\$14,718,747".

Page 518, after line 41, insert:

"Z. If the provisions of House Bill 1 and Senate Bill 1 of the 2024 General Assembly Session are effectuated the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall be authorized to transfer out of the appropriation for this item as set out in subparagraphs 1., 2., and 3. below. If the provisions of House Bill 1 and Senate Bill 1 are not effectuated then \$8,098,486 general fund appropriated in the first year shall be carried forward into the second year and the provisions of subparagraphs 4. and 5. shall be effectuated.

1. \$4,832,365 the first year and \$59,021,897 the second year from the general fund and \$5,661,321 the first year and \$69,197,274 the second year from nongeneral fund to the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS).

a. Effective January 1, 2025, DMAS shall increase the rates for agency- and consumer-directed personal care, respite and companion services in the home and community-based services waivers and Early Periodic Screening, and Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program by 1.2 percent. The department shall have the authority to implement these changes prior to completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change.

b. Effective January 1, 2026, DMAS shall increase the rates for agency- and consumer-directed personal care, respite and companion services in the home and community-based services waivers and Early Periodic Screening, and Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program by 11.1 percent. The department shall have the authority to implement these changes prior to completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change.

2. \$185,234 the first year and \$1,041,709 the second year from the general fund to the appropriate Item in the Compensation Board to reflect the cost impact of the increase in the minimum wage associated with each constitutional office.

3. \$3,080,887 the first year and \$11,382,699 the second year from the general fund shall be distributed to state agencies and institutions of higher education to support the general fund costs related to the effectuation of the provisions of House Bill 1 and Senate Bill 1 of the 2024 General Assembly session.

4. Up to \$59,670,910 the second year from the general fund appropriation of this item shall be

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used to provide all classified employees of the Executive Branch and other full-time employees of the Commonwealth, except elected officials, who were employed on or before August 10, 2025 and remained employed until at least November 10, 2025, a one-time bonus payment equal to 1.375 percent of their base pay on December 1, 2025. Employees in the Executive Department subject to the Virginia Personnel Act shall receive the bonus payment authorized in this paragraph only if they have attained an equivalent rating of at least "Contributor" on their performance evaluation and have no active written notices under the Standards of Conduct within the preceding twelve-month period.

5. Up to \$19,873,871 from the general fund the first year is provided for a one-time bonus payment, equal to 1.375 percent of their base salary on December 1, 2025 provided that the governing authority of such employees use such funds to support the provision of a bonus for the following listed employees:

a. Locally-elected constitutional officers;

b. General Registrars and members of local electoral boards;

c. Full-time employees of locally-elected constitutional officers and,

d. Full-time employees of Community Services Boards, Centers for Independent Living, secure detention centers supported by Juvenile Block Grants, juvenile delinquency prevention and local court service units, local social services boards, local pretrial services act and Comprehensive Community Corrections Act employees, and local health departments where a memorandum of understanding exists with the Virginia Department of Health."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides funding for the impact of the minimum wage increase pursuant to House Bill 1 and Senate Bill 1.)

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Language

Language:

Page 519, after line 52, insert:

"K.1. From such general fund revenues as are collected for fiscal year 2024 in excess of the final 2022-24 biennial Appropriation Act, the first \$175.0 million, or portion thereof, that is not required to meet (i) a Constitutionally-mandated deposit to the Revenue Stabilization Fund, (ii.) or the Water Quality Improvement Fund, Part A deposit, shall be reserved by the Comptroller in the Restricted Fund Balance for transfer to Item 438 of this Act to support the I-81 Corridor Improvement Program

2. From such general fund revenues as are collected for fiscal year 2025 in excess of the First

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Year Official Revenue Estimate contained in this Act that is not required to meet (i) a Constitutionally-mandated deposit to the Revenue Stabilization Fund, (ii) or the Water Quality Improvement Fund, Part A deposit, an amount up to \$175 million less the amount transferred pursuant to subparagraph 1. above shall be reserved by the Comptroller in the Restricted Fund Balance for transfer to Item 438 of this Act to support the I-81 Corridor Improvement Program. 3. From such general fund revenues as are collected for fiscal year 2026 in excess of the Official Revenue Estimate contained in the 2025 Appropriation Act that is not required to meet (i) a Constitutionally-mandated deposit to the Revenue Stabilization Fund, (ii) or the Water Quality Improvement Fund, Part A deposit, an amount up to \$175 million less the amounts transferred pursuant to subparagraphs 1. and 2. above shall be reserved by the Comptroller in the Restricted Fund Balance for transfer to the Department of Transportation to support the I-81 Corridor Improvement Program.”

Explanation:

(This amendment earmarks the first \$175 million in unearmarked revenue surpluses from FY 2024, FY2025 and FY 2026 for the I-81 corridor improvement program. The combined transfer from the 3 years may not exceed \$175 million.)

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Language

Language:

Page 523, after line 14, insert:

"O.1. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 2.2-115, Code of Virginia, \$250,000 the first year shall be transferred from the amounts in Item 101, Paragraph A. of this act to the Virginia Employment Commission on or before July 15, 2024, for the purpose of updating the November 2021 Paid and Family Medical Leave study.

2. The Virginia Employment Commission (the Commission), in collaboration with the Department of Human Resource Management, the Compensation Board, the Virginia Department of Education, and the Department of Planning and Budget, shall update its November 2021 Virginia Paid Family and Medical Leave study, as authorized by Item 111 of Chapter 1289 of the Acts of Assembly of 2020, to include an assessment of the budgetary impacts of extending application of paid family and medical leave benefits as contemplated in Senate Bill 373 of the 2024 General Assembly to exempt individuals, while maintaining the benefits provided in § 2.2-1210 of the Code of Virginia for state employees. Such assessment shall also examine (i) the number of exempt individuals that would receive expanded family and medical leave benefits; (ii) the budgetary impact and salary impact associated with providing each type of benefit to each class of employee described in clause (i); and (iii) the budgetary impact on state direct aid to public education. The Commission shall submit the updated study

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to the Chairs of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations on or before December 1, 2024.

3. "Exempt individuals" for the purpose of this paragraph means a state employee, the treasurer, commissioner of the revenue, attorney for the Commonwealth, clerk of a circuit court, sheriff of any county or city, regional jail superintendent or regional jail officer, or local director of finance, or deputy or employee of any such officer, or an employee of a local school division.

4. "State employee" means all persons employed by the Commonwealth or a public institution of higher education to provide services, including both salaried and wage employees, whether employed full time or part time."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires the Virginia Employment Commission to update the 2021 Paid Family and Medical Leave study.)

	Item 471 #2c	
Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26
Central Appropriations	(\$15,000,000)	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 519, line 54, strike "\$186,800,000" and insert "\$171,800,000".
Page 523, strike lines 4 through 14.

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$15.0 million from the general fund proposed for the creation of a workforce recruitment and retention marketing campaign at the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to other priorities.)

	Item 471 #3c	
Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26
Central Appropriations	\$10,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 519, line 53, strike "\$186,800,000" and insert "\$196,800,000".
Page 523, after line 14, insert:
"O. Out of the amounts in this item, \$10,000,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided to establish the Virginia Clean Energy Innovation Bank to finance climate initiatives. Up to \$2,000,000 of these amounts may be used for administration."

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$10.0 million the first year from the general fund to create and fund the Virginia Clean Energy Innovation Bank to help finance climate initiatives across Virginia with low-rate financing issued by the U.S. Department of Energy pursuant to Senate Bill 729.)

Item 471 #4c

Central Appropriations

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Language

Language:

Page 522, line 8, after "I." strike the remainder of the line.

Page 522, strike lines 9 through 13.

Page 522, line 14, strike "3.", and insert "1."

Page 522, line 4, strike "4.", and insert "2."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs, through language, the reversion of any remaining funds for transformation initiatives.)

Item 471 #5c

Central Appropriations

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(\$20,000,000)

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 519, line 54, strike "\$186,800,000" and insert "\$166,800,000".

Page 522, strike lines 34 through 47.

Explanation:

(This amendment transfers \$20.0 million from the general fund the first year for the operational activities of the American Revolution 250 Commission to a new agency within the legislative branch.)

Item 471 #6c

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Language

Language:

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Page 520, line 38, strike "\$1,500,000" and insert "\$5,000,000".

Page 520, line 40, after "Commonwealth." insert:

"Such payments shall be made in accordance with guidelines established by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. In developing the guidelines to allocate payments, the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall consult the representatives of the affected industries."

Page 520, line 40, strike "These".

Page 520, strike lines 41 through 44.

Explanation:

(This amendment modifies the animal disease indemnification payment authorization. The language allows for indemnification payments to agricultural producers in the event of an animal disease outbreak, such as avian influenza, based on guidelines developed by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in consultation with affected industries.)

Item 471 #7c

Central Appropriations

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(\$150,000,000)

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 519, line 54, strike "\$186,800,000" and insert "\$36,800,000".

Page 522, strike lines 48 through 55.

Page 523, strike lines 1 through 3.

Page 523, line 4, strike "N" and insert "M".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces \$150.0 million the first year from the general fund proposed for deposit to the Virginia Technology Infrastructure Fund for allocation to unspecified projects. Separate amendments allocate funds for the planning, development, and implementation of systems for the Departments of Taxation and Social Services.)

Item 471 #8c

Central Appropriations

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Language

Language:

Page 523, after line 14, insert:

"O. Out of this appropriation, the Governor is authorized to expend additional amounts as

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necessary to support costs associated with the Presidential Debate hosted by Virginia State University in October 2024."

Explanation:

(This language amendment authorizes the Governor to utilize contingency funds as necessary to provide support for Virginia's hosting of a national Presidential Debate scheduled for October 2024 at Virginia State University.)

Item 471 #9c

Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26
Central Appropriations	(\$500,000)	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 519, line 54, strike "\$186,800,000" and insert "\$186,300,000".
Page 522, strike lines 29 through 33.

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$500,000 from the general fund the first year included in the introduced budget provided for the Secretary of Finance to develop relevant capabilities, conduct planning, and evaluate potential economic incentives to attract sports teams to the state.)

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Language:

- Page 523, strike lines 20 through 24, and insert:
- "2. Any previously authorized ARPA SLFRF project, which has dollars remaining unobligated on June 30, 2024, as reported by the Department of Accounts shall be returned to the State and Local Recovery Fund (12110) and up to \$169,898,356 shall be directed to the Direct Aid for Public Education (197) to be used to supplement funding for the Child Care Subsidy Program included in Item 125.10.
 3. Any amounts that exceed the threshold established in the previous paragraph shall be held in the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund and used to offset the Fiscal Year 2026 bond authorization in Item C-53.50 of this act for the Enhanced Nutrient Removal Certainty program.
 4. Any amounts returned from broadband deployment projects supported with resources from the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act's Capital Projects Fund shall be held in the Capital Projects

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Fund (12120) and used to offset the Fiscal Year 2026 bond authorization in Item C-53.50 of the 2024 - 2026 Appropriation Act for the Enhanced Nutrient Removal Certainty program.

5. For any ARPA-SLRF-funded ventilation improvement grants issued pursuant to Chapter 1, Item 479.20 B.2.h.1, 2021 Special Session II, school boards shall obligate such funds no later than July 1, 2024."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides instructions for any returned funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. In addition, this amendment advances the deadline for school divisions to obligate ARPA-SLRF ventilation grants issued in January 2022 from December 31, 2024 to July 1, 2024 to ensure these federal pandemic relief funds can be expended prior to their expiration on December 31, 2024. Item 125.10 assumes \$25.0 million in ARPA-SLRF funds will be reverted to support the Child Care Subsidy Program as a result of this action.)

Item 474.30 #1c

Independent Agencies	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of General Services	\$20,363,179	\$20,363,179	GF
	\$29,943,419	\$29,943,419	NGF

Language:

Page 526, after line 2, insert:

"§ 1-136.50 Department of General Services

474.30 Laboratory Services (72600)	\$50,306,598	\$50,306,598
Fund Sources:		
General	\$20,363,179	\$20,363,179
Enterprise	\$16,770,043	\$16,770,043
Internal Service	\$5,509,322	\$5,509,322
Federal Trust	\$7,664,054	\$7,664,054 "

Item 474.3	First Year - FY2025	Second Year - FY2026
Laboratory Services (72600)	\$50,306,598	\$50,306,598
Statewide Laboratory Services (72604)	\$32,738,585	\$32,738,585
Newborn Screening Laboratory Services (72607)	\$14,434,732	\$14,434,732
Laboratory Accreditation Services (72608)	\$727,848	\$727,848
Drinking Water Testing Services (72609)	\$2,405,433	\$2,405,433
Fund Sources:		

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General	\$20,363,179	\$20,363,179
Enterprise	\$16,770,043	\$16,770,043
Internal Service	\$5,509,322	\$5,509,322
Federal Trust	\$7,664,054	\$7,664,054

Authority: Title 2.2, Chapter 11, Article 2, Code of Virginia.

A. The provisions of § 2.2-1104, Code of Virginia, notwithstanding, the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services shall ensure that no individual is denied the benefits of laboratory tests mandated by the Department of Health for reason of inability to pay for such services.

B. Out of this appropriation, \$5,509,322 the first year and \$5,509,322 the second year for Statewide Laboratory Services is sum sufficient and these amounts are estimates from an internal service fund which shall be paid from revenues derived from charges collected from state agencies and institutions of higher education for laboratory testing services. The internal service fund shall also consist of revenues transferred from the Department of Transportation for motor fuel testing as stated in § 3-1.02 of this act.

C.1. The provisions of § 2.2-1104 B, Code of Virginia, notwithstanding, the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services may charge a fee for the limited and specific purpose of analyses of water samples where (i) testing is required by Department of Health regulations as mandated by the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, (ii) funding to support such testing is not otherwise provided for in this act, and (iii) fees shall not be increased unless a plan is first approved by the Governor.

2. The Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services may charge a fee to recover its costs to certify laboratories under the requirements of §§ 2.2-1104 A. 4 and 2.2-1105, Code of Virginia, where certification of these laboratories is required by the Department of Health regulations mandated by the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, Chapter 13 (§ 10.1-1300 et seq.) of Title 10.1, the Virginia Waste Management Act (§ 10.1-1400 et seq.), or the State Water Control Law (§ 62.1-44.2 et seq.), Code of Virginia.

3.a. Any regulations or guidelines necessary to implement or change the amount of the fees charged for testing of water samples or certification of laboratories may be adopted without complying with the Administrative Process Act (§2.2-4000 et seq.) provided that input is solicited from the public. Such input requires only that notice and an opportunity to submit written comments be given.

b. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, changes to fees charged for testing of water samples or certification of laboratories shall be subject to the provisions of § 4-5.03 of this act, effective July 1, 2016.

c. Fees charged for testing of water samples or certification of laboratories shall not exceed the cost of providing such services."

Explanation:

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(This amendment is one of six amendments under Independent Agencies that moves the Department of General Services to this section.)

Item 474.40 #1c

Independent Agencies	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of General Services	\$73,099,266	\$73,099,266	NGF

Language:

Page 526, after line 2, insert:

"474.40 Real Estate Services (72700)	\$73,099,266	\$73,099,266
Fund Sources: Internal Service	\$73,099,266	\$73,099,266 "

Item 474.4	First Year - FY2025	Second Year - FY2026
Real Estate Services (72700)	\$73,099,266	\$73,099,266
Statewide Leasing and Disposal Services (72705)	\$73,099,266	\$73,099,266
Fund Sources:		
Internal Service	\$73,099,266	\$73,099,266

Authority: Title 2.2, Chapter 11, Article 4, § [2.2-1156](#), Code of Virginia.

A. Out of this appropriation, \$73,099,266 the first year and \$73,099,266 the second year for Statewide Leasing and Disposal Services is sum sufficient and amounts shown are estimates from an internal service fund which shall be paid from revenues from rent payments or fees to be paid by state agencies and institutions for their occupancy of facilities and management of real property transactions, including, but not necessarily limited to, leases of non-state owned office space throughout the Commonwealth for use by such agencies and institutions. Also included are funds to pay costs associated with the disposal of state-owned real property and interests therein. In implementing the program, the Department of General Services may utilize brokerage services, portfolio management strategies, personnel policies, and compensation practices generally consistent with prevailing industry best practices.

B.1. The costs paid for each sale of state-owned property shall be returned to the fund upon sale of the property in an amount calculated at 115 percent of such costs.

2. The rate charged for administration of single-agency leases shall be three percent of lease costs and the rate for administration of master leases shall be five percent of lease costs. Fees approved in accordance with § 4-5.03 of this act may also be charged for one-time transactions."

Explanation:

(This amendment is one of six amendments under Independent Agencies that moves the

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Department of General Services to this section.)

Item 474.50 #1c

Independent Agencies	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of General Services	\$150,298	\$150,298	GF
	\$67,821,753	\$67,821,753	NGF

Language:

Page 526, after line 2, insert:

"474.50 Procurement Services (73000)	\$67,972,051	\$67,972,051
Fund Sources:		
General	\$150,298	\$150,298
Special	\$4,848,524	\$4,848,524
Enterprise	\$26,427,507	\$26,427,507
Internal Service	\$36,545,722	\$36,545,722 "

Item 474.5	First Year - FY2025	Second Year - FY2026
Procurement Services (73000)	\$67,972,051	\$67,972,051
Statewide Procurement Services (73002)	\$31,426,329	\$31,426,329
Surplus Property Programs (73007)	\$2,146,653	\$2,146,653
Statewide Cooperative Procurement and Distribution Services (73008)	\$34,399,069	\$34,399,069
Fund Sources:		
General	\$150,298	\$150,298
Special	\$4,848,524	\$4,848,524
Enterprise	\$26,427,507	\$26,427,507
Internal Service	\$36,545,722	\$36,545,722

Authority: Title 2.2, Chapter 11, Articles 3 and 6, Code of Virginia.

A. 1. Out of this appropriation, \$618,386 the first year and \$618,386 the second year for federal surplus property is sum sufficient and amounts shown are estimates from an internal service fund which shall be paid from revenues derived from charges for services.

2. Out of this appropriation, \$1,528,267 the first year and \$1,528,267 the second year for state surplus property is sum sufficient and amounts shown are estimates from an internal service fund which shall be paid from revenues derived from charges for services.

B. Out of this appropriation, \$34,399,069 the first year and \$34,399,069 the second year for

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Statewide Cooperative Procurement and Distribution Services is sum sufficient and amounts shown are estimates from an internal service fund which shall be paid from revenues derived from charges for services.

C. The Commonwealth's statewide electronic procurement system and program known as eVA will be financed by fees assessed to state agencies and institutions of higher education and vendors.

D. The Department of General Services shall allow nonprofit food banks operating in Virginia and granted tax-exempt status under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to purchase directly from the Virginia Distribution Center.

E. The Department of General Services, for goods and services requirements identified by the Virginia Department of Social Services and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, pursuant to Item 333, is directed to develop and maintain a list of emergency contracts for use by state agencies responsible for emergency response and recovery, and to establish contracts for resources, goods and services, as identified by the Virginia Department of Social Services and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management in the event of state shelter activation during a declaration of state emergency.

Explanation:

(This amendment is one of six amendments under Independent Agencies that moves the Department of General Services to this section.)

		Item 474.60 #1c	
Independent Agencies		FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of General Services		\$3,628,101	\$3,128,101
		\$58,020,975	\$52,038,470
			GF
			NGF

Language:

Page 526, after line 2, insert:

"474.60 Physical Plant Management Services (74100)		\$61,649,076	\$55,166,571
Fund Sources:	General	\$3,628,101	\$3,128,101
	Special	\$5,502,742	\$5,502,742
	Internal Service	\$52,518,233	\$46,535,728 "

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Physical Plant Management Services (74100)	\$61,649,076	\$55,166,571
Parking Facilities Management (74105)	\$5,502,742	\$5,502,742
Statewide Building Management (74106)	\$47,770,536	\$41,788,031
Statewide Engineering and Architectural Services (74107)	\$7,247,997	\$6,747,997
Seat of Government Mail Services (74108)	\$1,127,801	\$1,127,801
Fund Sources:		
General	\$3,628,101	\$3,128,101
Special	\$5,502,742	\$5,502,742
Internal Service	\$52,518,233	\$46,535,728

Authority: Title 2.2, Chapter 11, Articles 4, 6, and 8; § 58.1-3403, Code of Virginia.

A.1. Out of this appropriation, \$46,234,318 the first year and \$40,251,813 the second year for Statewide Building Management represent a sum sufficient internal service fund which shall be paid from revenues from rental charges assessed to occupants of seat of government buildings controlled, maintained, and operated by the Department of General Services and fees paid for other building maintenance and operation services provided through service agreements and special work orders. The internal service fund shall support the facilities at the seat of government and maintenance and operation of such other state-owned facilities as the Governor or department may direct, as otherwise provided by law.

2. The rent rate for occupants of office space in seat of government facilities operated and maintained by the Department of General Services, excluding the building occupants that currently have maintenance service agreements with the department, shall be \$18.70 per square foot the first year and \$16.78 the second year.

3. On or before September 1 of each year, the Department of General Services shall report to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, the Secretary of Administration, and the Department of Planning and Budget regarding the operations and maintenance costs of all buildings controlled, maintained, and operated by the Department of General Services. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the cost and fund source associated with the following: utilities, maintenance and repairs, security, custodial services, groundskeeping, direct administration and other overhead, and any other operations or maintenance costs for the most recently concluded fiscal year. The amount of unleased space in each building shall also be reported.

4. Further, out of the estimated cost for Statewide Building Management, amounts estimated at \$3,061,776 the first year and \$3,061,776 the second year shall be paid for Payment in Lieu of Taxes. In addition to the amounts for Statewide Building Management, the following sums, estimated at the amounts shown for this purpose, are included in the appropriations for the agencies identified:

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Department of Motor Vehicles	\$252,815	\$252,815
Department of State Police	\$797	\$797
Department of Transportation	\$229,540	\$229,540
Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired	\$5,788	\$5,788
Science Museum of Virginia	\$102,171	\$102,171
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts	\$158,513	\$158,513
Virginia Retirement System	\$53,425	\$53,425
Veterans Services	\$174,799	\$174,799
TOTAL	\$977,848	\$977,848

B.1. Out of this appropriation, \$6,283,915 the first year and \$6,283,915 the second year for Statewide Engineering and Architectural Services provided by the Division of Engineering and Buildings represent a sum sufficient internal service fund which shall be paid from revenues from fees paid by state agencies and institutions of higher education for the review of architectural, mechanical, and life safety plans of capital outlay projects.

2. In administering this internal service fund, the Division of Engineering and Buildings (DEB) shall provide capital project cost review services to state agencies and institutions of higher education and produce capital project cost analysis work products for the Department of Planning and Budget. DEB shall collect fees, consistent with those fees authorized above in paragraph B.1, from state agencies and institutions of higher education for completed capital project cost review services or work products.

3. The hourly rate for engineering and architectural services shall be \$192.00 the first year and \$192.00 the second year, excluding contracted services and other special rates as authorized pursuant to § 4-5.03 of this act.

4. Out of the amounts appropriated in this Item, \$464,182 the first year and \$464,182 the second year from the general fund is provided for the Division of Engineering and Buildings to support the Commonwealth's capital budget and capital pool process for which fees authorized in this paragraph cannot otherwise be assessed.

C. Interest on the employee vehicle parking fund authorized by § 4-6.04 c of this act shall be added to the fund as earned.

D. The Department of General Services shall, in conjunction with affected agencies, develop, implement, and administer a consolidated mail function to process inbound and outbound mail for agencies located in the Richmond metropolitan area. The consolidated mail function shall include the establishment of a centralized mail receiving and outbound processing location or locations, and the enhancement of mail security capabilities within these location(s).

E. All new and renovated state-owned facilities, if the renovations are in excess of 50 percent of

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the structure's assessed value, that are over 5,000 gross square feet shall be designed and constructed consistent with energy performance standards at least as stringent as the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED rating system or the Green Globes rating system.

F. The total service charge for payment in lieu of taxes to the City of Richmond for the property known as the General Assembly Building and the State Capitol Building shall not exceed \$70,000 per fiscal year.

G. The Director of the Department of General Services shall work with the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation and other agencies to maximize the use of light-emitting diodes (LEDs) instead of traditional incandescent light bulbs when any state agency installs new outdoor lighting fixtures or replaces nonfunctioning light bulbs on existing outdoor lighting fixtures as long as the LEDs lights are determined to be cost effective.

H. Notwithstanding the provisions of Acts of Assembly 1889, Chapter 24, which is hereby repealed, the Department of General Services, in accordance with the direction and instruction of the Governor, shall remove and store the Robert E. Lee Monument or any part thereof.

I. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$500,000 the first year is provided for the assessment of existing systems associated with the management of Commonwealth capital assets for potential upgrades and increased capabilities.

J. Upon enrolling of this Act, changes to Part 4 shall be made to reflect the appropriate roles and responsibilities modified pursuant to Senate Bill 584 in the 2024 Session."

Explanation:

(This amendment is one of six amendments under Independent Agencies that moves the Department of General Services to this section.)

	Item 474.70 #1c	
Independent Agencies	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of General Services	\$19,964,863	\$19,964,863 NGF

Language:

Page 526, after line 2, insert:

"474.70 Transportation Pool Services (82300)	\$19,964,863	\$19,964,863
Fund Sources: Internal Service	\$19,964,863	\$19,964,863 "

Transportation Pool Services (82300)	\$19,964,863	\$19,964,863
Statewide Vehicle Management Services (82302)	\$19,964,863	\$19,964,863

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Fund Sources:

Internal Service	\$19,964,863	\$19,964,863
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Authority: Title 2.2, Chapter 11, Article 7; § 2.2-120, Code of Virginia.

A. The appropriation for Statewide Vehicle Management Services is sum sufficient and amounts shown are estimates from an internal service fund which shall be paid from revenues derived from charges to agencies for fleet management services.

B. Charges for central fleet vehicles leased by state agencies and institutions shall be the vehicle purchase cost and interest charges amortized over a period of 84 months or less, in addition to a standard monthly operating charge of \$110.00 the first year and \$110.00 the second year per vehicle for the cost of maintenance and support.

C. In addition to providing services to state agencies and institutions, fleet management services may also be provided to local public bodies on a fee for service basis in accordance with established Department of General Services Fleet Management policies and procedures.

D. The Department of General Services shall manage the Commonwealth's consolidation of bulk and commercial fuel contracts awarded in response to Chapter 879, Acts of Assembly of 2008, Item 1-83 C. The intent of this consolidation is to leverage the Commonwealth's state and local public entities, gasoline and diesel fuel purchase volume to achieve the most favored pricing from private sector fuel providers, and reduce procurement administration workload from state agencies, institutions, local government entities, and other authorized users of awarded contracts that would have otherwise procured and contracted separately for these commodities.

Explanation:

(This amendment is one of six amendments under Independent Agencies that moves the Department of General Services to this section.)

Item 474.80 #1c

Independent Agencies	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of General Services	\$7,165,761	\$7,165,761	GF
	\$162,079	\$162,079	NGF

Language:

Page 526, after line 2, insert:

"474.80 Administrative and Support Services (79900)	\$7,327,840	\$7,327,840
Fund Sources: General	\$7,165,761	\$7,165,761
Enterprise	\$162,079	\$162,079 "

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Item 474.8	First Year - FY2025	Second Year - FY2026
Administrative and Support Services (79900)	\$7,327,840	\$7,327,840
General Management and Direction (79901)	\$4,312,520	\$4,312,520
Information Technology Services (79902)	\$3,015,320	\$3,015,320
Fund Sources:		
General	\$7,165,761	\$7,165,761
Enterprise	\$162,079	\$162,079

Authority: Title 2.2, Chapter 11 and Chapter 24, Article 1, Code of Virginia.

1. The Department shall lead, provide administrative support to, and convene an annual public body procurement workgroup to review and study proposed changes to the Code of Virginia in areas of non-technology goods and services, technology goods and services, construction, transportation, and professional services procurements. The workgroup shall consist of the Director of the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity, Director of the Department of General Services, the Chief Information Officer of Virginia Information Technology Agency, Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Transportation, Director of the Department of Planning and Budget, the President of the Virginia Association of State Colleges and University Purchasing Professionals (VASCUPP), the President of the Virginia Association of Governmental Purchasing or their designees; a representative from the Office of the Attorney General Government Operations and Transactions Division, a staff member of the Virginia House Appropriations Committee, Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee, and Division of Legislative Services.

2. The workgroup is charged with hearing legislation referred by letter from the Chairs of the House Rules, General Laws, and Appropriations Committees, and Chairs of the Senate Rules, General Laws and Technology, and Finance and Appropriations Committees. The workgroup will hear from stakeholders identified by the patron of the referred legislation and other interested individuals to discuss the legislation's impacts to: 1) small businesses to include women and minorities; 2) the Commonwealth's budget; and 3) the Commonwealth's procurement processes. Such meetings will be open to the public. In addition, the Chairs of the House Rules and House Appropriations Committees and Chairs of Senate Rules and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees may request the workgroup review procurement related proposals in advance of upcoming legislative sessions to better understand potential impacts prior to the start of the annual General Assembly Session."

Explanation:

(This amendment is one of six amendments under Independent Agencies that moves the Department of General Services to this section.)

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Item 476 #1c

Independent Agencies	FY24-25	FY25-26	
State Corporation Commission	\$90,000 1.00	\$90,000 1.00	NGF FTE

Language:

Page 526, line 20, strike "\$35,827,443" and insert "\$35,917,443".
Page 526, line 20, strike "\$35,827,443" and insert "\$35,917,443".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$180,000 over the biennium from nongeneral funds to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 800 of the 2024 General Assembly.)

Item 479 #1c

Independent Agencies		Language
State Corporation Commission		

Language:

Page 527, after line 30, insert:
"E. The State Corporation Commission shall set the payment parameters for the the Commonwealth Health Reinsurance Program at levels to achieve the premium reduction target of 15 percent for Plan Year 2025."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds language requiring the State Corporation Commission to set out the target amount of the premium reduction percentage for the Commonwealth Health Reinsurance Program Plan Year 2025 at 15 percent, pursuant to the provisions in House Bill 591, 2024 Regular Session.)

Item 479 #2c

Independent Agencies		Language
State Corporation Commission		

Language:

Page 527, after line 30, insert:

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"E. The Bureau of Insurance shall request guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on: (i) how nutritional counseling is defined as a preventive care benefit under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and review whether the current definition of nutritional counseling in Virginia's Essential Health Benefit benchmark plan meets federal guidelines; and (ii) whether removing prior authorization for eating disorder services would be considered an expansion of services that would warrant a state-funded cost defrayal under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The Bureau of Insurance shall report its findings to the Joint Commission on Health Care and the Health Insurance Reform Commission by September 1, 2024."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Bureau of Insurance to seek clarity from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on two service provisions related to nutritional counseling and eating disorder services within Virginia's essential health benefits benchmark plan and report back its findings. This is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care.)

Item 484 #1c

Independent Agencies	FY24-25	FY25-26
Virginia Retirement System	\$70,000	\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 530, line 2, strike "\$23,111,353" and insert "\$23,181,353".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides the Virginia Retirement System \$70,000 from nongeneral funds pursuant to the passage of House Bill 1312 and House Bill 1401 which adds Department of Conservation and Recreation conservation officers and Department of Military Affairs firefighters into the VaLORS retirement system. The funding supports the administrative changes needed to effectuate the change. A companion amendment under Item 469 provides funding to support the additional benefit cost for the state employees.)

Item 484 #2c

Independent Agencies	Language
Virginia Retirement System	

Language:

Page 531, after line 21, insert:

"I. The Director of the Virginia Retirement System shall convene a workgroup including staff from the House Appropriations Committee, the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee,

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and the office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court to examine the impact the hybrid retirement system has had on judicial appointments. The review shall also include an analysis of the structure of other states' retirement benefits for judges, specifically looking at other states which provide a hybrid benefit, and options for modifying the current benefit structure for judges including an analysis of the project cost and impact on the unfunded liability of the potential changes. The workgroup shall provide a report to the General Assembly and Governor by December 1, 2024."

Explanation:

(This amendment establishes a workgroup to review the benefit structure of the Judicial Retirement System and its impact on judicial appointments.)

Item 489.10 #1c

Independent Agencies	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority	\$36,337,853 1699.00	\$34,266,173 1699.00	NGF FTE

Language:

Page 533, after line 1, insert:

"INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

§ 141.50 Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (999)

489.10 Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority	\$36,337,853	\$34,266,173
Fund Sources: Enterprise	\$35,637,853	\$33,566,173
Federal Trust	\$700,000	\$700,000 "

"Authority: § 4.1-100 through § 4.1-133, Code of Virginia.

A. No funds appropriated for this program shall be used for enforcement personnel to enforce local ordinances.

B. Revenues of the fund appropriated in this item and Item 381 of this act are limited to those received pursuant to Title 4, Code of Virginia, except taxes collected by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

C. By September 1 of each year, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board shall report for the prior fiscal year the dollar amount of total wine liter tax collections in Virginia; the portion, expressed in dollars, of such tax collections attributable to the sale of Virginia wine in both ABC stores and in private stores; and, the percentage of total wine liter tax collections attributable to the sale of Virginia wine. Such report shall be submitted to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, Director, Department of Planning and Budget and the Virginia Wine Board.

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D. Included in this appropriation for this item is \$839,752 the first year and \$839,752 the second year from the Enterprise Fund to be used to support civilian licensing technicians.

E. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000 the second year from the Enterprise Fund to support licensing agents in association with the Authority's licensing reform efforts.

F. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year from the Enterprise Fund to support enforcement activities related to the unlawful direct shipment into Virginia of alcoholic beverages by unlicensed businesses and fulfillment centers.

G. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 4-3.02 of this act, the State Comptroller may authorize an interest-free treasury loan for the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority to fund costs associated with the implementation of skill game oversight as enacted by the 2024 General Assembly of Virginia. The amount of the treasury loan may include costs as estimated to be incurred by the Department for the administration, regulation, enforcement, and oversight of skill game machines in accordance with legislation passed by the 2024 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 state costs associated with the administration and regulation of skill game machines. Intended repayment of the treasury loan is with revenues anticipated from fines, fees, and taxes collected pursuant to the legislation."

Explanation:

(This intent of this amendment is to transfer the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (ABC) from the Public Safety and Homeland Security Secretariat to Independent Agencies in the appropriation act. This amendment transfers ABC's program area related to crime detection and investigation, and a companion amendment transfers ABC's remaining program area related to alcoholic beverage merchandising. The amendment also increases ABC's nongeneral fund appropriation and authorizes a treasury loan to account for adoption of legislation. It is the intent that additional technical amendments to transfer the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority to Independent Agencies shall be included upon enrollment.)

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Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority

\$1,049,870,828

\$1,099,910,490 NGF

Language:

Page 533, after line 1, insert:

"INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

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§ 141.50 Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (999)

489.10 Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority	\$1,049,870,828	\$1,099,910,490
Fund Sources: Enterprise	\$1,049,870,828	\$1,099,910,490 "

"Authority: § 4.1-100 through § 4.1-133, Code of Virginia.

A. By December 15 of each year, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board shall submit a report to the Staff Directors of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, the Director, Department of Accounts, the Chief Information Officer of the Commonwealth, and the Auditor of Public Accounts regarding the status of financing, procuring and implementing the information technology systems necessary to sustain the Authority's business enterprise.

B. Funds appropriated for services related to state lottery operations shall be used solely for lottery ticket purchases and prize payouts.

C. The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board shall open additional stores in locations deemed to have the greatest potential for total increased sales in order to maximize profitability.

D. Notwithstanding § 4.1-120, Code of Virginia, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board may open certain government stores, as determined by the Board, for the sale of alcoholic beverages on New Year's Day and on Sundays after 10:00 a.m.

E. Consistent with the provisions of Chapters 730 and 38, 2015 Acts of Assembly, members of the Board shall receive annually such salary, compensation, and reimbursement of expenses for the performance of their official duties as set forth in the general appropriation act for members of the House of Delegates when the General Assembly is not in session, except that the Chair of the Board shall receive annually such salary, compensation, and reimbursement of expenses for the performance of his official duties as set forth in the general appropriation act for a member of the Senate of Virginia when the General Assembly is not in session.

F. Notwithstanding subsection A of § 2.2-221, Code of Virginia, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority is considered an independent agency of the Commonwealth."

Explanation:

(This intent of this amendment is to transfer the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (ABC) from the Public Safety and Homeland Security Secretariat to Independent Agencies in the appropriation act. This amendment transfers ABC's program area related to alcoholic beverage merchandising and a companion amendment transfers ABC's remaining program area related to crime detection and investigation. This action aligns with ABC's status as an independent authority, as established by § 4.1-101, Code of Virginia. It is the intent that additional technical amendments to transfer ABC to Independent Agencies shall be included upon enrollment.)

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Item 489.10 #3c

Independent Agencies	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Cannabis Control Authority	\$6,973,114	\$0	GF
	\$4,704,568	\$15,415,348	NGF
	104.00	105.00	FTE

Language:

Page 533, after line 1, insert:

"INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

§ 147.50 Cannabis Control Authority (977)

489.10 Cannabis Control Authority	\$11,677,682	\$15,415,348
Fund Sources:		
General	\$6,973,114	\$0
Enterprise	\$3,795,750	\$14,506,530
Debt Service	\$0	\$0
Dedicated Special Revenue	\$908,818	\$908,818 "

Authority: §§4.1-601 through 4.1-1503, Code of Virginia.

A. Out of the amounts appropriated in this item, \$6,973,114 the first year from the general fund and \$4,704,568 the first year from nongeneral funds and \$15,415,348 the second year from nongeneral funds is provided for the general operations of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority. Of this amount, the Cannabis Control Authority shall deposit \$1,000,000 the first year from the general fund into the Fund established pursuant to § 4.1-1501, Code of Virginia.

B. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, is authorized to transfer up to \$2,500,000 from any general fund balance originally appropriated in Item 479 U., Chapter 552, 2021 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I to the Cannabis Control Authority to cover one-time costs of a seed-to-sale tracking system.

C. Any balances remaining at the end of the fiscal year 2024 shall be available for reappropriation in fiscal year 2025.

D. The Board of Directors of the Cannabis Control Authority shall deposit into the Fund established pursuant to § 2.2-2499.8 of the Code of Virginia any net profit amounts designated for appropriation pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection B of § 4.1-614 of the Code of Virginia. The Department of Planning and Budget shall authorize the transfer necessary for such deposit

to such Fund."

Explanation:

(This amendment transfers the Cannabis Control Authority (CCA) program area to Independent Agencies in the appropriation act to align with its status as an independent authority, as established by § 4.1-601, Code of Virginia. In addition to transferring CCA's base appropriation, this amendment adjusts CCA's budget to account for expanded regulatory efforts and provides \$1.0 million GF the first year for low-interest loans. The amendment removes language related to pharmaceutical processors transitioning between locations that is no longer needed due to enacted legislation. It is the intent that additional technical amendments to transfer the Cannabis Control Authority to Independent Agencies shall be included upon enrollment.)

Item 489.10 #4c

Independent Agencies

Opioid Abatement Authority

Language

Language:

All appropriations and items of the Opioid Abatement Authority shall be transferred to Independent Agencies upon enrollment.

Explanation:

(This amendment provides that all appropriations and items provided for the Opioid Abatement Authority shall be transferred to Independent Agencies upon enrollment.)

Item C-0 #1c

General Conditions

General Conditions

Language

Language:

Page 542, strike lines 17-22 .

Explanation:

(This amendment removes the proposed duty delegated to the Six-Year Capital Outlay Plan Advisory Committee to recommend capital projects to be rescinded in the Appropriation Act.)

Item C-2 #1c

Administration

Department of General Services

Language

Language:

Page 543, strike lines 3 through 10.

Page 543, after line 2, insert:

"The capital project titled "New Construction/Renovation: Commonwealth Courts Building" (18537), originally authorized in Item C-1.30, Chapter 552, 2021 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I and amended by Item C-2, Chapter 1, 2023 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, is hereby amended to include, in the scope of the project, the demolition of both East and West Towers. The Department of General Services shall proceed with appropriated funds for planning. The Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Chief Judge and Associate Judges of the Court of Appeals of Virginia, and the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court, in consultation with the Director of the Department of General Services, shall reconsider the size of the Commonwealth Courts Building project and develop a plan to meet the future space needs of both courts. The plan and necessary scope changes shall be reviewed and approved by the Six-Year Capital Outlay Plan Advisory Committee."

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes a scope change to the new Commonwealth Courts Building to include the demolition of both the east and west towers of the Pocahontas Building. It further directs the Courts and DGS to develop a plan for the needed space to accommodate the courts today and in the future. The plan and necessary scope changes will be reviewed and approved by the Six-Year Capital Outlay Plan Advisory Committee.)

Item C-3 #1c

Administration

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of General Services

(\$50,000,000)

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 543, line 13, strike "\$50,000,000" and insert "\$0".

Page 543, strike lines 11 through 14.

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces \$50.0 million in the first year from the general fund proposed for a project to relocate tenants from the Monroe Building and demolish the building once vacated. Companion amendments (i) direct the Department of General Services (DGS) to continue planning on a new state employee facility, and (ii) provide additional maintenance reserve allocations to DGS to ensure the Monroe Building remains safely occupiable until plans are finalized to relocate its existing tenants.)

Administration

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of General Services

Language:

Page 543, after line 14, insert:

"C-3.50 New Construction: New State Agency Building

\$0

\$0

A. Notwithstanding the project scope set forth for project 194-18528 as originally authorized in Chapter 552, 2021 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, and as subsequently amended in Chapter 1, 2022 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, and Chapter 1, 2023 Acts of Assembly, Special Session, I, the scope of this project shall now be limited to: (i) the full demolition of the existing structure formerly serving at the Virginia Employment Commission Building, and any related site stabilization; and (ii) planning for a new state agency building as hereby set forth in paragraph B. of this item.

B. The Department of General Services (the Department) shall perform a study and make recommendations regarding the utilization of two currently owned state properties for potential development of a new state employee office building; such properties are (i) the site originally designated in project 194-18528 at the corner of 7th and Main Streets (former site of the Virginia Employment Commission), and (ii) the site of the current Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Annex Building, located at 1401 East Broad Street. Specifically, the Department shall provide a report by November 1, 2024, to the Chairs of the House Appropriations Committee and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees that includes a full evaluation of both properties and details and recommendations on: (i) timeline and cost estimates for options for a new state office building on either site, to include consideration of renovating and/or demolishing any existing structure and steps and timeline of any necessary property transfers, (ii) suggested total facility size and scope requirements as they comply with cited current general industry-acceptable space standards and with consideration to any specific space or operational needs of agencies occupying the Monroe Building and the conference space offered in the Monroe Building; (iii) consideration of the whether such new state agency facility requires adjacent additional parking for agency tenants; and (iv) timeline and cost estimates for necessary and critical upkeep to the Monroe Building to ensure ongoing tenant safety. The Department may utilize funds provided to capital project 194-18528 for the work directed in this item. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the properties in subsection (i) and (ii) shall not be sold, conveyed, or transferred unless authorized in an Appropriation Act.

C. With consideration to the study directed in paragraph B. of this item, no executive branch agency shall be relocated permanently from the Monroe Building unless otherwise authorized by the General Assembly.

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D. The Virginia Lottery shall not sign any lease for permanent relocation from their current location prior to July 1, 2025."

Explanation:

(This language amendment revises the scope of an existing capital project to build a new state agency facility to ensure (i) completion of demolition and site stabilization of an ongoing project in downtown Richmond, and (ii) continued progress on planning for a new state agency building at one of two sites currently owned by the state. In addition, language limits any relocation of the Virginia Lottery prior to July 1, 2025, in order to allow time for the 2025 General Assembly to consider the interim findings of the Joint Subcommittee to study the feasibility of establishing the Virginia Gaming Commission.)

Item C-4.50 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
Virginia Institute of Marine Science	\$6,737,768	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 543, after line 26, insert:

"§ 2-2.50 Virginia Institute of Marine Science

C-4.50 Improvements: Construct Marine Operations Administration Complex	\$6,737,768	\$0
Fund Sources: General	\$6,737,768	\$0 "

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$6.7 million the first year from the general fund for the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) to initiate planning and address issues related to the berthing slip.)

Item C-5 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
George Mason University	(\$4,000,000)	\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 543, line 28, strike "\$12,000,000" and insert "\$8,000,000".
 Page 543, strike "Address Deferred Maintenance", and insert:
 "Address Priority Facility Improvements."

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Explanation:

(This amendment adjusts nongeneral fund bond proceeds by \$4.0 million for a capital project at George Mason University to address priority facility improvements.)

Item C-7.10 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
James Madison University	\$3,937,982	\$0	GF
	\$3,937,982	\$0	NGF

Language:

Page 543, after line 37, insert:

"C-7.10 Planning: Expand College of Health and Behavioral Studies Building	\$7,875,964	\$0	
Fund Sources: General	\$3,937,982	\$0	
Higher Education Operating	\$3,937,982	\$0 "	

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.9 million from the general fund and \$3.9 million from the nongeneral fund the first year for James Madison University to plan for the expansion of the Health and Behavioral Studies Building. These funds will support a 5-story, 125,367 sq. ft. expansion to the current building.)

Item C-8 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Norfolk State University	\$14,064,327	\$0	GF
	(\$14,064,327)	\$0	NGF

Language:

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$14.1 million in general fund the first year in place of \$14.1 million in bond proceeds for campus infrastructure improvements at Norfolk State University.)

Item C-8.50 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
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Page 544, after line 11, insert:

"C-9.10 Planning: Construct Engineering and Arts Building	\$12,000,000	\$0
Fund Sources: General	\$9,000,000	\$0
Higher Education Operating	\$3,000,000	\$0 "

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes planning for construction of an Engineering and Arts Building at Old Dominion University.)

Item C-10 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
Radford University	(\$8,000,000)	\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 544, line 16, strike "\$8,000,000" and insert "\$0".

Page 544, strike lines 15 through 19 and insert "Omitted."

Explanation:

(This amendment defers an umbrella maintenance reserve project with tax-supported bonds at Radford University. A companion amendment increases the central maintenance reserve allocations.)

Item C-11 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
University of Mary Washington	\$12,000,000	\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 544, line 22, strike "\$5,500,000" and insert "\$17,500,000".

Page 544, line 21, strike "Address Deferred Maintenance" and insert: "Address Critical Life/Safety".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$12 million the first year for a total of \$17.5 million in tax-supported bond proceeds (Virginia College Building Authority) to address critical life and safety projects at the University of Mary Washington.)

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Item C-12 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
University of Virginia	(\$12,000,000)	\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 544, line 28, strike "\$12,000,000" and insert "\$0".
 Page 544, strike lines 27 through 31 and insert "Omitted."

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces \$12.0 million the first year in Virginia College Building Authority (VCBA) bond proceeds for a proposed project to address deferred maintenance at the University of Virginia.)

Item C-12.10 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
University of Virginia	\$15,300,000	\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 544, after line 29, insert:

"C-12.10 Planning: Construct Center for the Arts (18602)	\$15,300,000	\$0
Fund Sources: Higher Education Operating	\$15,300,000	\$0 "

Explanation:

(This amendment provides planning authorization of \$15.3 million from the nongeneral fund the first year for the construction of a new Center for the Arts at the University of Virginia that will house performing arts, the University's museums, and the academic music department.)

Item C-13 #1c

Education: Higher Education	FY24-25	FY25-26
University of Virginia's College at Wise	(\$1,500,000)	\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 544, line 34, strike "\$1,500,000" and insert "\$0".
 Page 544, strike lines 33 through 37 and insert "Omitted."

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Explanation:

(This amendment defers an umbrella maintenance reserve project with tax-supported bonds at UVA-Wise. A companion amendment increases the central maintenance reserve allocations.)

Item C-14 #1c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Commonwealth University

\$5,200,000
(\$5,200,000)

\$0 GF
\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 545, strike lines 4 through 14 and insert:

“A. Out of this appropriation, \$5,200,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for Virginia Commonwealth University for detailed planning for construction of a replacement facility for the School of Dentistry at the site of the Larrick Student Center.

B. Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority shall pursue to terminate payments to be made by the Authority to the City of Richmond under the terms of a Multi-Party Agreement dated July 15, 2021. No later than October 1, 2024, the Authority shall provide a report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate and Finance Appropriations Committees as to the feasibility and/or the status of the termination of such agreement.”

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$5.2 million the first year in general fund to supplant \$5.2 million in nongeneral fund appropriation proposed for this project in the introduced budget.)

Item C-15 #1c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Commonwealth University

(\$12,000,000)

\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 545, line 18, strike "\$12,000,000" and insert "\$0".

Page 545, strike lines 17 through 22 and insert "Omitted."

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces \$12.0 million the first year in Virginia College Building Authority (VCBA) bond proceeds for a proposed project to address deferred maintenance at Virginia Commonwealth University.)

Item C-16 #1c

Education: Higher Education

Virginia Community College System

Language

Language:

Page 545, line 24, strike "Improvements: Address Deferred Maintenance" and insert: "Improvements: Systemwide Small Renovations".

Page 545, after line 26, insert:

"A. Out of this appropriation, the Virginia Community College System may utilize up to \$24,000,000 to repurpose existing property to enhance the learning environment and increase capacity for workforce development programming."

Explanation:

(This language amendment authorizes the Virginia Community College System to utilize \$24.0 million in bond proceeds for the systemwide small renovations of existing space at its statewide campus facilities for workforce development programs.)

Item C-21 #1c

Education: Higher Education

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia State University

\$15,000,000
(\$12,000,000)

\$0 GF
\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 546, line 6, strike "\$12,000,000" and insert "\$15,000,000".

Page 546, strike lines 8 through 11 and insert:

"Out of this appropriation, \$15,000,000 the first year is provided to make improvements to the campus's South entrance and to make campus security and safety improvements including the acquisition and demolition of property, and sidewalk and fencing improvements."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$15.0 million the first year from the general fund in support of a capital project to enhance campus security at Virginia State University.)

Item C-22.20 #1c

Education: Other

FY24-25

FY25-26

Gunston Hall

\$5,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

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Page 546, after line 20, insert:

"§2-14.10 Gunston Hall (417)

C-22.20 New Construction: Construction of New Archaeology and Maintenance Facilities (18546)	\$5,000,000	\$0
Fund Sources:		
General	\$5,000,000	\$0
VPBA Bonds	\$0	\$0 "

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$5.0 million from the general fund the first year to construct a new Archaeology Center and Maintenance Facility at Gunston Hall.)

Item C-24 #1c

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	(\$15,000,000)	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 546, line 36, strike "\$35,000,000" and insert "\$20,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces general fund by \$15.0 million for a capital project at the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for a project to make critical upgrades at statewide facilities.)

Item C-25 #1c

Natural and Historic Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation Language

Language:

Page 547, line 26, strike "a new park Culpeper" and insert:

"Culpeper Battlefields."

Page 547, strike line 27.

Explanation:

(This amendment modifies state park land acquisition language.)

Item C-26 #1c

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Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$18,291,050	\$16,100,000	NGF

Language:

Page 547, line 29, strike "\$0" and insert "\$18,291,050".
 Page 547, line 29, strike "\$0" and insert "\$16,100,000".
 Page 547, strike lines 30 through 36.

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$18.3 million in the first year and \$16.1 million in the second year in nongeneral fund appropriation for the acquisition of land for natural area preserves (NAPs). Anticipated revenues to support the nongeneral fund appropriation would come from Virginia Land Conservation Foundation grants. This amendment also strikes existing language that places specifications on the location and nature of acquisitions that can be done with regard to NAPs. A companion amendment to the operating budget for the Department of Conservation and Recreation also amends stipulations surrounding the acquisition of land for NAPs.)

Item C-27 #1c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$3,000,000 (\$3,000,000)	\$0 \$0	GF NGF

Language:

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.0 million the first year from the general fund to supplant the proposed \$3.0 million in nongeneral fund bond proceeds the first year for the replacement of underground storage tanks.)

Item C-28 #1c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	(\$1,600,000)	\$0	NGF

Language:

Page 547, line 41, strike "\$1,600,000" and insert "\$0".
 Page 547, strike lines 40 through 42 and insert "Omitted."

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Explanation:

(This amendment defers \$1.6 million the first year in proposed bond proceeds from the Virginia Public Building Authority for a project to address climate control in state park yurts.)

Item C-29 #1c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$750,000 (\$3,500,000)	\$0 GF \$0 NGF

Language:

Page 547, line 44, strike "\$3,500,000" and insert "\$750,000".

Page 547, after line 44, insert:

"It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Buffalo Mountain Natural Area Preserve shall not become a state park."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$750,000 the first year from the general fund and removes \$3.5 million in bond proceeds in the first year to reflect the actual cost of a land acquisition to protect and expand Buffalo Mountain Natural Area Preserve.)

Item C-29.10 #1c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$4,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 547, after line 45, insert:

"C-29.10 Improvements: Natural Tunnel State Park Renovations	\$4,000,000	\$0
Fund Sources: General	\$4,000,000	\$0 "

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$4.0 million from the general fund the first year for repairs and renovations to the swimming pool at Natural Tunnel State Park.)

Item C-29.20 #1c

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Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$10,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 547, after line 45, insert:

"C-29.20 New Construction: Construct new facilities and trails at Widewater State Park	\$10,000,000	\$0
Fund Sources: General	\$10,000,000	\$0 "

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$10.0 million from the general fund the first year to fund completion of Phase II of Widewater State Park construction including roads, trails, picnic areas, parking, sewer, stormwater, electricity, water treatment, campsites, cabins, bathhouses, and a canoe launch.)

Item C-30.10 #1c

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Wildlife Resources	\$3,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 548, after line 7, insert:

"C-30.10 Improvements: Repair and Upgrade Lake Shenandoah Dam	\$3,000,000	\$0
Fund Sources: General	\$3,000,000	\$0 "

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.0 million from the general fund the first year to the Department of Wildlife Resources to repair and upgrade the dam at Lake Shenandoah in Rockingham County.)

Item C-32 #1c

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Corrections	(\$7,330,720)	\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 548, line 29, strike "\$15,000,000" and insert "\$7,669,280".

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Page 548, line 31, before "The appropriation", insert "A."

Page 548, after line 37, insert:

"B. The Department shall provide a report detailing the intended disposition and/or alternate use of the following facilities slated for closure: Sussex II State Prison, Augusta Correctional Center, Haynesville Field Unit, and Stafford Community Corrections Alternative Program. Any plans to retain facility ownership shall detail costs to maintain the property in habitable condition and, if applicable, costs to renovate or repurpose, and specific repurpose intentions. Alternately, such report shall also provide details on timeline and cost estimates to demolish, sell, or otherwise dispose of any of these facilities. The report shall be submitted to the Chairs of the House Appropriations Committee and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee no later than November 1, 2024.

C. Out of this appropriation, \$7,669,280 the first year in bond proceeds is for the Department of Corrections to provide air conditioning for the restrictive housing unit at Greenville Correctional Center."

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces nongeneral fund by \$7.3 million the first year and specifies that the remaining \$7.7 million is for use to make HVAC improvements to the restrictive housing unit at Greenville Correctional Center. The amendment also directs DOC to provide a report on the estimated costs and timeline for the re-usage and/or disposal of four properties slated for closure.)

	Item C-36 #1c	
Transportation	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Transportation	(\$94,840)	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 549, line 12, strike "\$35,094,840" and insert "\$35,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$94,840 the first year in general fund support proposed for capital outlay allocation to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). The budget includes \$70.0 million in nongeneral fund appropriation for VDOT to use Commonwealth Transportation Fund resources to address facility needs.)

	Item C-41 #1c	
Veterans and Defense Affairs	FY24-25	FY25-26

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Department of Military Affairs	\$3,000,000	\$0	GF
	(\$3,000,000)	\$0	NGF

Language:

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.0 million the first year from the general fund in place of \$3.0 million in bond proceeds in the first year for the Department of Military Affairs for projects to improve Readiness Centers.)

Item C-44 #1c

Veterans and Defense Affairs	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Military Affairs	(\$30,000,000)	\$0	NGF

Language:

Page 550, line 14, strike "\$30,000,000" and insert "\$0".
 Page 550, strike lines 12 through 31 and insert "Omitted."

Explanation:

(This amendment defers construction of an Indoor Small Arms Firing Range and Military-Owned Vehicle Parking Lot at the State Military Reservation.)

Item C-46 #1c

Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Central Capital Outlay	(\$200,000,000)	\$260,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 551, line 6, strike "\$404,000,000" and insert "\$204,000,000".
 Page 551, line 6, strike "\$0" and insert "\$260,000,000".
 Page 551, line 8, strike "\$404,000,000" and insert "\$204,000,000".
 Page 551, line 8, after "the first year", insert:
 "and \$260,000,000 the second year".
 Page 551, strike lines 10 through 51 and insert:

"Agency Name/Code	Project Code	FY 2025	FY 2026
Department of Military Affairs (123)	10893	\$2,869,016	\$3,729,720
The Science Museum of Virginia (146)	13634	\$1,321,302	\$1,717,692

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Department of State Police (156)	10886	\$425,036	\$552,547
Department of General Services (194)	14260	\$15,407,765	\$14,830,094
Department of General Services (194) on behalf of the Fort Monroe Authority	18644	\$4,312,942	\$5,606,824
Department of Conservation and Recreation (199)	16646	\$4,244,067	\$5,517,286
The Library of Virginia (202)	17423	\$250,000	\$250,000
Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center (203)	10885	\$536,068	\$696,888
The College of William and Mary (204)	12713	\$4,677,332	\$6,080,531
University of Virginia (207)	12704	\$14,854,042	\$19,310,254
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (208)	12707	\$18,885,458	\$24,551,095
Virginia Military Institute (211)	12732	\$2,919,609	\$3,795,492
Virginia State University (212)	12733	\$3,824,421	\$4,971,747
Norfolk State University (213)	12724	\$2,994,736	\$3,893,157
Longwood University (214)	12722	\$2,442,242	\$2,134,914
University of Mary Washington (215)	12723	\$7,627,044	\$2,765,157
James Madison University (216)	12718	\$5,012,314	\$6,516,008
Radford University (217)	12731	\$6,223,402	\$2,890,423
Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind (218)	14082	\$983,159	\$1,278,106
Old Dominion University (221)	12710	\$4,941,699	\$6,424,209
Virginia Commonwealth University (236)	12708	\$15,974,436	\$20,766,767
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (238)	13633	\$3,300,000	\$2,184,767
Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia (239)	15045	\$250,000	\$304,787
Richard Bland College (241)	12716	\$400,547	\$520,711
Christopher Newport University (242)	12719	\$2,701,851	\$3,512,406

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University of Virginia's College at Wise (246)	12706	\$2,061,186	\$729,541
George Mason University (247)	12712	\$4,166,436	\$5,416,367
Virginia Community College System (260)	12611	\$25,438,135	\$33,069,575
Virginia Institute of Marine Science (268)	12331	\$786,767	\$1,022,796
Eastern Virginia Medical School (274)	18190	\$2,180,212	\$2,834,276
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (301)	12253	\$368,106	\$478,537
Department of Energy (409)	13096	\$250,000	\$250,000
Department of Forestry (411)	13986	\$1,933,163	\$2,513,111
Gunston Hall (417)	12382	\$250,000	\$250,000
Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation (425)	13605	\$1,528,753	\$1,987,379
Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (702)	13942	\$320,107	\$416,138
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (720)	10880	\$8,101,746	\$10,532,270
Department of Juvenile Justice (777)	15081	\$1,728,579	\$2,247,152
Department of Forensic Science (778)	16320	\$790,370	\$1,027,481
Department of Corrections (799)	10887	\$25,129,568	\$50,440,854
Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (885)	18044	\$250,000	\$250,000
Department of Veterans Services (912)	17073	\$250,000	\$250,000
Roanoke Higher Education Authority (935)	17916	\$288,384	\$374,899
Southern Virginia Higher Education Center (937)	18131	\$250,000	\$250,000
New College Institute (938)	18132	\$0	\$250,000
Virginia Museum of Natural History (942)	14439	\$300,000	\$300,000
Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center (948)	16499	\$250,000	\$308,042
Total		\$204,000,000	\$260,000,000".

Page 552, strike lines 1 through 46.

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Page 553, line 10, strike "D.1." and insert "D".

Page 553, strike lines 18 through 20.

Page 553, line 39, after "J.", insert "1."

Page 553, after line 42, insert:

"2. Gunston Hall may use an amount not to exceed 20 percent of its annual maintenance reserve allocation from this Item for any maintenance project associated with the preservation and care of historic resources, including the National Historic Landmark, Gunston Hall."

Page 554, after line 13, insert:

"O. The University of Mary Washington is authorized to use maintenance reserve funding as needed to supplement efforts to address critical life/safety deficiencies in Farmer Hall, Simpson Library, and Monroe Hall.

P. Out of this appropriation, the Department of General Services is authorized to use funds as needed to address critical facility needs in the Monroe Building to ensure tenant safety."

Explanation:

(This amendment shifts \$200.0 million in general fund appropriation from the first year to the second year and increases the second year total by another \$60.0 million in general fund to enhance budget continuity. The amendment also repurposes \$4.0 million the first year from the general fund proposed for the renovation of the newly-opened parking deck at 9th and Broad Streets for use by the Department of General Services to address critical facility needs at the Monroe Building.)

Item C-47 #1c

Central Appropriations

FY24-25

FY25-26

Central Capital Outlay

\$4,716,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 554, line 15, strike "\$81,341,000" and insert "\$86,057,000".

Page 554, line 17, strike "\$81,341,000", and insert "\$86,057,000".

Page 554, after line 35:

"242 Christopher Newport University Integrated Science Center Phase III (18496)".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$4.7 million in the first year from the general fund to right-size funding in the equipment pool for furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E) for projects currently under construction and nearing completion. The amendment also adds to the pool the Integrated Science Center Phase III project at Christopher Newport University.)

Item C-48 #1c

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Central Appropriations

FY24-25

FY25-26

Central Capital Outlay

(\$15,714,543)

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 554, line 52, strike "\$26,623,000" and insert "\$10,908,457".

Page 555, line 2, strike "\$24,000,000" and insert "\$8,285,457".

Page 555, line 3, strike "\$2,623,000" and insert "\$1,691,000".

Page 555, line 5, after "projects.", strike remainder of line.

Page 555, strike line 6.

Page 55, strike lines 12 and 13.

Page 555, strike lines 14 through 19 and insert:

"C. Out of this appropriation, \$8,285,457 the first year from the general fund shall be used to support the below projects hereby authorized for planning; the general funds authorized per this paragraph shall not be deposited into the Central Capital Planning Fund (0965):

208	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Renovate Derring Hall
212	Virginia State University	Renovate Virginia Hall
216	James Madison University	Renovate Johnston Hall
229	Virginia Cooperative Extension and Agricultural Experiment Station	Agricultural Research and Extension Center Improvements- Eastern Shore
246	University of Virginia's College at Wise	Renovate Darden Hall

D. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the Science Museum of Virginia to conduct pre-planning on a project to refurbish and reallocate the interior space of its main location in Richmond, Virginia.

E. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for George Mason University to conduct pre-planning on a project for a Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Building.

F. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the Virginia Community College System to conduct pre-planning on a project to replace Buchanan and Tazewell Halls at Southwest Virginia Community College."

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces general fund appropriation in the first year by \$15.7 million and provides for the specific projects authorized to initiate capital outlay planning.)

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Item C-49 #1c

Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Central Capital Outlay	\$30,000,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 555, line 38, strike "\$250,000,000" and insert "\$280,000,000".

Page 555, line 40, strike "\$250,000,000" and insert "\$280,000,000".

Page 556, after line 16, insert:

"5. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph C.3. of this item, \$1,000,000 out of this appropriation the first year from the general fund shall be provided as a supplement for project 509-18504, Accomack Airport Regional Hangar."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$30.0 million the first year from the general fund to combine with \$250.0 million in the introduced budget for a total deposit to the capital outlay supplement pool of \$280.0 million. When combined with \$550.0 million in recent prior deposits to the pool, this amendment would amount to a total of \$830.0 million to address cost overruns for previously authorized projects.)

Item C-50 #1c

Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Central Capital Outlay	\$195,542,084 (\$5,532,793)	\$0 \$0	GF NGF

Language:

Page 556, line 31, strike "\$80,082,985" and insert "\$270,092,276".

Page 556, line 50, strike "\$70,527,745" and insert "\$64,994,952".

Page 556, line 51, after "Authority", insert:

", \$195,542,084 the first year from the general fund,".

Page 557, strike lines 4 through 19 and insert:

"Agency Code	Agency Title	Project Title
204	The College of William and Mary in Virginia	Renovate Historic Campus (18678)
204	The College of William and Mary in Virginia	Improve James Monroe's Highland

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211	Virginia Military Institute	Replace Windows in Old and New Barracks (18604)
213	Norfolk State University	Renovate/Replace Fine Arts Building (18543)
214	Longwood University	Replace Steam Distribution Systems to Four Campus Buildings
216	James Madison University	Improve East Campus Infrastructure Phase 3 (18738)
229	Virginia Cooperative Extension and Agricultural Experiment Station	Improve Center Woods Complex (18699)
234	Cooperative Extension and Agricultural Research Services	Renovate Summerseat for Urban Agriculture Center (18545)
241	Richard Bland College	Replace HVAC System for Statesman Hall
242	Christopher Newport University	Replaced Integrated Science Center Fume Hoods and Pressurization Valves and Controls
242	Christopher Newport University	Replace Plant Operations and Warehouse Building (18704)"

Page 557, after line 19, insert:

"C. Out of this appropriation, \$2,062,000 from the general fund the first year is provided for the Virginia Military Institute to proceed through working drawings for project 211-18665, Construct Moody Hall. The agency is authorized to utilize nongeneral fund resources for any additional costs as needed to complete working drawings for this project.

D. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall transfer to this item general fund in an amount not to exceed \$47,500,000 from the balances of project 949-18587 (2022 State Agency Capital Account). The monies from this transfer shall be utilized to support construction costs for this project authorized for general fund by this item."

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$195.5 million general fund and adjusts nongeneral fund appropriation downward by \$5.5 million in the first year, as well as authorizes the transfer of \$47.5 million in unutilized general fund balances from a prior capital outlay pool, all to support construction funding authorized by this item. The amendment also sets-out priority projects at public institutions of higher education in Virginia that are authorized to proceed to construction. The projects authorized by this amendment are either previously-approved for planning and ready to proceed to construction, or address targeted, short-term critical deferred maintenance needs.)

Item C-51 #1c

Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26
Central Capital Outlay	\$8,555,135 (\$19,642,754)	\$0 GF \$0 NGF

Language:

Page 557, line 20, strike "\$42,910,836" and insert "\$31,823,217".

Page 557, line 25, strike "\$42,910,836" and insert "\$23,268,082".

Page 557, line 35, after "appropriated", insert:

"\$8,555,135 the first year from the general fund".

Page 557, line 35, strike "\$42,910,836" and insert "\$23,268,082".

Page 557, after line 40, insert:

"423 Department of Historic Resources Construct Clermont Farm Barn Replacement (18642)".

Page 557, after line 45, insert:

"425 Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation Renovate the Susan Constant".

Page 558, after line 7, insert:

D. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall transfer to this item the remaining balance of Virginia Public Building Authority bond proceed authorization from project 995-18495, originally authorized in Item C-72 of Chapter 1289, 2020 Acts of Assembly and subsequently amended in Chapter 552, 2021 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$8.6 million the first year from the general fund, and reduces nongeneral fund bond proceeds by \$19.6 million, largely due to a redirection of excess bond proceeds from a previous project to this item. This amendment also modifies the list of qualified state agency projects for which construction authorization is provided.)

Item C-52 #1c

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Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26
Central Capital Outlay	(\$50,000,000)	\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 558, line 8, strike "\$50,000,000" and insert "\$0".

Page 558, strike lines 10 through 23, and insert:

"A. The authorized scope for project 156-18541, Virginia State Police Training Academy, originally authorized in Item C-72 of Chapter 2, 2022 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, is hereby amended to planning at a cost not to exceed \$2,500,000. Planning shall include options regarding (i) the total size, scope, and cost of the project, and (ii) feasible usage of the proposed training facility by other state and local law enforcement entities, and must be presented to the Six-Year Capital Outlay Plan Advisory Committee for consideration and approval.

B. All language provisions set forth in preceding legislation related to project 194-18516 are hereby continued in their entirety."

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces nongeneral fund bond proceeds by \$50.0 million in the first year and provides language regarding previously authorized projects.)

Item C-53.50 #1c

Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26
Central Capital Outlay	\$200,000,000	\$0 GF
	\$0	\$200,000,000 NGF

Language:

Page 558, after line 34, insert:

"C-53.50 Improvements: Wastewater Treatments Upgrades	\$200,000,000	\$200,000,000
Fund Sources:		
Bond Proceeds	\$0	\$200,000,000
General	\$200,000,000	\$0 "

A.1. Out of this appropriation, \$200,000,000 the first year from the general fund and \$200,000,000 the second year from nongeneral fund bond proceeds are authorized for transfer to the Department of Environmental Quality to make matching grants for Water Quality Improvement Fund eligible wastewater projects for Chesapeake Bay nutrient reductions authorized under Code of Virginia §§ [10.1-1186.01.F.](#), [10.1-2131.C.](#), and 62.1- 44.19:14.G.1.

2. The Virginia Public Building Authority pursuant to § [2.2-2260](#) et seq., Code of Virginia, is hereby authorized to issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$200,000,000 the second year plus amounts needed to fund issuance costs, reserve funds, original issue discount, interest

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prior to and during the acquisition or construction and for one year after completion thereof, and other financing expenses, in accordance with § 2.2-2263, Code of Virginia, to be provided to the Department of Environmental Quality to make matching grants for Water Quality Improvement Fund eligible wastewater projects for Chesapeake Bay nutrient reduction authorized under Code of Virginia §§ 10.1-1186.01.F., 10.1-2131.C., and 62.1-44.19:14.G.1.

3. Debt service on the bonds issued under the authorization in this item shall be provided from appropriations to the Treasury Board."

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes \$200.0 million the first year from the general fund and \$200.0 million the second year in bond proceeds for expenses related to wastewater projects for Chesapeake Bay nutrient reduction. The bonds authorized in the second year, to be issued by the Virginia Public Building Authority (VPBA), would be repaid by future appropriations made to fund debt service payments.)

Item C-56 #1c

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Central Capital Outlay

Language

Language:

Page 560, line 22, strike "\$50,440,860" and insert "\$32,010,140".

Page 560, strike lines 31 through 55 and insert:

"Agency Name/Project Title	Project Code	Item	VPBA Bonds
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (720)	Improve Safety and Security at Eastern State	18680	C-23
\$24,340,860	Department of Corrections (799)	DOC Capital Infrastructure Fund	18480
C-32	\$7,669,280	Total VPBA Bonds	

Page 561, strike lines 1 through 3.

Explanation:

(This technical amendment adjusts authorization for Virginia Public Building Authority (VPBA) bonds in support of projects authorized by companion amendments.)

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Central Capital Outlay

Language

Language:

Page 561, strike "\$121,064,327" and insert "\$65,000,000".

Page 561, strike lines 16 through 52, and insert:

"Agency Name	Project Code	Item	VCBA Bonds
George Mason University (247)			
Address Priority	18720	C-5	\$8,000,000
Facility Improvements			
Old Dominion University (221)			
Campus Infrastructure	18670	C-9	\$8,000,000
Repair- Phase I			
University of Mary Washington (215)			
Address Critical	18725	C-11	\$17,500,000
Life/Safety			
Virginia Community College System (260)			
Systemwide Small	18721	C-16	\$24,000,000
Renovations			
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (208)			
Improve Campus	18723	C-19	\$8,000,000
Accessibility			
Total VCBA Bonds			\$65,500,000

Page 562, strike lines 1 through 13.

Explanation:

(This technical amendment adjusts authorization for Virginia College Building Authority (VCBA) bonds in support of projects authorized by companion amendments.)

Transfers

Interfund Transfers

Language

Language:

Page 571, after line 9, insert:

"PP. On or before June 30 the first year, the State Comptroller shall transfer \$30,000,000 from the Dominion Energy Offshore Wind Easement Fund at the Department of Military Affairs to the general fund."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Comptroller to transfer \$30.0 million from the Dominion Energy Offshore Wind Easement Fund at the Department of Military Affairs to the general fund.)

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Transfers

Interfund Transfers

Language

Language:

Page 568, line 7, strike the first "\$852,926,201" and insert "\$877,926,201".

Page 568, line 10, strike the first "\$852,926,201" and insert "\$877,926,201".

Explanation:

(This amendment adjusts fiscal year 2025 Lottery Proceeds for estimated fiscal year 2024 residual profits.)

Item 3-1.01 #3c

Transfers

Interfund Transfers

Language

Language:

Page 571, after line 11, insert:

"QQ. The State Comptroller shall transfer to the general fund the revenue deposited to the PreK-12 Priority Fund. The Comptroller shall take all actions necessary to effect such transfers monthly, no later than 10 days following the deposit to the Fund. The amounts transferred shall be used to support the distributions to localities in Direct Aid to Public Education of this act."

Explanation:

(This amendment transfers revenue deposited to the PreK-12 Priority Fund to the general fund

for the purpose of funding public education initiatives that support student needs.)

Item 3-1.01 #4c

Transfers

Interfund Transfers

Language

Language:

Page 568, after line 48, insert:

"3. Notwithstanding any provision of law or J.1. or J.2. of this item, the State Comptroller shall transfer to the general fund \$405,044,432 the first year and \$400,000,000 the second year from the Revenue Reserve Fund. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection E of § 2.2-1829 and subsection F of § 2.2-1831.3, Code of Virginia, the combined amount in the Revenue Stabilization Fund and the Revenue Reserve Fund shall not exceed 16.5 percent the first year and 15.5 percent the second year of the Commonwealth's average annual tax revenues derived from taxes on income and retail sales, as certified by the Auditor of Public Accounts for the three fiscal years immediately preceding."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the transfer of \$405.0 million the first year and \$400.0 million the second year from the Revenue Reserve Fund to the general fund. It also increases the combined balance limit from 15 percent established in the Code of Virginia to 16.5 percent in fiscal year 2025 and 15.5 percent in fiscal year 2026.)

Item 3-2.03 #1c

Working Capital Funds and Lines of Credit

Lines of Credit

Language

Language:

Page 573, line 30, after "unemployment." insert:

"For the purposes of this paragraph, significant increases in unemployment shall mean the unemployment rate is five percent or higher and is one-hundred and twenty percent of the average unemployment rate for the same 13-week period in the two previous years."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds a definition for a significant increase in unemployment to determine the standard by which the Virginia Employment Commission can access a \$30 million line of credit. This is consistent with the U.S. Department of Labor's standard for accessing extended unemployment benefits.)

Item 3-2.03 #2c

Working Capital Funds and Lines of Credit

Lines of Credit

Language

Language:

Page 572, strike lines 36 and 37.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes an authorization for an additional line of credit proposed in the introduced budget.)

Item 3-5.03 #1c

Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections

Implementation of Chapter 3, Acts of Assembly of 2004, Special Session I

Language

Language:

Page 574, line 13, strike "590,700,000" and insert "608,200,000".
Page 574, line 13, strike "648,900,000" and insert "692,500,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment increases the K-12 sales tax transfer for appropriation in Direct Aid from the sale tax base expansion in Part 4.)

Item 3-5.06 #1c

Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections

Discounts and Allowances

Language

Language:

Page 574, line 24, strike "and ending with".
Page 574, line 25, strike "the return for December 2024, due January 2025,".
Page 574, strike lines 33 through 41.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates the proposal in the introduced budget to double the dealer discount.)

Item 3-5.13 #1c

Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections

Sunset Dates for Income Tax Credits and Sales and Use Tax Exemptions

Language

Language:

Page 576, line 13, after "Assembly," insert:

"to the Virginia housing opportunity tax credit under Article 13.4 (§ 58.1-439.29 et seq.) of Chapter 3 of Title 58.1 of the Code of Virginia,".

Explanation:

(This amendment ensures the Virginia Housing Opportunity Tax Credit will expire at the end of 2025, consistent with the provisions in the Code of Virginia establishing the program.)

Item 3-5.13 #2c

Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections

Sunset Dates for Income Tax Credits and Sales and Use Tax Exemptions

Language

Language:

Page 576, line 9, strike "2025" and insert "2030".

Page 576, line 10, strike "2024" and insert "2029".

Page 576, line 11, strike "2025" and insert "2030".

Explanation:

(This amendment modifies the sunset date for tax credits and sales and use tax exemptions to have an expiration date of no later than 2030.)

Item 3-5.17 #1c

Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections

Historic Preservation Tax Credit

Language

Language:

Page 578, line 47, insert "A."

Page 578, line 47, after "2017," insert: ", but before January 1, 2025,".

Page 578, after line 49, insert:

"B. Notwithstanding § [58.1-339.2](#) or any other provision of law, effective for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2025, the amount of the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit

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that may be claimed by each taxpayer, including amounts carried over from prior taxable years, shall not exceed \$7.5 million for any taxable year."

Explanation:

(This amendment conforms budget language to the provisions of House Bill 960 and Senate Bill 556 of the 2024 General Assembly, which proposes to increase the individual tax payer cap for the the Historic Preservation Tax Credit program from \$5.0 million to \$7.5 million.)

Item 3-5.19 #1c

Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections

Cigarette Tax, Tobacco Products Tax and Tax on Liquid Nicotine

Language

Language:

Page 579, strike lines 17 through 27, and insert:

"A. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law except as provided in subdivision 2, the cigarette tax imposed under subsection A1 of § 58.1-1001 of the Code of Virginia shall be 3.0 cents on each cigarette sold, stored or received on and after July 1, 2020.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the excise tax imposed under subsection A2 of § 58.1-1001 of the Code of Virginia shall be 2.25 cents per stick on each cigarette intended to be heated, as defined in § 58.1-1000 of the Code of Virginia, sold, stored or received on and after July 1, 2024. No cigarettes intended to be heated shall be certified in accordance with § 3.2-4205 of the Code of Virginia until the Department of Taxation has developed a stamp for purposes of the tax levied on cigarettes intended to be heated.

B. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the rates of the tobacco products tax imposed under § 58.1-1021.02 of the Code of Virginia in effect on June 30, 2020 shall be doubled beginning July 1, 2020 for taxable sales or purchases occurring on and after such date.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the tobacco products tax imposed under § 58.1-1021.02 of the Code of Virginia shall be imposed on any heated tobacco product at the rate of 2.25 cents per stick beginning January 1, 2021 for taxable sales or purchases occurring on and after such date, until July 1, 2024 for taxable sales or purchases occurring before such date.

C. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the tobacco products tax imposed under § 58.1-1021.02 of the Code of Virginia shall be imposed on liquid nicotine, as defined in § 58.1-1021.01 of the Code of Virginia, at the rate of \$0.066 per milliliter beginning July 1, 2020 for taxable sales or purchases occurring on and after such date, until July 1, 2024 for taxable sales occurring before such date.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the tobacco products tax imposed under § [58.1-1021.02](#) of the Code of Virginia shall be imposed on liquid nicotine, as defined in § 58.1-1021.01 of the Code of Virginia, at the rate of \$0.11 per milliliter beginning July 1, 2024 for

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taxable sales or purchases occurring on and after such date."

D. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the tobacco products tax imposed under § 58.1-1021.02 of the Code of Virginia shall be imposed on any heated tobacco product, as defined in § 58.1-1021.01 of the Code of Virginia, at the rate of 20 percent of the wholesale price beginning July 1, 2024, for taxable sales or purchases occurring on and after such date."

Explanation:

(This amendment increases the tax on liquid nicotine from \$0.066 per milliliter to \$0.11 per milliliter effective July 1, 2024. This generates \$10.9 million in fiscal year 2025 and \$13.1 million in fiscal year 2026 in revenue to the Health Care Fund, which offsets general fund spending for the state's Medicaid match. Additionally, this amendment modifies the definition and tax on heated cigarettes consistent with House Bill 1099, 2024 Session.)

Item 3-5.22 #1c

Transfers

Land Preservation Tax Credit Claimed

Language

Language:

Page 580, after line 1, insert:

"§ 3-5.22 LAND PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT CLAIMED

A. Notwithstanding § 58.1-512 or any other provision of law, effective for the taxable year beginning on and after January 1, 2017, but before January 1, 2023, the amount of the Land Preservation Tax credit that may be claimed by each taxpayer, including amounts carried over from prior taxable years, shall not exceed \$20,000.

B. Notwithstanding § 58.1-512 or any other provision of law, effective for the taxable year beginning on and after January 1, 2024, the amount of the Land Preservation Tax Credit that may be claimed by each taxpayer, including amounts carried over from prior taxable years, shall not exceed \$20,000."

Explanation:

(This amendment restores language removed in House Bill 30, as introduced, that limits the amount of Land Preservation Tax Credit that may be claimed by an individual in a taxable year to \$20,000.)

Item 3-5.22 #2c

Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections

Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections

Language

Language:

Page 580, after line 1, insert:

"§3-5.22 RETAIL SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN DRILLING EQUIPMENT"

"Notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation, the retail sales and use tax exemption provided for in subdivision 12 of § 58.1-609.3 of the Code of Virginia, applicable to raw materials, fuel, power, energy, supplies, machinery or tools or repair parts therefor or replacements thereof, used directly in the drilling, extraction, or processing of natural gas or oil and the reclamation of the well area shall remain in effect through July 1, 2025."

Explanation:

(This amendment extends until July 1, 2025 the sales tax exemption provided for certain drilling equipment used in the extraction and processing of natural gas and oil. The extension has no revenue impact as the official revenue forecast assumes the continuation of the tax exemption.)

Item 4-3.03 #1c

Deficit Authorization and Treasury Loans

Long-term Leases

Language

Language:

Page 595, strike lines 41-50 and insert:

"1. As part of their capital budget submission, all agencies and institutions of the Commonwealth proposing building projects that may qualify as long-term lease agreements, as defined in Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), and that may be supported in whole, or in part, from appropriations provided for in this act, shall submit copies of such proposals to the Directors of the Departments of Planning and Budget and General Services, the State Comptroller, and the State Treasurer based on guidelines promulgated by the Secretary of Finance. In addition, the Secretary of Finance may promulgate guidelines for the review and approval of such requests.

2. The proposals shall be submitted in such form as the Secretary of Finance may prescribe. The Comptroller and the Director of the Department of General Services shall be responsible for evaluating the proposals to determine if they qualify as long-term lease agreements. The State Treasurer shall be responsible for incorporating existing and authorized long-term lease agreements meeting the approved parameters into the annual Debt Capacity Advisory Committee reports.

b. APPROVAL OF FINANCINGS:

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1. For any project which qualifies as a long-term lease, as defined in the preceding subdivisions a. 1 and 2, and which is financed through the issuance of securities, the Treasury Board shall approve the terms and structure of such financing pursuant to § 2.2-2416, Code of Virginia.

2. For any project for which costs will exceed \$5,000,000 and which is financed through a long-term lease transaction, the Treasury Board shall approve the financing terms and structure of such long-term lease in addition to such other reviews and approvals as may be required by law. Prior to consideration by the Treasury Board, the Department of Accounts shall notify the Treasury Board of any transaction determined to be a long-term lease. Additionally, the Departments of General Services and Planning and Budget shall notify the Treasury Board upon their approval of any transaction which qualifies as a long-term lease under the terms of this section. The State Treasurer shall notify the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees of the action of the Treasury Board as it regards this subdivision within five calendar days of its action.

c. REPORTS: Not later than December 20 of each year, the Secretary of Finance and the Secretary of Administration shall jointly be responsible for providing the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees with recommendations involving proposed long-term lease agreements.

d. This section shall not apply to long-term leases that are funded entirely with nongeneral fund revenues and are entered into by public institutions of higher education governed by Chapters 933 and 943 of the 2006 Acts of Assembly. Furthermore, the Department of General Services is authorized to enter into long-term leases for executive branch agencies provided that the resulting long-term lease is funded entirely with nongeneral funds, is approved based on the requirements of § 4-3.03 b.1 and 2 above, and would not be considered tax supported debt of the Commonwealth."

Page 596, strike lines 1 through 38.

Explanation:

(This amendment maintains the current long term lease language in Chapter 1, 2023 Special Session I.)

Item 4-4.02 #1c

Capital Projects

Planning and Budgeting

Language

Language:

Page 602, strike lines 25 through 37.

Explanation:

(This language amendment removes newly-proposed policies that would mandate spending

thresholds related to capital outlay.)

Item 4-5.01 #1c

Special Conditions and Restrictions on Expenditures

Transactions with Individuals

Language

Language:

Page 603, after 45, insert:

"l). Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, private institutions participating in any state program of higher education financial assistance shall (i) be a nonprofit private institution of higher education whose primary purpose is to provide collegiate, graduate, or professional education and not to provide religious training or theological education; (ii) be formed, chartered, established, or incorporated within the Commonwealth; (iii) have their principal place of business within the Commonwealth; (iv) conduct their primary educational activity within the Commonwealth; and (v) be accredited by a nationally recognized regional institutional accrediting agency."

Page 604, after line 4, insert:

" d) Of the amount allocated for undergraduate need-based financial aid, up to one percent may be used for emergency assistance programs for students facing a financial emergency that puts them at risk of dropping out. The Council shall establish reporting guidelines and approve criteria for making student awards."

Explanation:

(This amendment clarifies state financial aid policy with regard to institutional eligibility for programs and use of state aid for emergency assistance.)

Item 4-5.01 #2c

Special Conditions and Restrictions on Expenditures

Transactions with Individuals

Language

Language:

Page 604, after line 45, insert:

"7. Waiver Programs

a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, individuals eligible for any financial aid waivers contained in § 23.1, Chapter 6 shall:

1) Establish domicile as provided in § 2 3.1-502 and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) domicile guidelines.

2) Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or equivalent state financial

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aid application.

3) Make satisfactory academic progress as defined by the institution for the purposes of eligibility under Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act, as amended.

b) Waivers under this section are limited to a certificate or associate degree at a public two-year institution and certificate or first bachelor's degree at a public four-year institution of higher education. Eligibility is restricted to a combined total of no more than four years or its equivalent.

c) 1) Waivers granted under this section shall cover the last-dollar cost of the in-state undergraduate tuition, mandatory Education & General Program (E & G) fees and mandatory non-E & G fees after applying, in the following order: (i) all federal aid under 38 USC Part III dollar-for-dollar; (ii) all state grants and scholarships dollar-for-dollar; and (iii) a proportion of all federal gift aid (Pell) and expected family contribution (EFC) or its equivalent under FAFSA Simplification as determined by SCHEV.

2) The proportion in c)1) (iii) shall be determined by SCHEV based on undergraduate tuition, mandatory Education & General Program (E & G) fees and mandatory non-E & G fees as a percentage of the total cost of attendance.

3) Mandatory non-E & G fees in c. 1) are fees charged to all students regardless of degree program or as defined by SCHEV. Mandatory non-E & G fees do not include room and board.

d) Students eligible for the Program and enrolled in 2023-2024 shall not be subject to the provisions of this section until July 1, 2025. For all other students, the provisions of this section are applicable July 1, 2024."

Explanation:

(This amendment clarifies state financial aid policy with regard to the conditions for calculating waivers under § 23.1, Chapter 6, Code of Virginia.)

Item 4-5.04 #1c

Special Conditions and Restrictions on Expenditures

Goods and Services

Language

Language:

Page 610, line 50, strike "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no", and insert "No".

Page 610, line 51, after "except", strike "as".

Page 610, line 50, line 52, after "law" insert "or state statute".

Explanation:

(This amendment modifies language contained in the introduced budget which limits

expenditures for abortion services. It restores language that was contained in Chapter 1, 2023 Special Session I to provide an exception to the limitation in cases as required by federal law or state statute. The introduced budget eliminated language which provides an exception for services as required by state statute.)

Item 4-6.04 #1c

Positions and Employment

Charges

Language

Language:

Page 624, strike lines 19 through 53.

Page 625, strike lines 1 through 9, and insert:

"§ 4-6.04 CHARGES

a. **FOOD SERVICES:** Except as exempted by the prior written approval of the Director, Department of Human Resource Management, and the provisions of § 2.2-3605, Code of Virginia, state employees shall be charged for meals served in state facilities. Charges for meals will be determined by the agency. Such charges shall be not less than the value of raw food and the cost of direct labor and utilities incidental to preparation and service. Each agency shall maintain records as to the calculation of meal charges and revenues collected. Except where appropriations for operation of the food service are from nongeneral funds, all revenues received from such charges shall be paid directly and promptly into the general fund. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to on-duty employees assigned to correctional facilities operated by the Departments of Corrections and Juvenile Justice.

b. HOUSING SERVICES:

1. Each agency will collect a fee from state employees who occupy state-owned or leased housing, subject to guidelines provided by the Director, Department of General Services. Each agency head is responsible for establishing a fee for state-owned or leased housing and for documenting in writing why the rate established was selected. In exceptional circumstances, which shall be documented as being in the best interest of the Commonwealth by the agency requesting an exception, the Director, Department of General Services may waive the requirement for collection of fees.

2. All revenues received from housing fees shall be promptly deposited in the state treasury. For housing for which operating expenses or rent are financed by general fund appropriations, such revenues shall be deposited to the credit of the general fund. For housing for which operating expenses or rent are financed by nongeneral fund appropriations, such revenues shall be deposited to the credit of the nongeneral fund. Agencies which provide housing for which operating expenses or rent are financed from both general fund and nongeneral fund appropriations shall allocate such revenues, when deposited in the state treasury, to the appropriate fund sources in the same proportion as the appropriations. However, without

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exception, any portion of a housing fee attributable to depreciation for housing which was constructed with general fund appropriations shall be paid into the general fund.

c. BUILDING AND PARKING SERVICES:

1. State-owned parking facilities

Agencies with parking space for employees in state-owned facilities shall, when required by the Director, Department of General Services, charge employees for such space on a basis approved by the General Services Board. All revenues received from such charges shall be paid directly and promptly into a special fund in the state treasury to be used, as determined by the General Services Board, for payment of costs for the provision of vehicle parking spaces. Interest shall be added to the fund as earned.

2. Leased parking facilities in metropolitan Richmond area

Agencies occupying private sector leased or rental space in the metropolitan Richmond area, not including institutions of higher education, shall be required to charge a fee to employees for vehicle parking spaces that are assigned to them or are otherwise available either incidental to the lease or rental agreement or pursuant to a separate lease agreement for private parking space. In such cases, the individual employee parking fee shall not be less than that paid by employees parking in Department of General Services parking facilities at the Seat of Government. The Director, Department of General Services may amend or waive the fee requirement for good cause. Revenues derived from employees paying for parking spaces in leased facilities will be retained by the leasing agency to be used to offset the cost of the lease to which it pertains. Any lease for private parking space must be approved by the Director, Department of General Services.

3. The parking facility and office space at the corner of 9th and Broad Streets in the City of Richmond, shall be under the control of the Committee on Joint Rules and administered by the Clerk of the House and the Clerk of the Senate. Such parking spaces shall be subject to the provisions of paragraph 1 of this item. The occupancy of Old City Hall shall be under the control of the Committee on Joint Rules and administered by the Clerk of the House and the Clerk of the Senate."

Explanation:

(This amendment clarifies various charges for employees related to parking and building services.)

Item 4-8.01 #1c

Reporting Requirements

Governor

Language

Language:

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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."

Page 627, strike lines 38 through 48.

Page 628, strike lines 1 through 2.

Explanation:

(This amendment restores language contained in previous budgets and inadvertently deleted in the introduced budget.)

Item 4-9.01 #1c

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 4-9.02 #1c

Higher Education Restructuring

Level II Authority

Language

Language:

Page 634, line 31, strike "2022-2024" and insert "2024-2026".

Page 634, after line 46, insert:

"f. As part of a five-year pilot program, Virginia State University is authorized, for a period of five years, to exercise additional financial and administrative authority as set out in each of the two functional areas of information technology and procurement as set forth and subject to all the conditions in §§ 2.0 and 3.0 of the second enactment of Chapter 824 and 829 of the Acts of Assembly of 2008 except that any effective dates contained in Chapter 824 and 829 of the Acts of Assembly of 2008 are superseded by the provisions of this item."

Explanation:

(This amendment makes a technical correction to a biennium reference and provides for a pilot program for Virginia State University for additional higher education autonomy opportunity.)

Item 4-14 #1c

Effective Date

Effective Date

Language

Language:

Page 636, strike lines 45 through 49.
Pages 637, strike lines 1 through 35.
Page 637, line 36, strike "4" and insert "3".
Page 638, strike lines 7 through 45.
Page 639, strike lines 1 through 53.
Page 640, strike lines 1 through 53
Page 641, strike lines 1 through 47.
Page 642, strike lines 1 through 50.
Page 643, strike lines 1 through 54.
Page 644, strike lines 1 through 54.
Page 645, strike lines 1 through 55.
Page 646, strike lines 1 through 47.
Page 647, strike lines 1 through 47.
Page 648, strike lines 1 through 53.
Page 649, strike lines 1 through 46.
Page 650, strike lines 1 through 53.
Page 651, strike lines 1 through 53.
Page 652, strike lines 1-33.
Page 652, after line 33, insert:

"4. That §§ 58.1-602, 58.1-603, as it is currently effective and as it may become effective, 58.1-609.5, 58.1-609.11, 58.1-612, 58.1-623, 58.1-647, 58.1-648, and 58.1-650 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 58.1-603.3 as follows:

§ 58.1-602. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly shows otherwise:

"Accommodations" means any room or rooms, lodgings, or accommodations in any hotel, motel, inn, tourist camp, tourist cabin, camping grounds, club, short-term rental, or any other place in which rooms, lodging, space, or accommodations are regularly furnished to transients for a consideration. "Accommodations" does not include rooms or space offered by a person in

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the business of providing conference rooms, meeting space, or event space if the person does not also offer rooms available for overnight sleeping.

"Accommodations fee" means the room charge less the discount room charge, if any, provided that the accommodations fee shall not be less than \$0.

"Accommodations intermediary" means any person other than an accommodations provider that (i) facilitates the sale of an accommodation and (ii) either (a) charges a room charge to the customer, and charges an accommodations fee to the customer, which fee it retains as compensation for facilitating the sale; (b) collects a room charge from the customer; or (c) charges a fee, other than an accommodations fee, to the customer, which fee it retains as compensation for facilitating the sale. For purposes of this definition, "facilitates the sale" includes brokering, coordinating, or in any other way arranging for the purchase of the right to use accommodations via a transaction directly, including via one or more payment processors, between a customer and an accommodations provider.

"Accommodations intermediary" does not include a person:

1. If the accommodations are provided by an accommodations provider operating under a trademark, trade name, or service mark belonging to such person;
2. Who facilitates the sale of an accommodation if (i) the price paid by the customer to such person is equal to the price paid by such person to the accommodations provider for the use of the accommodations and (ii) the only compensation received by such person for facilitating the sale of the accommodation is a commission paid from the accommodations provider to such person; or
3. Who is licensed as a real estate licensee pursuant to Article 1 (§ 54.1-2100 et seq.) of Chapter 21 of Title 54.1, when acting within the scope of such license.

"Accommodations provider" means any person that furnishes accommodations to the general public for compensation. The term "furnishes" includes the sale of use or possession or the sale of the right to use or possess.

"Advertising" means the planning, creating, or placing of advertising in newspapers, magazines, billboards, broadcasting and other media, including, without limitation, the providing of concept, writing, graphic design, mechanical art, photography and production supervision. Any person providing advertising as defined in this section shall be deemed to be the user or consumer of all tangible personal property purchased for use in such advertising.

"Affiliate" means the same as such term is defined in § 58.1-439.18.

"Amplification, transmission, distribution, and network equipment" means production, distribution, and other equipment used to provide Internet-access services, such as computer and communications equipment and software used for storing, processing, and retrieving end-user subscribers' requests. A "network" includes modems, fiber optic cables, coaxial cables, radio equipment, routing equipment, switching equipment, a cable modem termination system, associated software, transmitters, power equipment, storage devices, servers, multiplexers, and

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antennas, which network is used to provide Internet service, regardless of whether the provider of such service is also a telephone common carrier or whether such network is also used to provide services other than Internet services.

"Business" includes any activity engaged in by any person, or caused to be engaged in by him, with the object of gain, benefit or advantage, either directly or indirectly.

"Cost price" means the actual cost of an item or article of tangible personal property computed in the same manner as the sales price as defined in this section without any deductions therefrom on account of the cost of materials used, labor, or service costs, transportation charges, or any expenses whatsoever.

"Custom program" means a computer program that is specifically designed and developed only for one customer. The combining of two or more prewritten programs does not constitute a custom computer program. A prewritten program that is modified to any degree remains a prewritten program and does not become custom.

"Digital code" means a code that permits a purchaser to obtain at a later date a taxable service, digital personal property, or both. The tax treatment of a "digital code" shall be the same as the tax treatment of the taxable service or digital personal property to which such code relates. The retail sale of the "digital code" shall be considered the transaction for purposes of the tax imposed under this chapter.

"Digital personal property" means digital products delivered electronically, including software, digital audio and audiovisual products, reading materials, and other data or applications, that the purchaser owns or has the ability to continually access, whether by downloading, streaming, or otherwise accessing the content, without having to pay an additional subscription or usage fee to the seller after paying the initial purchase price.

"Discount room charge" means the full amount charged by the accommodations provider to the accommodations intermediary, or an affiliate thereof, for furnishing the accommodations.

"Distribution" means the transfer or delivery of a taxable service or tangible personal property for use, consumption, or storage by the distributee, and the use, consumption, or storage of a taxable service or tangible personal property by a person that has processed, manufactured, refined, or converted such taxable service or tangible personal property, but does not include the transfer or delivery of tangible personal property for resale or any use, consumption, or storage otherwise exempt under this chapter.

"Gross proceeds" means the charges made or voluntary contributions received for the lease or rental of tangible personal property or for furnishing taxable services, computed with the same deductions, where applicable, as for sales price as defined in this section over the term of the lease, rental, service, or use, but not less frequently than monthly. "Gross proceeds" does not include finance charges, carrying charges, service charges, or interest from credit extended on the lease or rental of tangible personal property under conditional lease or rental contracts or other conditional contracts providing for the deferred payments of the lease or rental price.

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"Gross sales" means the sum total of all retail sales of tangible personal property or *taxable* services as defined in this chapter, without any deduction, except as provided in this chapter. "Gross sales" does not include the federal retailers' excise tax or the federal diesel fuel excise tax imposed in § 4091 of the Internal Revenue Code if the excise tax is billed to the purchaser separately from the selling price of the article, or the Virginia retail sales or use tax, or any sales or use tax imposed by any county or city under § 58.1-605 or 58.1-606.

"Import" and "imported" are words applicable to *taxable services or* tangible personal property imported into the Commonwealth from other states as well as from foreign countries, and "export" and "exported" are words applicable to *taxable services or* tangible personal property exported from the Commonwealth to other states as well as to foreign countries.

"In this Commonwealth" or "in the Commonwealth" means within the limits of the Commonwealth of Virginia and includes all territory within these limits owned by or ceded to the United States of America.

"Integrated process," when used in relation to semiconductor manufacturing, means a process that begins with the research or development of semiconductor products, equipment, or processes, includes the handling and storage of raw materials at a plant site, and continues to the point that the product is packaged for final sale and either shipped or conveyed to a warehouse. Without limiting the foregoing, any semiconductor equipment, fuel, power, energy, supplies, or other tangible personal property shall be deemed used as part of the integrated process if its use contributes, before, during, or after production, to higher product quality, production yields, or process efficiencies. Except as otherwise provided by law, "integrated process" does not mean general maintenance or administration.

"Internet" means, collectively, the myriad of computer and telecommunications facilities, which comprise the interconnected worldwide network of computer networks that employ the Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol, or any predecessor or successor to such protocol, to communicate information of all kinds by wire or radio.

"Internet service" means a service that enables users to access content, information, and other services offered over the Internet.

"Lease or rental" means the leasing or renting of tangible personal property and the possession or use thereof by the lessee or renter for a consideration, without transfer of the title to such property.

"Manufacturing, processing, refining, or conversion" includes the production line of the plant starting with the handling and storage of raw materials at the plant site and continuing through the last step of production where the product is finished or completed for sale and conveyed to a warehouse at the production site, and also includes equipment and supplies used for production line testing and quality control. "Manufacturing" also includes the necessary ancillary activities of newspaper and magazine printing when such activities are performed by the publisher of any newspaper or magazine for sale daily or regularly at average intervals not exceeding three months.

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The determination of whether any manufacturing, mining, processing, refining or conversion activity is industrial in nature shall be made without regard to plant size, existence or size of finished product inventory, degree of mechanization, amount of capital investment, number of employees or other factors relating principally to the size of the business. Further, "industrial in nature" includes, but is not limited to, those businesses classified in codes 10 through 14 and 20 through 39 published in the Standard Industrial Classification Manual for 1972 and any supplements issued thereafter.

"Modular building" means, but is not limited to, single and multifamily houses, apartment units, commercial buildings, and permanent additions thereof, comprised of one or more sections that are intended to become real property, primarily constructed at a location other than the permanent site, built to comply with the Virginia Industrialized Building Safety Law (§ 36-70 et seq.) as regulated by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, and shipped with most permanent components in place to the site of final assembly. For purposes of this chapter, "modular building" does not include a mobile office as defined in § 58.1-2401 or any manufactured building subject to and certified under the provisions of the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. § 5401 et seq.).

"Modular building manufacturer" means a person that owns or operates a manufacturing facility and is engaged in the fabrication, construction and assembling of building supplies and materials into modular buildings, as defined in this section, at a location other than at the site where the modular building will be assembled on the permanent foundation and may or may not be engaged in the process of affixing the modules to the foundation at the permanent site.

"Modular building retailer" means any person that purchases or acquires a modular building from a modular building manufacturer, or from another person, for subsequent sale to a customer residing within or outside of the Commonwealth, with or without installation of the modular building to the foundation at the permanent site.

"Motor vehicle" means a "motor vehicle" as defined in § 58.1-2401, taxable under the provisions of the Virginia Motor Vehicles Sales and Use Tax Act (§ 58.1-2400 et seq.) and upon the sale of which all applicable motor vehicle sales and use taxes have been paid.

"Occasional sale" means a sale of *a taxable service or* tangible personal property not *provided*, held, or used by a seller in the course of an activity for which it is required to hold a certificate of registration, including the sale or exchange of all or substantially all the assets of any business and the reorganization or liquidation of any business, provided that such sale or exchange is not one of a series of sales and exchanges sufficient in number, scope and character to constitute an activity requiring the holding of a certificate of registration.

"Open video system" means an open video system authorized pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 573 and, for purposes of this chapter only, also includes Internet service regardless of whether the provider of such service is also a telephone common carrier.

"Person" includes any individual, firm, copartnership, cooperative, nonprofit membership

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corporation, joint venture, association, corporation, estate, trust, business trust, trustee in bankruptcy, receiver, auctioneer, syndicate, assignee, club, society, or other group or combination acting as a unit, body politic or political subdivision, whether public or private, or quasi-public, and the plural of "person" means the same as the singular.

"Prewritten program" means a computer program that is prepared, held or existing for general or repeated sale or lease, including a computer program developed for in-house use and subsequently sold or leased to unrelated third parties.

"Qualifying locality" means Charlotte County, Gloucester County, Halifax County, Henry County, Mecklenburg County, Northampton County, Patrick County, Pittsylvania County, or the City of Danville.

"Railroad rolling stock" means locomotives, of whatever motive power, autocars, railroad cars of every kind and description, and all other equipment determined by the Tax Commissioner to constitute railroad rolling stock.

"Remote seller" means any dealer deemed to have sufficient activity within the Commonwealth to require registration under § 58.1-613 under the criteria specified in subdivision C 10 or 11 of § 58.1-612 or any software provider acting on behalf of such dealer.

"Retail sale" or a "sale at retail" means a sale to any person for any purpose other than *(i) for resale in the form of or (ii) for use as a component part of or for the integration into a taxable service, a communications service as defined in § 58.1-647, or tangible personal property or services taxable under this chapter, and shall include* includes any such transaction as the Tax Commissioner upon investigation finds to be in lieu of a sale. All sales for resale must be made in strict compliance with regulations applicable to this chapter. Any dealer making a sale for resale ~~which~~ *that* is not in strict compliance with such regulations shall be personally liable for payment of the tax.

The terms "retail sale" and a "sale at retail" specifically include the following: (i) the sale or charges for any accommodations furnished to transients for less than 90 continuous days; (ii) sales of tangible personal property to persons for resale when because of the operation of the business, or its very nature, or the lack of a place of business in which to display a certificate of registration, or the lack of a place of business in which to keep records, or the lack of adequate records, or because such persons are minors or transients, or because such persons are engaged in essentially service businesses, or for any other reason there is likelihood that the Commonwealth will lose tax funds due to the difficulty of policing such business operations; (iii) the separately stated charge made for automotive refinish repair materials that are permanently applied to or affixed to a motor vehicle during its repair; and (iv) the separately stated charge for equipment available for lease or purchase by a provider of satellite television programming to the customer of such programming. Equipment sold to a provider of satellite television programming for subsequent lease or purchase by the customer of such programming shall be deemed a sale for resale. The Tax Commissioner is authorized to promulgate regulations requiring vendors of or sellers to such persons to collect the tax imposed by this chapter on the cost price of such tangible personal property to such persons and may refuse to

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issue certificates of registration to such persons. The terms "retail sale" and a "sale at retail" also specifically include the separately stated charge made for supplies used during automotive repairs whether or not there is transfer of title or possession of the supplies and whether or not the supplies are attached to the automobile. The purchase of such supplies by an automotive repairer for sale to the customer of such repair services shall be deemed a sale for resale.

The term "transient" does not include a purchaser of camping memberships, time-shares, condominiums, or other similar contracts or interests that permit the use of, or constitute an interest in, real estate, however created or sold and whether registered with the Commonwealth or not. Further, a purchaser of a right or license which entitles the purchaser to use the amenities and facilities of a specific real estate project on an ongoing basis throughout its term shall not be deemed a transient, provided, however, that the term or time period involved is for seven years or more.

The terms "retail sale" and "sale at retail" do not include a transfer of title to tangible personal property after its use as tools, tooling, machinery or equipment, including dies, molds, and patterns, if (i) at the time of purchase, the purchaser is obligated, under the terms of a written contract, to make the transfer and (ii) the transfer is made for the same or a greater consideration to the person for whom the purchaser manufactures goods.

"Retailer" means every person engaged in the business of making sales at retail, or for distribution, use, consumption, or storage to be used or consumed in the Commonwealth.

"Room charge" means the full retail price charged to the customer for the use of the accommodations before taxes. "Room charge" includes any fee charged to the customer and retained as compensation for facilitating the sale, whether described as an accommodations fee, facilitation fee, or any other name. The room charge shall be determined in accordance with 23VAC10-210-730 and the related rulings of the Department on the same.

"Sale" means any transfer of title or possession, or both, exchange, barter, lease or rental, conditional or otherwise, in any manner or by any means whatsoever, of tangible personal property and any rendition of a taxable service for a consideration, and includes the fabrication of tangible personal property for consumers who furnish, either directly or indirectly, the materials used in fabrication, and the furnishing, preparing, or serving for a consideration of any tangible personal property consumed on the premises of the person furnishing, preparing, or serving such tangible personal property. A transaction whereby the possession of property is transferred but the seller retains title as security for the payment of the price shall be deemed a sale.

"Sales price" means the total amount for which *taxable services or* tangible personal property ~~or services are~~ is sold, including any *taxable* services that are a part of the sale, valued in money, whether paid in money or otherwise, and includes any amount for which credit is given to the purchaser, consumer, or lessee by the dealer, without any deduction therefrom on account of the cost of the property sold, the cost of materials used, labor or service costs, losses or any other expenses whatsoever. "Sales price" does not include (i) any cash discount allowed and taken; (ii) finance charges, carrying charges, service charges or interest from credit extended on sales

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of tangible personal property under conditional sale contracts or other conditional contracts providing for deferred payments of the purchase price; (iii) separately stated local property taxes collected; (iv) that portion of the amount paid by the purchaser as a discretionary gratuity added to the price of a meal; or (v) that portion of the amount paid by the purchaser as a mandatory gratuity or service charge added by a restaurant to the price of a meal, but only to the extent that such mandatory gratuity or service charge does not exceed 20 percent of the price of the meal. Where used articles are taken in trade, or in a series of trades as a credit or part payment on the sale of new or used articles, the tax levied by this chapter shall be paid on the net difference between the sales price of the new or used articles and the credit for the used articles.

"Semiconductor cleanrooms" means the integrated systems, fixtures, piping, partitions, flooring, lighting, equipment, and all other property used to reduce contamination or to control airflow, temperature, humidity, vibration, or other environmental conditions required for the integrated process of semiconductor manufacturing.

"Semiconductor equipment" means (i) machinery or tools or repair parts or replacements thereof; (ii) the related accessories, components, pedestals, bases, or foundations used in connection with the operation of the equipment, without regard to the proximity to the equipment, the method of attachment, or whether the equipment or accessories are affixed to the realty; (iii) semiconductor wafers and other property or supplies used to install, test, calibrate or recalibrate, characterize, condition, measure, or maintain the equipment and settings thereof; and (iv) equipment and supplies used for quality control testing of product, materials, equipment, or processes; or the measurement of equipment performance or production parameters regardless of where or when the quality control, testing, or measuring activity takes place, how the activity affects the operation of equipment, or whether the equipment and supplies come into contact with the product.

"Short-term rental" means the same as such term is defined in § 15.2-983.

"Storage" means any keeping or retention of tangible personal property for use, consumption, or distribution in the Commonwealth, or for any purpose other than sale at retail in the regular course of business.

"Streaming" means a method of transmitting or receiving video and audio data over a computer network as a steady, continuous flow, allowing playback to proceed while subsequent data is being received.

"Tangible personal property" means personal property that may be seen, weighed, measured, felt, or touched, or is in any other manner perceptible to the senses. "Tangible personal property" does not include stocks, bonds, notes, insurance or other obligations or securities. "Tangible personal property" includes (i) telephone calling cards upon their initial sale, which shall be exempt from all other state and local utility taxes, ~~and~~ (ii) manufactured signs, *and (iii) digital personal property.*

"Taxable service" means any of the following services used or consumed in the Commonwealth:

1. Software application services;

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2. *Computer-related services;*
3. *Website hosting and design;*
4. *Data storage; and*
5. *Streaming services.*

"Taxable service" includes any software application service transaction where the purchaser or consumer of the software application service is a business, but does not include (i) any other taxable service described in subdivisions 2 through 5 where the purchaser or consumer of such other service is a business or (ii) any other service not specified in subdivisions 1 through 5 and otherwise exempt under this chapter.

"Use" means the exercise of any right or power over tangible personal property incident to the ownership thereof, except that it does not include the sale at retail of that property in the regular course of business. "Use" does not include the exercise of any right or power, including use, distribution, or storage, over any tangible personal property sold to a nonresident donor for delivery outside of the Commonwealth to a nonresident recipient pursuant to an order placed by the donor from outside the Commonwealth via mail or telephone. "Use" does not include any sale determined to be a gift transaction, subject to tax under § 58.1-604.6.

"Use tax" refers to the tax imposed upon the use, consumption, distribution, and storage as defined in this section.

"Used directly," when used in relation to manufacturing, processing, refining, or conversion, refers to those activities that are an integral part of the production of a product, including all steps of an integrated manufacturing or mining process, but not including ancillary activities such as general maintenance or administration. When used in relation to mining, "used directly" refers to the activities specified in this definition and, in addition, any reclamation activity of the land previously mined by the mining company required by state or federal law.

"Video programmer" means a person that provides video programming to end-user subscribers.

"Video programming" means video and/or information programming provided by or generally considered comparable to programming provided by a cable operator, including, but not limited to, Internet service.

§ 58.1-603. (Contingent expiration date) Imposition of sales tax.

There is hereby levied and imposed, in addition to all other taxes and fees of every kind now imposed by law, a license or privilege tax upon every person who engages in the business of selling at retail ~~or~~ ~~?~~ ~~?~~ distributing, leasing, renting, or furnishing taxable services or tangible personal property in this Commonwealth, ~~or who rents or furnishes any of the things or services taxable under this chapter,~~ or who stores for use or consumption in this Commonwealth any item or article of tangible personal property as defined in this chapter, ~~or who leases or rents such property within this Commonwealth,~~ in the amount of 4.3 percent:

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1. Of the gross sales price of each *taxable service or* item or article of tangible personal property when sold at retail ~~or~~, distributed, *or furnished* in this Commonwealth.
2. Of the gross proceeds derived from the lease or rental of tangible personal property, where the lease or rental of such property is an established business, or part of an established business, or the same is incidental or germane to such business.
3. Of the cost price of each item or article of tangible personal property stored in this Commonwealth for use or consumption in this Commonwealth.
4. Of the gross proceeds derived from the sale or charges for accommodations furnished to transients as set out in the definition of "retail sale" in § 58.1-602.
5. ~~Of the gross sales of any services that are expressly stated as taxable within this chapter.~~

§ 58.1-603. (Contingent effective date) Imposition of sales tax.

There is hereby levied and imposed, in addition to all other taxes and fees of every kind now imposed by law, a license or privilege tax upon every person who engages in the business of selling at retail ~~or~~, distributing, *leasing, renting, or furnishing taxable services or* tangible personal property in this Commonwealth, ~~or who rents or furnishes any of the things or services taxable under this chapter,~~ or who stores for use or consumption in this Commonwealth any item or article of tangible personal property as defined in this chapter, ~~or who leases or rents such property within this Commonwealth,~~ in the amount of ~~three and one-half~~ 3.5 percent through midnight on July 31, 2004, and four percent beginning on and after August 1, 2004:

1. Of the gross sales price of each *taxable service or* item or article of tangible personal property when sold at retail ~~or~~, distributed, *or furnished* in this Commonwealth.
2. Of the gross proceeds derived from the lease or rental of tangible personal property, where the lease or rental of such property is an established business, or part of an established business, or the same is incidental or germane to such business.
3. Of the cost price of each item or article of tangible personal property stored in this Commonwealth for use or consumption in this Commonwealth.
4. Of the gross proceeds derived from the sale or charges for accommodations furnished to transients as set out in the definition of "retail sale" in § 58.1-602.
5. ~~Of the gross sales of any services which are expressly stated as taxable within this chapter.~~

§ 58.1-603.3. Bundled transactions of streaming services or digital personal property.

A. *For purposes of this chapter, a bundled transaction means a sale of taxable services or digital personal property taxable under this chapter and consisting of distinct and identifiable properties, services, or both, sold for one nonitemized charge for which the tax treatment or tax rates of the distinct properties and services is different.*

B. *In the case of a bundled transaction described in subsection A:*

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1. *If the charge is attributable to services or property that are taxable and services or property that are nontaxable, the portion of the charge attributable to the nontaxable services or property shall be subject to tax unless, at the dealer's option, the dealer of such bundled transaction can reasonably identify the nontaxable portion from its books and records kept in the regular course of business.*

2. *If the price is attributable to services or property that are subject to tax at different tax rates under this chapter or Chapter 6.2 (§ 58.1-645 et seq.), the total price may be treated as attributable to the products subject to tax at the highest tax rate unless, at the dealer's option, the dealer can reasonably identify the portion of the sales price attributable to the products subject to tax at the lower rate from its books and records kept in the regular course of business.*

§ 58.1-609.5. Service exemptions.

A. The tax imposed by this chapter or pursuant to the authority granted in § 58.1-605 or 58.1-606 shall not apply to the following:

1. Professional, insurance, or personal service transactions ~~which~~ *that* involve sales as inconsequential elements for which no separate charges are made; services rendered by repairmen for which a separate charge is made; and services not involving an exchange of tangible personal property ~~which~~ *that* provide access to or use of the Internet and any other related electronic communication service, including software, data, content and other information services delivered electronically via the Internet.

2. An amount separately charged for labor or services rendered in installing, applying, remodeling, or repairing property sold or rented.

3. Transportation charges separately stated.

4. Separately stated charges for alterations to apparel, clothing, and garments.

5. Charges for gift wrapping services performed by a nonprofit organization.

6. An amount separately charged for labor or services rendered in connection with the modification of prewritten programs as defined in § 58.1-602.

7. Custom programs as defined in § 58.1-602.?

8. An amount separately charged for labor rendered in connection with diagnostic work for automotive repair and emergency roadside service for motor vehicles, as defined by § 46.2-100, regardless of whether there is a sale of a repair or replacement part or a shop supply charge.

9. The sale or charges for any room or rooms, lodgings, or accommodations furnished to transients for more than 90 continuous days by any hotel, motel, inn, tourist camp, tourist cabin, camping grounds, club, or any other place in which rooms, lodging, space or accommodations are regularly furnished to transients for a consideration.

10. Beginning January 1, 1996, maintenance contracts, the terms of which provide for both

repair or replacement parts and repair labor, shall be subject to tax upon one-half of the total charge for such contracts only. Persons providing maintenance pursuant to such a contract may purchase repair or replacement parts under a resale certificate of exemption. Warranty plans issued by an insurance company, which constitute insurance transactions, are subject to the provisions of subdivision 1~~above~~.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A, the tax imposed by this chapter or pursuant to the authority granted in § 58.1-605 or 58.1-606 shall apply to digital personal property and taxable services, as those terms are defined in § 58.1-602.

§ 58.1-609.11. Exemptions for nonprofit entities.

A. For purposes of this section, "nonprofit organization" or "nonprofit entity" means an entity that meets the requirements of subsection D. "Nonprofit organization" or "nonprofit entity" includes a single member limited liability company whose sole member is a nonprofit organization.

B. Any nonprofit organization that holds a valid certificate of exemption from the Department of Taxation, or any nonprofit church that holds a valid self-executing certificate of exemption, that exempts it from collecting or paying state and local retail sales or use taxes as of June 30, 2003, pursuant to § 58.1-609.4, 58.1-609.7, 58.1-609.8, 58.1-609.9, or 58.1-609.10, as such sections are in effect on June 30, 2003, shall remain exempt from the collection or payment of such taxes under the same terms and conditions as provided under such sections as such sections existed on June 30, 2003, until: (i) July 1, 2007, for such entities that were exempt under § 58.1-609.4; (ii) July 1, 2008, for such entities that were exempt under § 58.1-609.7; (iii) July 1, 2004, for the first one-half of such entities that were exempt under § 58.1-609.8, except churches, which will remain exempt under the same criteria and procedures in effect for churches on June 30, 2003; (iv) July 1, 2005, for the second one-half of such entities that were exempt under § 58.1-609.8; and (v) July 1, 2006, for such entities that were exempt under § 58.1-609.9 or under § 58.1-609.10. At the end of the applicable period of such exemptions, to maintain or renew an exemption for the period of time set forth in subsection G, each entity must follow the procedures set forth in subsection C and meet the criteria set forth in subsection D. Provided, however, that any entity that was exempt from collecting sales and use tax shall continue to be exempt from such collection, and any entity that was exempt from paying sales and use tax for the purchase of services, as of June 30, 2003, shall continue to be exempt from such payment, provided that it follows the other procedures set forth in subsection C and meets the criteria set forth in subsection D. Provided further, however, that an educational institution doing business in the Commonwealth which provides a face-to-face educational experience in American government and was exempt pursuant to subdivision 4 of § 58.1-609.4 from paying sales and use tax for the purchase of services, as of June 30, 2003, shall continue to be exempt from such payment, provided that it follows the other procedures set forth in subsection C and meets the criteria set forth in subsection D.

C. 1. On and after July 1, 2004, in addition to the organizations described in subsection B, and except as restricted in subdivision 2, the tax imposed by this chapter or pursuant to the authority

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granted in §§ 58.1-605 and 58.1-606 shall not apply to purchases of *taxable services or* tangible personal property for use or consumption by any nonprofit entity that, pursuant to this section, (i) files an appropriate application with the Department of Taxation, (ii) meets the applicable criteria, and (iii) is issued a certificate of exemption from the Department of Taxation for the period of time covered by the certificate.

2. If the entity that is exempt under this section is exempt from federal income tax under § 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code, or has annual gross receipts of less than \$5,000 and is organized for at least one of the purposes set forth in § 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code, then the exemption under this section for such entity shall not apply to purchases of *taxable services or* tangible personal property that are used primarily (i) for social and recreational activities for members or (ii) for providing insurance benefits to members or members' dependents.

D. To qualify for the exemption under subsection C, a nonprofit entity must meet the applicable criteria under this subsection as follows:

1. a. The entity is exempt from federal income taxation (i) under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; (ii) under § 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and is organized for a charitable purpose; or (iii) under § 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code; or

b. The entity has annual gross receipts of less than \$5,000, and the entity is organized for at least one of the purposes set forth in § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, one of the charitable purposes set forth in § 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, or one of the purposes set forth in § 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

2. The entity is in compliance with all applicable state solicitation laws and, where applicable, provides appropriate verification of such compliance; and

3. The entity's annual general administrative costs, including salaries and fundraising, relative to its annual gross revenue, under generally accepted accounting principles, is not greater than 40 percent; and

4. If the entity's gross annual revenue was at least \$750,000 in the previous year, then the entity must provide a financial review performed by an independent certified public accountant. However, for any entity with gross annual revenue of at least \$1 million in the previous year, the Department may require that the entity provide a financial audit performed by an independent certified public accountant. If the Department specifically requires an entity with gross annual revenue of at least \$1 million in the previous year to provide a financial audit performed by an independent certified public accountant, then the entity shall provide such audit in order to qualify for the exemption under this section, which audit shall be in lieu of the financial review; and

5. If the entity filed a federal 990 or 990 EZ tax form, or the successor forms to such forms, with the Internal Revenue Service, then it must provide a copy of such form to the Department of Taxation; and

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6. If the entity did not file a federal 990 or 990 EZ tax form, or the successor forms to such forms, with the Internal Revenue Service, then the entity must provide the following information:

- a. A list of the Board of Directors or other responsible agents of the entity, composed of at least two individuals, with names and addresses where the individuals physically can be found; and
- b. The location where the financial records of the entity are available for public inspection.

E. On and after July 1, 2004, in addition to the criteria set forth in subsection D, the Department of Taxation shall ask each entity for the total taxable purchases made in the preceding year, unless such records are not available through no fault of the entity. If the records are not available through no fault of the entity, then the entity must provide such information to the Department the following year. No information provided pursuant to this subsection (except the failure to provide available information) shall be a basis for the Department of Taxation to refuse to exempt an entity.

F. Any entity that is determined under subsections C, D, and E by the Department of Taxation to be exempt from paying sales and use tax shall also be exempt from collecting sales and use tax, at its election, if (i) the entity is within the same class of organization of any entity that was exempt from collecting sales and use tax on June 30, 2003, or (ii) the entity is organized exclusively to foster, sponsor, and promote physical education, athletic programs, and contests for youths in the Commonwealth.

G. The duration of each exemption granted by the Department of Taxation shall be no less than five years and no greater than seven years. During the period of such exemption, the failure of an exempt entity to maintain compliance with the applicable criteria set forth in subsection D shall constitute grounds for revocation of the exemption by the Department. At the end of the period of such exemption, to maintain or renew the exemption, each entity must provide the Department of Taxation the same information as required upon initial exemption and meet the same criteria.

H. For purposes of this section, the Department of Taxation and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall be allowed to share information when necessary to supplement the information required.

§ 58.1-612. Tax collectible from dealers; "dealer" defined; jurisdiction.

A. The tax levied by §§ 58.1-603 and 58.1-604 shall be collectible from all persons that are dealers, as defined in this section, and that have sufficient contact with the Commonwealth to qualify under (i) subsections B and C or (ii) subsections B and D.

B. As used in this chapter, "dealer" includes every person that:

1. Manufactures or produces *taxable services or* tangible personal property for sale at retail, for use, consumption, or distribution, or for storage to be used or consumed in this Commonwealth;
2. Imports or causes to be imported into this Commonwealth *taxable services or* tangible

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personal property from any state or foreign country, for sale at retail, for use, consumption, or distribution, or for storage to be used or consumed in this Commonwealth;

3. Sells at retail, or that offers for sale at retail, or that has in its possession for sale at retail, or for use, consumption, or distribution, or for storage to be used or consumed in this Commonwealth, *taxable service or* tangible personal property;

4. Has sold at retail, used, consumed, distributed, *furnished*, or stored for use or consumption in this Commonwealth, *taxable services or* tangible personal property and that cannot prove that the tax levied by this chapter has been paid on the sale at retail, the use, consumption, distribution, or storage of such *taxable services or* tangible personal property;

5. Leases or rents tangible personal property for a consideration, permitting the use or possession of such property without transferring title thereto;

6. Is the lessee or rentee of tangible personal property and that pays to the owner of such property a consideration for the use or possession of such property without acquiring title thereto;

7. As a representative, agent, or solicitor, of an out-of-state principal, solicits, receives and accepts orders from persons in this Commonwealth for future delivery and whose principal refuses to register as a dealer under § 58.1-613; or

8. Becomes liable to and owes this Commonwealth any amount of tax imposed by this chapter, whether it holds, or is required to hold, a certificate of registration under § 58.1-613.

C. A dealer shall be deemed to have sufficient activity within the Commonwealth to require registration under § 58.1-613 if it:

1. Maintains or has within this Commonwealth, directly or through an agent or subsidiary, an office, warehouse, or place of business of any nature;

2. Solicits business in this Commonwealth by employees, independent contractors, agents or other representatives;

3. Advertises in newspapers or other periodicals printed and published within this Commonwealth, on billboards or posters located in this Commonwealth, or through materials distributed in this Commonwealth by means other than the United States mail;

4. Makes regular deliveries of tangible personal property within this Commonwealth by means other than common carrier. A person shall be deemed to be making regular deliveries hereunder if vehicles other than those operated by a common carrier enter this Commonwealth more than 12 times during a calendar year to deliver goods sold by him;

5. Solicits business in this Commonwealth on a continuous, regular, seasonal, or systematic basis by means of advertising that is broadcast or relayed from a transmitter within this Commonwealth or distributed from a location within this Commonwealth;

6. Solicits business in this Commonwealth by mail, if the solicitations are continuous, regular,

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seasonal, or systematic and if the dealer benefits from any banking, financing, debt collection, or marketing activities occurring in this Commonwealth or benefits from the location in this Commonwealth of authorized installation, servicing, or repair facilities;

7. Is owned or controlled by the same interests which own or control a business located within this Commonwealth;

8. Has a franchisee or licensee operating under the same trade name in this Commonwealth if the franchisee or licensee is required to obtain a certificate of registration under § 58.1-613;

9. Owns tangible personal property that is for sale located in this Commonwealth, or that is rented or leased to a consumer in this Commonwealth, or offers tangible personal property, on approval, to consumers in this Commonwealth;

10. Receives more than \$100,000 in gross revenue, or other minimum amount as may be required by federal law, from retail sales in the Commonwealth in the previous or current calendar year, provided that in determining the amount of a dealer's gross revenues, the sales made by all commonly controlled persons as defined in subsection D shall be aggregated; or

11. Engages in 200 or more separate retail sales transactions, or other minimum amount as may be required by federal law, in the Commonwealth in the previous or current calendar year, provided that in determining the total number of a dealer's retail sales transactions, the sales made by all commonly controlled persons as defined in subsection D shall be aggregated.

D. A dealer is presumed to have sufficient activity within the Commonwealth to require registration under § 58.1-613 (unless the presumption is rebutted as provided herein) if any commonly controlled person maintains a distribution center, warehouse, fulfillment center, office, or similar location within the Commonwealth that facilitates the delivery of tangible personal property sold by the dealer to its customers. The presumption in this subsection may be rebutted by demonstrating that the activities conducted by the commonly controlled person in the Commonwealth are not significantly associated with the dealer's ability to establish or maintain a market in the Commonwealth for the dealer's sales. For purposes of this subsection, a "commonly controlled person" means any person that is a member of the same "controlled group of corporations," as defined in § 1563(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended or renumbered, as the dealer or any other entity that, notwithstanding its form of organization, bears the same ownership relationship to the dealer as a corporation that is a member of the same "controlled group of corporations," as defined in § 1563(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended or renumbered.

E. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the following shall not be considered to determine whether a person that has contracted with a commercial printer for printing in the Commonwealth is a "dealer" and whether such person has sufficient contact with the Commonwealth to be required to register under § 58.1-613:

1. The ownership or leasing by that person of tangible or intangible property located at the Virginia premises of the commercial printer which is used solely in connection with the printing contract with the person;

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2. The sale by that person of property of any kind printed at and shipped or distributed from the Virginia premises of the commercial printer;
3. Activities in connection with the printing contract with the person performed by or on behalf of that person at the Virginia premises of the commercial printer; and
4. Activities in connection with the printing contract with the person performed by the commercial printer within Virginia for or on behalf of that person.

F. In addition to the jurisdictional standards contained in subsections C and D, nothing contained in this chapter other than in subsection E shall limit any authority that this Commonwealth may enjoy under the provisions of federal law or an opinion of the United States Supreme Court to require the collection of sales and use taxes by any dealer that regularly or systematically solicits sales within this Commonwealth. Furthermore, nothing contained in subsection C shall require any broadcaster, printer, outdoor advertising firm, advertising distributor, or publisher which broadcasts, publishes, or displays or distributes paid commercial advertising in this Commonwealth which is intended to be disseminated primarily to consumers located in this Commonwealth to report or impose any liability to pay any tax imposed under this chapter solely because such broadcaster, printer, outdoor advertising firm, advertising distributor, or publisher accepted such advertising contracts from out-of-state advertisers or sellers.

§ 58.1-623. Sales or leases presumed subject to tax; exemption certificates.

A. All sales or leases are subject to the tax until the contrary is established. The burden of proving that a sale; *or* distribution; *of taxable services or tangible personal property or the* lease, or storage of tangible personal property is not taxable is upon the dealer unless he takes from the taxpayer a certificate to the effect that the property is exempt under this chapter. However, the sale or distribution of cigarettes shall be subject to the provisions of § 58.1-623.2 and require a cigarette exemption certificate issued pursuant to § 58.1-623.2.

B. The certificate mentioned in this section shall relieve the person who takes such certificate from any liability for the payment or collection of the tax, except upon notice from the Tax Commissioner that such certificate is no longer acceptable. Such certificate shall be signed by and bear the name and address of the taxpayer; shall indicate the number of the certificate of registration, if any, issued to the taxpayer; shall indicate the general character of the *taxable service or* tangible personal property sold, distributed, leased, or stored, or to be sold, distributed, leased, or stored under a blanket exemption certificate; and shall be substantially in such form as the Tax Commissioner may prescribe. If an exemption pertains to a nonprofit organization, other than a nonprofit church, that has qualified for a sales and use tax exemption under § 58.1-609.11, the exemption certificate shall be valid until the scheduled expiration date stated on the exemption certificate.

C. If a taxpayer who gives a certificate under this section makes any use of the *taxable service or tangible personal* property other than an exempt use or retention, demonstration, or display while holding the property for resale, distribution, or lease in the regular course of business,

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such use shall be deemed a taxable sale by the taxpayer as of the time the property or service is first used by him, and the cost of the property *or service* to him shall be deemed the sales price of such retail sale. If the sole use of the property *or service* other than retention, demonstration, or display in the regular course of business is the rental of the property while holding it for sale, distribution, or lease, the taxpayer may elect to pay the tax on the amount of the rental charged, rather than the cost of the property *or service* to him.

D. If a taxpayer gives a certificate under this section with respect to the purchase of fungible goods and thereafter commingles these goods with other fungible goods not so purchased, but of such similarity that the identity of the constituent goods in the commingled mass cannot be determined, sales or distributions from the mass of commingled goods shall be deemed to be sales or distributions of the goods so purchased until a quantity of commingled goods equal to the quantity of purchased goods so commingled has been sold or distributed.

E. If a taxpayer fails to give the dealer at the time of purchase an exemption certificate previously issued by the Department, no interest shall be paid on a subsequent refund claim for any period prior to the date the taxpayer makes a complete refund claim with the Department. This subsection shall not apply to transactions exempted under self-executing certificates of exemption not issued to a specific taxpayer by the Department.

§ 58.1-647. Definitions.

Terms used in this chapter shall have the same meanings as those used in Chapter 6 ~~of this title~~ (§ 58.1-600 *et seq.*), unless defined otherwise, as follows:

"Cable service" means the one-way transmission to subscribers of (i) video programming as defined in 47 U.S.C. § ~~522(20)~~ 522(20) or (ii) other programming service, and subscriber interaction, if any, which is required for the selection of such video programming or other programming service. "Cable service" does not include any video programming provided by a commercial mobile service provider as defined in 47 U.S.C. § ~~332(d)~~ 332(d) and any direct-to-home satellite service as defined in 47 U.S.C. § ~~303(v)~~ 303(v).

"Call-by-call basis" means any method of charging for telecommunications services where the price is measured by individual calls.

"Coin-operated communications service" means a communications service paid for by means of inserting coins in a coin-operated telephone.

"Communications services" means the electronic transmission, conveyance, or routing of voice, data, audio, video, or any other information or signals, including cable services, to a point or between or among points, by or through any electronic, radio, satellite, cable, optical, microwave, or other medium or method now in existence or hereafter devised, regardless of the protocol used for the transmission or conveyance. ~~The term~~ "Communications services" includes, but is not limited to, (i) the connection, movement, change, or termination of communications services; (ii) detailed billing of communications services; (iii) sale of directory listings in connection with a communications service; (iv) central office and custom calling features; (v) voice mail and other messaging services; and (vi) directory assistance.

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"Communications services provider" means every person who provides communications services to customers in the Commonwealth and is or should be registered with the Department as a provider.

"Cost price" means the actual cost of the purchased communications service computed in the same manner as the sales price.

"Customer" means the person who contracts with the seller of communications services. If the person who utilizes the communications services is not the contracting party, the person who utilizes the services on his own behalf or on behalf of an entity is the customer of such service. "Customer" does not include a reseller of communications services or the mobile communications services of a serving carrier under an agreement to serve the customer outside the communications service provider's licensed service area.

"Customer channel termination point" means the location where the customer either inputs or receives the private communications service.

"Information service" means the offering of a capability for generating, acquiring, storing, transforming, processing, retrieving, using, or making available information via communications services for purposes other than the electronic transmission, conveyance, or routing.

"Internet access service" means a service that enables users to access content, information, electronic mail, or other services offered over the Internet and may also include access to proprietary content, information, and other services as part of a package of services offered to users. "Internet access service" does not include telecommunications services, except to the extent telecommunications services are purchased, used, or sold by a provider of Internet access to provide Internet access.

"Place of primary use" means the street address representative of where the customer's use of the communications services primarily occurs, which must be the residential street address or the primary business street address of the customer. In the case of mobile communications services, the place of primary use shall be within the licensed service area of the home service provider.

"Postpaid calling service" means the communications service obtained by making a payment on a call-by-call basis either through the use of a credit card or payment mechanism such as a bank card, travel card, debit card, or by a charge made to a telephone number that is not associated with the origination or termination of the communications service.

"Prepaid calling service" means the right to access exclusively communications services, which must be paid for in advance and which enables the origination of calls using an access number or authorization code, whether manually or electronically dialed, and that is sold in predetermined units or dollars that decrease in number with use.

"Private communications service" means a communications service that entitles the customer or user to exclusive or priority use of a communications channel or group of channels between or

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among channel termination points, regardless of the manner in which such channel or channels are connected, and includes switching capacity, extension lines, stations, and any other associated services that are provided in connection with the use of such channel or channels.

"Retail sale" or a "sale at retail" means a sale of communications services for any purpose other than for resale *of* or for use as a component part of or for the integration into communications services, *taxable services, or digital personal property* to be resold in the ordinary course of business.

"Sales price" means the total amount charged in money or other consideration by a communications services provider for the sale of the right or privilege of using communications services in the Commonwealth, including any property or other services that are part of the sale. The sales price of communications services shall not be reduced by any separately identified components of the charge that constitute expenses of the communications services provider, including but not limited to sales taxes on goods or services purchased by the communications services provider, property taxes, taxes measured by net income, and universal-service fund fees.

"Service address" means, (i) the location of the telecommunications equipment to which a customer's call is charged and from which the call originates or terminates, regardless of where the call is billed or paid. If the location is not known in clause (i), "service address" means (ii) the origination point of the signal of the telecommunications system or in information received by the seller from its service provider, where the system used to transport such signals is not that of the seller. If the location is not known in clauses (i) and (ii), the service address means (iii) the location of the customer's place of primary use.

§ 58.1-648. Imposition of sales tax; exemptions.

A. Beginning January 1, 2007, there is levied and imposed, in addition to all other taxes and fees of every kind imposed by law, a sales or use tax on the customers of communications services in the amount of ~~5%~~ *five percent* of the sales price of each communications service that is sourced to the Commonwealth in accordance with § 58.1-649.

B. The sales price on which the tax is levied shall not include charges for any of the following: (i) an excise, sales, or similar tax levied by the United States or any state or local government on the purchase, sale, use, or consumption of any communications service that is permitted or required to be added to the sales price of such service, if the tax is stated separately; (ii) a fee or assessment levied by the United States or any state or local government, including but not limited to, regulatory fees and emergency telephone surcharges, that is required to be added to the price of service if the fee or assessment is separately stated; (iii) coin-operated communications services; (iv) sale or recharge of a prepaid calling service; (v) provision of air-to-ground radiotelephone services, as that term is defined in 47 C.F.R. § 22.99; (vi) a communications services provider's internal use of communications services in connection with its business of providing communications services; (vii) charges for property or other services that are not part of the sale of communications services, if the charges are stated separately from the charges for communications services; (viii) sales for resale; (ix) charges for communications

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services to the Commonwealth, any political subdivision of the Commonwealth, and the federal government and any agency or instrumentality of the federal government; and (x) charges for communications services to any customers on any federal military bases or installations when a franchise fee or similar fee for access is payable to the federal government, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, with respect to the same communications services.

C. Communications services on which the tax is hereby levied shall not include the following: (i) information services; (ii) installation or maintenance of wiring or equipment on a customer's premises; (iii) the sale or rental of tangible personal property; (iv) the sale of advertising, including but not limited to, directory advertising; (v) bad check charges; (vi) billing and collection services; (vii) Internet access service, electronic mail service, electronic bulletin board service, or similar services that are incidental to Internet access, such as voice-capable e-mail or instant messaging; (viii) ~~digital products delivered electronically, such as software, downloaded music, ring tones, and reading materials~~ *digital personal property and taxable services, as those terms are defined in § 58.1-602*; and (ix) over-the-air radio and television service broadcast without charge by an entity licensed for such purposes by the Federal Communications Commission. Also, those entities exempt from the tax imposed in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 (§ 58.1-3812 et seq.) of Chapter 38 of Title 58.1, in effect on January 1, 2006, shall continue to be exempt from the tax imposed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

§ 58.1-650. Bundled transaction of communications services.

A. For purposes of this chapter, a bundled transaction of communications services includes communications services taxed under this chapter and consists of distinct and identifiable properties, services, or both, sold for one nonitemized charge for which the tax treatment of the distinct properties and services is different.

B. In the case of a bundled transaction described in subsection A, ~~if~~:

1. *If the charge is attributable to services that are taxable and services that are nontaxable, the portion of the charge attributable to the nontaxable services shall be subject to tax unless, at the communications service provider's option, the communications services provider can reasonably identify the nontaxable portion from its books and records kept in the regular course of business.*

2. *If the price is attributable to services that are subject to tax at different tax rates under this chapter or Chapter 6 (§ 58.1-600 et seq.), the total price may be treated as attributable to the products subject to tax at the highest tax rate unless, at the communications service provider's option, the communications service provider can reasonably identify the portion of the sales price attributable to the products subject to tax at the lower rate from its books and records kept in the regular course of business.*

5. That the provisions of the fourth enactment of this act shall become effective on January 1, 2025, and that the Department of Taxation shall develop guidelines implementing the provisions of the fourth enactment of this act. Such guidelines shall be

exempt from the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq. of the Code of Virginia)."

Page 652, line 34, strike "10" and insert "6".

Page 652, strike lines 35-38, and insert:

"7. That the provisions of the second, fourth, and fifth enactments of this act shall have no expiration date.

8. That the provisions of the third enactment of this act are declarative of existing law and shall have no expiration date."

Explanation:

(This amendment removes the proposed tax policy actions in the introduced budget. It also expands the application of sales tax to include digital personal property and certain taxable services in addition to tangible personal property. Taxable services include software application services, computer-related services, website hosting and design, data storage, and streaming services.)
