



Overview of Public Safety & Veterans in SB 29 and SB 30

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SB 29 Public Safety & Veterans: Summary of Proposed Amendments

- Proposes \$50.3 million GF in FY 2026 for Virginia State Police (VSP) operations, including:
 - \$35.0 million GF for basic trooper school classes including increased personnel and vehicle costs;
 - \$9.3 million GF for VITA Transformation Phase II; and
 - \$6.0 million GF for overtime costs.
- Recommends \$24.9 million GF in FY 2026 for increased inmate medical costs at the Department of Corrections (DOC).
- Proposes \$1.8 million GF in FY 2026 for Puller Veterans Care Center start-up cost increases.

Overview of Public Safety & Veterans SB 30

The introduced budget proposes actions to Public Safety & Veterans totaling a net increase of \$209.3 million GF over the biennium, including:

- \$52.9 million GF the first year and \$61.5 million GF the second year for VSP operations, including:
 - \$95.8 million GF for basic trooper school personnel and vehicle costs; and
 - \$18.6 million GF for VITA Transformation Phase II.
- \$28.9 million GF the first year and \$30.8 million GF the second year to support increased DOC inmate medical increases;
- \$5.0 million GF the first year and \$7.0 million GF the second year for potential future reductions in federal support for emergency management operations; and
- \$9.1 million GF over the biennium for Puller Veterans Care start-up operations cost increases.

SB 30 Public Safety & Homeland Security

(GF \$ in millions)	FY 2027	FY 2028	Biennium
VSP: Personnel, Vehicles, and IT Cost Increases	\$52.9	\$61.5	\$114.4
DOC: Inmate Medical Cost Increases	28.9	30.8	59.7
Dept. of Emergency Management (VDEM): Operations (Anticipation of Potential Federal Reductions)	5.0	7.0	12.0
Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Local Placements for State-Responsible Youth	2.8	2.8	5.5
Dept. of Crim. Justice Services (DCJS): Continue Program to Reimburse Local Law Enforcement for Civil Commitment Transportation	2.0	-	2.0
VDEM: Emergency Communications in Rural Areas	0.4	0.3	0.7
DFS: Forensic Scientists (Two) for Workload Increases	0.3	0.3	0.6
VDEM: Vehicle and Warehouse Lease Cost Increases	0.2	0.3	0.5
DOC: State Share Jail Renovations (Piedmont Regional & Roanoke County)	0.3	-	0.3
DCJS: Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Program Increase	<0.1	<0.1	0.1
DCJS: Complete Sex Trafficking Prevention Pilot Program	-	(0.4)	(0.4)
DOC: Discontinue Career Pipeline Pilot Program	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.5)
Total	\$92.6	\$102.4	\$194.9

SB 30 Veterans

(GF \$ in millions)	FY 2027	FY 2028	Biennium
Dept. of Veterans Services (DVS): Puller Veterans Care Center Start-Up Operations	\$7.5	\$1.6	\$9.1
Secretary: Increase Military Community Infrastructure Grants	2.0	-	2.0
Dept. of Military Affairs (DMA): Personnel Cost Increases	0.5	0.5	1.0
DMA: Ft. Pickett Fire Department Positions (Four)	0.5	0.5	1.0
DVS: National Center for Healthy Veterans at Valor Farms	0.3	0.3	0.6
DMA: Security Services Contract	0.3	0.3	0.5
DMA: Cash Management Software Development Cost Increase	0.2	-	0.2
DVS: Virginia Value Veterans (V3) Employer Incentives	<u>0.1</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.1</u>
Total	\$11.3	\$3.1	\$14.4

Select NGF and Language-Only Proposals

- Recommends \$35.0 million NGF from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative for a proposed Cardinal Relief Fund to address life, safety, and disaster-related response costs not covered by the federal government.
- Proposes language expanding the use of various NGF sources at VSP and DMA to cover operational costs.
- Recommends language directing DVS to operate its veterans care centers as a system, sharing nongeneral fund revenues between the four centers.