



Report of the Subcommittee on  
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**The Honorable J. Chapman Petersen, Chair**

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Co-Chairs and Members of the Committee:

Your Subcommittee has reviewed the provisions of Senate Bill 800 for those portions of the budget that fall under the Subcommittee on General Government. The areas contained within General Government cross six secretariats, more than 40 agencies, and dozens of commissions and boards.

Above all, the Subcommittee has focused on recognizing the value of the Commonwealth's public workforce. To that end, I would briefly like to highlight a few key recommendations of the Subcommittee, particularly within the areas of the Judicial Department, Administration, and Central Appropriations.

In recognition of the employees who serve the Commonwealth, the Subcommittee recommends \$107.0 million to ensure that our state employees, state-supported local employees, full-time and adjunct faculty, and our graduate teaching assistants can count on a 7.0 percent pay increase next year. In addition, our state employees will also be receiving a \$1,000 bonus on December 1, 2023.

Under the Judicial Department, we include \$8.4 million to ensure that all substitute and retired and recalled judges, district court clerks, and citizens fulfilling their civic duty as jurors are compensated for their time.

Likewise, under the Administration secretariat, we provide \$12.3 million to better support our local Commissioners of the Revenue, Treasurers, Commonwealth's attorneys, circuit court clerks, and regional jail

officers. With an additional \$8.8 million, the Subcommittee recommends increasing support to local jails by raising the per diem from \$4 to \$6.

Finally, to ensure that we as a Commonwealth continue to meet our responsibilities to our retired public servants, the Subcommittee proposes a contingency amount of \$250.0 million to make an additional payment toward our unfunded liabilities under the Virginia Retirement System.

With that, I hope it will be the pleasure of the Committee to adopt our amendments.

Respectfully Submitted,

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The Honorable J. Chapman Petersen, Chairman

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The Honorable Stephen D. Newman, Vice-Chair

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The Honorable L. Louise Lucas

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The Honorable Jill H. Vogel

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The Honorable Mamie E. Locke

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The Honorable Adam P. Ebbin

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Line	Budget Item	SB 800		
		GF FY 2023	GF FY 2024	GF Biennium
1	<b>Legislative Department</b>			
2				
3	<b>General Assembly</b>			
4	Extend Joint Subcommittee to Examine Pandemic Response			<i>Language</i>
5	Senate Operations, Inflation, and Workload Adjustments	\$ -	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000
6				
7	<b>Auditor of Public Accounts</b>			
8	Audit Criteria Language - Opioid Abatement Authority/Funds			<i>Language</i>
9				
10	<b>Division of Legislative Services</b>			
11	Chesapeake Bay Grant Funds (NGF - \$327,152)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12	Move Housing Commission from DLS	\$ -	\$ (423,874)	\$ (423,874)
13	Add Position for the Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council	\$ -	\$ 107,203	\$ 107,203
14	Move Utility Regulation Commission from DLS	\$ -	\$ (10,011)	\$ (10,011)
15				
16	<b>Division of Legislative Automated Systems</b>			
17	Integration of e-Filing and Bill Drafting Systems with LIS	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000
18				
19	<b>Virginia State Crime Commission</b>			
20	Staff Compensation and Professional Development Plan	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
21				
22	<b>Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission</b>			
23	Remove Oversight of Cardinal			<i>Language</i>
24				
25	<b>Virginia Housing Commission</b>			
26	Reestablish Housing Commission as Independent Agency	\$ -	\$ 423,874	\$ 423,874
27				
28	<b>Commission on Utility Regulation</b>			
29	Reinstate the Commission on Electric Utility Regulation (SB 1116)	\$ -	\$ 671,028	\$ 671,028
30				
31	<b>American Revolution 250 Commission</b>			
32	Transfer from Education	\$ 7,000,000	\$ -	\$ 7,000,000
33				
34	<b>Total - Legislative Department</b>	<b>\$ 8,500,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,568,220</b>	<b>\$ 10,068,220</b>

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35				
36	<b>Judicial Department</b>			
37				
38	<b>Supreme Court</b>			
39	Substitute Judge Per Diem (\$400)	\$ -	\$ 1,009,326	\$ 1,009,326
40	Collection of Court Fines (SB 1159)	\$ -	\$ 296,400	\$ 296,400
41	Circuit Court Clerk Staffing and Workforce Study			<i>Language</i>
42				
43	<b>Circuit Courts</b>			
44	Increase Daily Juror Compensation from \$30 to \$100 (SB 789)	\$ -	\$ 5,340,201	\$ 5,340,201
45				
46	<b>General District Courts</b>			
47	Add Judge, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Judicial District (SB 816)	\$ -	\$ 290,149	\$ 290,149
48	Two Percent Salary Increase for District Court Clerks	\$ -	\$ 2,048,081	\$ 2,048,081
49				
50	<b>Total - Judicial Department</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 8,984,157</b>	<b>\$ 8,984,157</b>
51				
52	<b>Executive Offices</b>			
53				
54	<b>Office of the Governor</b>			
55	Parents Advocacy Commission Work Group (SB 1443)	\$ 35,000	\$ -	\$ 35,000
56	Social Work Advisory Board (SB 1503)	\$ -	\$ 106,600	\$ 106,600
57	Increase Court-Appointed Counsel Fees for Child Dependency Cases (SJ 241)			<i>Language</i>
58				
59	<b>Office of the Lieutenant Governor</b>			
60	Remove Contract Support	\$ -	\$ (500,000)	\$ (500,000)
61	Maintain Current Staffing Levels	\$ -	\$ (229,570)	\$ (229,570)
62				
63	<b>Attorney General's Office</b>			
64	Move New Witness Protection Program to DCJS	\$ -	\$ (2,500,000)	\$ (2,500,000)
65	Remove Cannabis Consumer Protection Enforcement Investigators	\$ -	\$ (513,374)	\$ (513,374)
66	Remove Additional Ratepayer Advocacy Positions	\$ -	\$ (253,902)	\$ (253,902)
67	Remove Funding for Staff to Address Increase In Appeals Cases	\$ -	\$ (2,600,000)	\$ (2,600,000)
68	Remove Funding for Virginia Beach OAG office	\$ -	\$ (250,000)	\$ (250,000)
69				
70	<b>Secretary of the Commonwealth</b>			
71	Tribal Nations Ombudsman	\$ -	\$ 160,250	\$ 160,250
72				
73	<b>Total - Executive Offices</b>	<b>\$ 35,000</b>	<b>\$ (6,579,996)</b>	<b>\$ (6,544,996)</b>

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74				
75	<b><u>Office of Administration</u></b>			
76				
77	<b>Compensation Board</b>			
78	Move Pilot Program for Court-Ordered Transportation to DBHDS	\$	- \$ (4,074,631)	\$ (4,074,631)
79	Increase Local Jail Per Diem from \$4 to \$6	\$	- \$ 8,820,112	\$ 8,820,112
80	Restore Unfunded Commissioner of the Revenue Positions	\$	- \$ 1,707,386	\$ 1,707,386
81	Salary Increase for Circuit Court Clerks	\$	- \$ 1,073,264	\$ 1,073,264
82	Salary Increase for Commonwealth's Attorneys	\$	- \$ 4,633,412	\$ 4,633,412
83	Restore Unfunded Treasurer Positions	\$	- \$ 3,645,461	\$ 3,645,461
84	Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Position	\$	- \$ 1,882,746	\$ 1,882,746
85	Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Overhead Cost Recovery	\$	- \$ (641,378)	\$ (641,378)
86	Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Position Table			<i>Language</i>
87	Study Population-Based Pay Scale for Sheriffs			<i>Language</i>
88	Study Local Correctional Facility Fees (SB 889)			<i>Language</i>
89				
90	<b>Department of General Services</b>			
91	Maintain Current Capitol Square Master Site Plan	\$	- \$ (500,000)	\$ (500,000)
92				
93	<b>Department of Human Resource Management</b>			
94	Human Resources Shared Services Center			<i>Language</i>
95	Transfer Virginia Management Fellows Program	\$	- \$ (1,513,961)	\$ (1,513,961)
96				
97	<b>Virginia Information Technologies Agency</b>			
98	Delay Statewide Permit Evaluation Application	\$	- \$ (896,365)	\$ (896,365)
99	Maintain Internal Service Support for IT Services (NGF - \$3,039,298)	\$	- \$ -	\$ -
100	Support Central Portal Evaluation with Existing Funds	\$	- \$ (500,000)	\$ (500,000)
101				
102	<b>Total - Office of Administration</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>- \$ 13,636,046</b>	<b>\$ 13,636,046</b>
103				
104	<b><u>Office of Finance</u></b>			
105				
106	<b>Secretary of Finance</b>			
107	Transfer Virginia Management Fellows Program	\$	- \$ 1,513,961	\$ 1,513,961
108				
109	<b>Department of Planning and Budget</b>			
110	Evaluate Options for Regulatory Town Hall			<i>Language</i>
111				
112	<b>Department of Taxation</b>			
113	Tax Compliance Positions	\$	- \$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000

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114	Fund Costs for Tax Administration (SB 1182 and SB 1476)	\$ -	\$ 1,250,030	\$ 1,250,030
115				
116	<b>Department of the Treasury</b>			
117	Claims - Michael Hass (SB 928)	\$ -	\$ 1,530,653	\$ 1,530,653
118				
119	<b>Total - Office of Finance</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5,794,644</b>	<b>\$ 5,794,644</b>
120				
121	<b>Central Appropriations</b>			
122				
123	Raise State and State-Supported Salary Increase to 7.0 Percent	\$ -	\$ 106,975,966	\$ 106,975,966
124	Repurpose Funds for Salary Increases	\$ -	\$ (100,000,000)	\$ (100,000,000)
125	Reduce One-Time Bonus from \$1,500 to \$1,000	\$ -	\$ (33,258,554)	\$ (33,258,554)
126	Adjust Transformation Funds	\$ -	\$ (10,000,000)	\$ (10,000,000)
127	Remove Funds to Reimburse for COVID-19 Violations	\$ -	\$ (1,000,000)	\$ (1,000,000)
128	Remove Funding to Develop Plan for Washington Commanders	\$ -	\$ (500,000)	\$ (500,000)
129	Reimbursement for Presential Primary Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,364,663	\$ 1,364,663
130	Interagency Workforce Alignment Review			<i>Language</i>
131	Language Access			<i>Language</i>
132				
133	<b>Total - Central Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (36,417,925)</b>	<b>\$ (36,417,925)</b>
134				
135	<b>Independent Agencies</b>			
136				
137	<b>State Corporation Commission</b>			
138	Hearing Aid Coverage for Minors (SB 1003)	\$ -	\$ 415,000	\$ 415,000
139	Electronic Prior Authorization Work Group			<i>Language</i>
140				
141	<b>Virginia Retirement System</b>			
142	VRS Implementation Costs, Return to Work Changes (NGF - \$686,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
143	Authority to Charge LODA Joining Fee for Private Colleges (NGF - \$35,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
144				
145	<b>Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission</b>			
146	Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund, Survivors' Mental Health Counseling			<i>Language</i>
147				
148	<b>Total - Independent Agencies</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 415,000</b>	<b>\$ 415,000</b>
149				



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150	<b><u>Part 3 - Miscellaneous</u></b>			
151				
152	Various language amendments			<i>Language</i>
153				
154	<b><u>Part 4 - General Provisions</u></b>			
155				
156	Various language amendments			<i>Language</i>
157				
158	<b>Total - General Government</b>	<b>\$ 8,535,000</b>	<b>\$ (12,599,854)</b>	<b>\$ (4,064,854)</b>