

*Joint  
Conference Committee  
Report on*

*House Bill 1600*

*2025 Session*

February 20, 2025

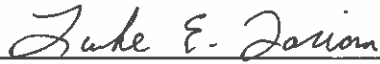


**We, the conferees, appointed by the respective bodies to consider and report the disagreeing vote on House Bill 1600 report as follows:**

- A. We recommend that the House and Senate amendments be rejected.**
- B. We recommend that House Bill 1600, as introduced, be amended as follows to resolve the matters under disagreement.**

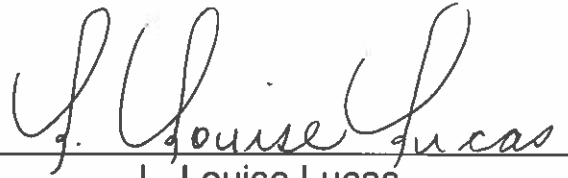


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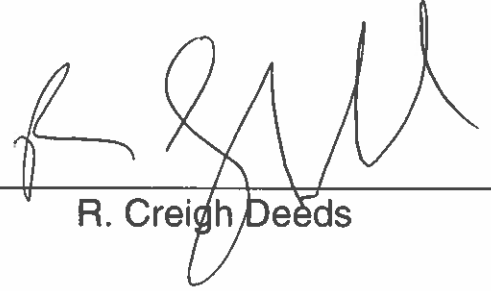
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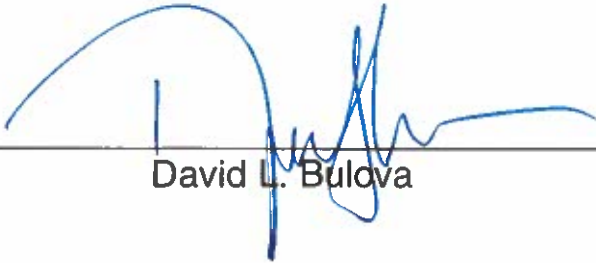
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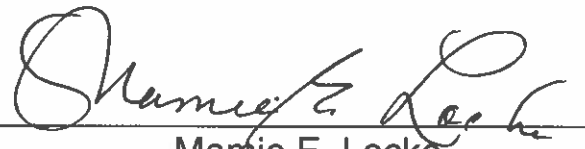
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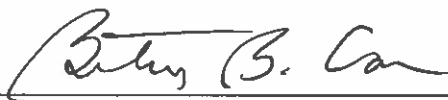
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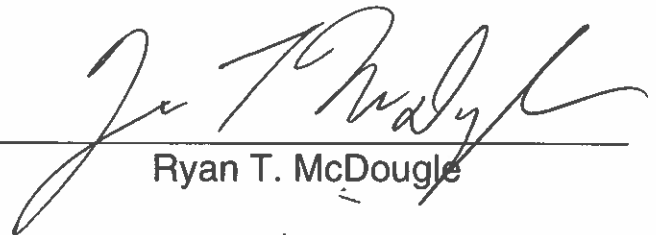
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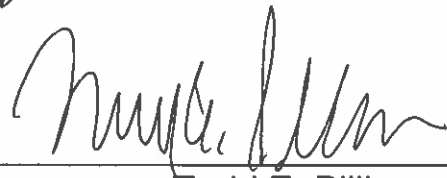
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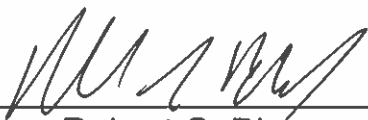
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**House Conferees**

**Senate Conferees**



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Item 0 #1c

**Revenues**

Revenues

Language

**Language:**

Page 1, strike lines 36 through 48, and insert:

	<b>"First Year</b>	<b>Second Year</b>	<b>Total</b>
Unreserved Balance	\$12,757,442,466	\$0	\$12,757,442,466
Additions to Balance	(\$8,243,470,953)	\$19,500,000	(\$8,223,970,953)
Official Revenue Estimates	\$30,661,036,462	\$31,360,409,381	\$62,021,445,843
Transfers	\$1,390,285,768	\$1,572,043,937	\$2,962,329,705
Total General Fund Resources Available for Appropriation	\$36,565,293,743	\$32,951,953,318	\$69,517,247,061".

Page 2, strike lines 2 through 19, and insert:

	<b>"First Year</b>	<b>Second Year</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance, June 30, 2024	\$12,329,216,528	\$0	\$12,329,216,528
Official Revenue Estimates	\$55,902,159,636	\$57,954,762,312	\$113,856,921,948
Lottery Proceeds Fund	\$943,824,250	\$875,335,350	\$1,819,159,600
Internal Service Fund	\$2,548,392,953	\$2,661,451,414	\$5,209,844,367
Bond Proceeds	\$930,193,760	\$406,085,243	\$1,336,279,003
Total Nongeneral Fund Revenues Available for Appropriation	\$72,653,787,127	\$61,897,634,319	\$134,551,421,446
TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES	\$109,219,080,870	\$94,849,587,637	\$204,068,668,507".

**Explanation:**

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(This amendment adjusts the front page revenue assumptions based on the Conference Report amendments.)

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Item 1 #1c

**Legislative Department**

General Assembly of Virginia

Language

**Language:**

Page 10, after line 28, insert:

"5. The Joint Subcommittee on Tax Policy shall study the data center sales and use tax exemption during the 2025 interim. The goals and objectives shall include: (i) reviewing Virginia's status as a leader for data center development and tax preferences; (ii) competitive advantages provided by existing and future exemptions; (iii) approaches taken in other states to provide stability and continuity for the impacted firms; (iv) investigating methods to attract data center investment to non-urbanized areas of the Commonwealth; (v) reviewing the recommendations and options in the 2024 JLARC study on Data Centers in Virginia; and (vi) reviewing the estimated direct and indirect economic benefits of data center investment in the Commonwealth."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Joint Subcommittee on Tax Policy to review the data center sales and use tax exemption during the 2025 interim.)

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Item 1 #2c

**Legislative Department**

General Assembly of Virginia

Language

**Language:**

Page 17, after line 25, insert:

"F.1. There is hereby established a Legislative Information Technology (IT) Council to oversee the operations and implementation of technology for the legislative branch. Membership of the Council shall include: the Clerk of the House, the Clerk of the Senate, the Staff Directors of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, the Director of the Division of Legislative Services, the Director of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, and the Director of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems (DLAS) as an ex officio non-voting member. Members of the Council may be represented by a designee. Meetings of the Council may occur at least four times a year to review, discuss, and make recommendations regarding services provided by the Division of Legislative Automated



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Systems, such as: (i) ongoing operational support; (ii) system development, implementation, refresh, and maintenance; (iii) information technology security; (iv) incident response; and (v) any other services provided to legislative agencies. The workgroup may direct DLAS to seek input from non-legislative stakeholders as needed to enhance the efficiency, effectiveness, and user-friendly capabilities of public-facing legislative systems. The Council may conduct an annual survey to evaluate the customer service that DLAS provides to legislative agencies. Finally, the Council shall, as needed, provide updates to the Joint Committee on Rules with regard to operational or performance issues, recommendations, or other feedback as needed to ensure the optimal operation of legislative entities.

2. The sole priority of DLAS shall be, through fiscal year 2026, to resolve outstanding issues with the Legislative Information System (LIS) and Lobbyist in a Box. DLAS shall cease development of all other systems unless otherwise directed by the Joint Committee on Rules or the Legislative IT Council."

**Explanation:**

(This language amendment establishes a workgroup in the legislative branch to serve in an advisory capacity to the Joint Committee on Rules on the operations and implementation of technology for the legislative branch.)

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Item 1 #3c

<b>Legislative Department</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
General Assembly of Virginia	\$1,000,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 4, line 5, strike "\$65,305,825" and insert "\$66,305,825".

Page 13, after line 17, insert:

"5. Out of this appropriation, \$1,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to support public engagement, facilitation and technical support for the Joint Subcommittee."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million the first year from the general fund to support the Joint Subcommittee to Study Elementary and Secondary Funding's ongoing work to review Virginia's K-12 funding formula. This is supported by a reversion of Transformation Office balances the Governor announced would be designated for a K-12 funding review.)

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Item 1 #4c

<b>Legislative Department</b>	<b>Language</b>
General Assembly of Virginia	

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**Language:**

Page 7, line 51, after "Building", insert:  
", Old City Hall, and Lot 27".

Page 7, line 52, after "Services," strike the remainder of the line.

Page 7, line 53, strike "and Review Commission,".

**Explanation:**

(This language amendment makes technical updates to reflect recent changes in legislative facility ownership.)

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Item 1 #5c

<b>Legislative Department</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
General Assembly of Virginia	\$200,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 4, line 5, strike "\$65,305,825" and insert "\$65,505,825".

Page 11, line 46, strike the first "\$28,760" and insert "\$228,760".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$200,000 the first year from the general fund to the Commission Studying History of Uprooting of Black Communities by Public Institutions of Higher Education which is evaluating (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.)

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Item 1 #6c

<b>Legislative Department</b>	<b>Language</b>
General Assembly of Virginia	

**Language:**

Page 7, after line 38, insert:

"9. Members may utilize state transportation options as needed to attend regular or special sessions of the General Assembly; however, in such cases, members are not eligible to request travel reimbursement."

**Explanation:**

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(This language amendment provides guidance related to travel reimbursements for members.)

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Item 1 #7c

**Legislative Department**

General Assembly of Virginia

Language

**Language:**

Page 12, after line 16, insert:

"Legislator Compensation Commission Senate Bill 1219, 2025 Acts of Assembly \$5,400".

**Explanation:**

(This language amendment includes in the table of allowances for the General Assembly, the anticipated member expenses associated with Senate Bill 1219 which establishes the Legislator Compensation Commission. Sufficient agency balances exist to support the costs of the Commission, so no additional funds are needed.)

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Item 1 #8c

**Legislative Department**

General Assembly of Virginia

Language

**Language:**

Page 12, delete lines 35 through 54 and insert:

"R.1. The Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees shall each appoint four members from their respective committees to a joint subcommittee to review the recommendations of the November 2022 report from the Joint Legislative and Audit Review Commission (JLARC) regarding the actuarial surplus of the VA529 Defined Benefit Trust Fund (the Fund).

2. The Joint Subcommittee on VA529 Surplus Funds shall review the considerations set forth in the JLARC report and produce recommendations with regard to: (i) the method, timing, and amount of any withdrawals from the Fund, including the appropriate funded status at which withdrawals should be considered, with consideration to maintaining sufficient assets to ensure Fund solvency for future obligations; (ii) development of guidelines for the appropriate allocation and subsequent use of monies withdrawn from the Fund, including consideration of returning funds to Legacy Prepaid529 account holders and programs that support higher education access and affordability; and (iii) ongoing oversight of Fund balances to determine availability of any future actuarial surpluses.

3. The Subcommittee shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the

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Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees no later than October 15, 2025."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment updates language to establish a Joint Subcommittee to review options for the use of the Virginia 529 Defined Benefit Trust Fund based on the 2022 report from the Joint Legislative and Audit Review Commission (JLARC) on the actuarial surplus.)

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Item 1 #9c

<b>Legislative Department</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
General Assembly of Virginia	\$350,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 4, line 5, strike "\$65,305,825" and insert "\$65,655,825".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$350,000 from the general fund the first year to support the work of the Joint Subcommittee on Higher Education Funding Policies which may include contracted services.)

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Item 6 #1c

<b>Legislative Department</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Division of Legislative Services	\$275,325	\$0 NGF

**Language:**

Page 17, line 33, strike "\$9,640,479" and insert "\$9,915,804".

Page 18, after line 7, insert:

"F. Out of this appropriation, \$275,325 the first year from dedicated special revenue is provided to implement the recommendations of the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund Advisory Committee."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment appropriates \$275,325 in dedicated special revenue generated from sales of the "Friends of the Chesapeake Bay" license plate for the recommendations of the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund Advisory Committee.)

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Item 6 #2c

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<b>Legislative Department</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Division of Legislative Services	0.00	3.00	FTE

**Language:**

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides three additional positions for the Division in the second year to reflect current workloads and responsibilities.)

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Item 6 #3c

<b>Legislative Department</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Division of Legislative Services	\$0	\$120,000	GF
	0.00	1.00	FTE

**Language:**

Page 17, line 33, strike "\$9,640,479" and insert "\$9,760,479".

Page 18, after line 7, insert:

"F. Out of this appropriation, \$120,000 from the general fund the second year shall be provided for one position to support the Commission on Women's Health."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$120,000 the second year from the general fund and one position to serve as staff support for the Commission on Women's Health.)

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Item 6 #4c

<b>Legislative Department</b>		<b>Language</b>
Division of Legislative Services		

**Language:**

Page 17, line 39, strike "\$208,782" and insert "\$219,221".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides an adjustment to the salary of Director, Division of Legislative Services.)

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Item 7 #1c

<b>Legislative Department</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
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Capitol Square Preservation Council	(\$262,288)	(\$262,288)	GF
	-2.00	-2.00	FTE

**Language:**

Page 18, line 15, strike "\$262,288" and insert "\$0".  
 Page 18, line 15, strike "\$262,288" and insert "\$0".  
 Page 18, strike lines 13 through 22.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes \$262,288 each year from the general fund and two positions to sunset a legislative council.)

Item 10 #1c

<b>Legislative Department</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in the United States	\$0	\$17,600	GF

**Language:**

Page 19, line 1, strike "\$87,522" and insert "\$105,122".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$17,600 the second year from the general fund to reflect operational cost increases.)

Item 12 #1c

<b>Legislative Department</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council	\$0 0.00	\$265,990 2.00	GF FTE

**Language:**

Page 19, line 29, strike "\$269,146" and insert "\$535,136".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$265,990 the second year from the general fund to augment operational support and staffing for the Freedom of Information Advisory Council to address increased workloads.)

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Item 13 #1c

<b>Legislative Department</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Virginia Housing Commission	\$0	\$75,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 19, line 39, strike "\$423,763" and insert "\$498,763".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$75,000 the second year from the general fund to the Commission for operational support.)

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Item 20 #1c

<b>Legislative Department</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Joint Commission on Health Care	\$0	\$175,000	GF
	0.00	1.00	FTE

**Language:**

Page 22, line 38, strike "\$1,041,882" and insert "\$1,216,882".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$175,000 the second year from the general fund to accept transfer of a health policy analyst position from the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC). A companion amendment removes an equal amount of funding and a position from JLARC, resulting in an overall net-zero cost impact.)

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Item 23 #1c

<b>Legislative Department</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Virginia State Crime Commission	\$0	\$75,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 23, line 24, strike "\$1,844,034" and insert "\$1,919,034".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$75,000 the second year from the general fund to support staffing costs for the Virginia State Crime Commission.)

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Item 24 #1c

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<b>Legislative Department</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Commission on Electric Utility Regulation	\$0	\$75,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 24, line 46, strike "\$691,050" and insert "\$766,050".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$75,000 the second year from the general fund for the Commission on Electric Utility Regulation for operational support.)

Item 25 #1c

<b>Legislative Department</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission	\$0 0.00	(\$175,000) -1.00	GF FTE

**Language:**

Page 26, line 19, strike "\$6,244,847" and insert "\$6,069,847".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes \$175,000 the second year from the general fund to transfer a health policy analyst position from the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC), to the Joint Commission on Health Care (JCHC). A companion amendment to JCHC appropriates an equal amount of funding and a position, resulting in an overall net-zero cost impact.)

Item 26 #1c

<b>Legislative Department</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Virginia Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation	\$0	\$80,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 30, line 2, strike "\$880,021" and insert "\$960,021".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$80,000 from the general fund the second year to fund higher dues for intergovernmental organizations.)



Item 27 #1c

**Legislative Department**

Legislative Department Reversion Clearing Account

Language

**Language:**

Page 30, line 22, strike "\$200,000" and insert "\$250,000".

Page 30, line 23, strike "\$200,000" and insert "\$250,000".

Page 30, after line 26, insert:

"C. On or before June 30, 2025, the Committee on Joint Rules shall authorize a reversion to the general fund of \$2,264,114 representing savings generated by legislative agencies in the first year of the 2024-2026 biennium. The total savings amount includes estimated savings within the following legislative agencies:

<b>Legislative Agency</b>	<b>Estimated Savings - FY 2025</b>
107: Division of Legislative Services	\$500,000
110: Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission	\$1,000,000
820: Capitol Square Preservation Council	\$764,114
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,264,114".</b>

**Explanation:**

(This amendment authorizes a transfer in the first year of \$2,264,114 in general fund balances from legislative branch agencies and makes a technical language correction.)

Item 27 #2c

**Legislative Department**

Legislative Department Reversion  
Clearing Account

**FY24-25**  
\$750,000

**FY25-26**  
\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 30, line 15, strike "\$710,315" and insert "\$1,460,315".

Page 30, after line 26, insert:

"C. Out of the amounts in this Item, \$750,000 the first year from the general fund may be utilized to contract for the construction of a statue that commemorates the legacy of former Governor L. Douglas Wilder. The allocation of these funds shall be subject to the approval of the Committee on Joint Rules. The Virginia Capitol Foundation may accept donations for this purpose."

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**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$750,000 the first year from the general fund to support the development of a statue for placement on Capitol Square that commemorates the legacy of former Governor L. Douglas Wilder.)

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		Item 31 #1c	
<b>Judicial Department</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Supreme Court	\$0	(\$1,000,000)	GF

**Language:**

Page 32, line 2, strike "\$60,079,165" and insert "\$59,079,165".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reduces by \$1.0 million from the general fund the second year the proposed increase for technology expenses at the Supreme Court, bringing the total increase to \$2.0 million annually.)

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		Item 31 #2c	
<b>Judicial Department</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Supreme Court	\$83,416	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 32, line 2, strike "\$53,721,053" and insert "\$53,804,469".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$83,416 the first year from the general fund for costs associated with House Bill 1665, related to the provision of itemized statements to defendants. The funding is provided in the first year to allow time for system updates to be made prior to the bill's effective date.)

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		Item 31 #3c	
<b>Judicial Department</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Supreme Court	\$573,414	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 32, line 2, strike "\$53,721,053" and insert "\$54,294,467".

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**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$573,414 the first year from the general fund for necessary system upgrades related to criminal record sealing. Funding covers system updates, including those necessary for new data collection.)

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		Item 33 #1c	
<b>Judicial Department</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Circuit Courts	\$0	(\$100,000)	GF

**Language:**

Page 36, line 10, strike "\$137,464,210" and insert "\$137,364,210".

Page 37, strike lines 39 through 41.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes \$100,000 the second year from the general fund to revert balances in the Sealing Fee Fund in accordance with the provisions of House Bill 2723 and Senate Bill 1466.)

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		Item 33 #2c	
<b>Judicial Department</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Circuit Courts	\$0	\$1,000,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 36, line 10, strike "\$137,464,210" and insert "\$138,464,210".

Page 36, line 40, strike "\$145,526,138" and insert "\$146,526,138".

Page 37, after line 41, insert:

"K. Out of the amounts appropriated in this Item, \$1,000,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to support an increase in the rate paid to guardian ad litem from the Criminal Fund to \$78.75 per hour for time spent in court and \$57.50 for time spent out of court.

L. As part of the annual Criminal Fund forecasting process conducted by the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) in consultation with staff from the Department of Planning and Budget and the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, the OES shall continue to include notice of any intended rate changes that would have an impact on Criminal Fund expenditures in materials provided to support the forecasting process. OES may approve a rate increase if (i) it will not require an increase in subsequent Criminal Fund appropriations, as determined by the group consensus on the six-year Criminal Fund forecast; or (ii) if sufficient funding is provided to the Criminal Fund to accommodate anticipated cost

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impacts from the increase."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million from the general fund the second year to increase the guardian ad litem payment rate from \$75/hour to \$78.75/hour for time spent in court and \$55/hour to \$57.50/hour for time spent out of court. According to the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES), current Criminal Fund balances are sufficient to cover a rate increase in fiscal year 2026, but the ongoing annual Criminal Fund appropriation would need to be increased to accommodate the rate change beginning in fiscal year 2027. Language also states that OES may approve a rate increase if sufficient funding is available either from its existing Criminal Fund appropriations, as determined by a consensus six-year forecast, or from funding provided by the General Assembly to accommodate the rate change.)

Item 33 #3c

<b>Judicial Department</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Circuit Courts	\$0	\$450,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 36, line 10, strike "\$137,464,210" and insert "\$137,914,210".  
 Page 36, line 40, strike "\$145,526,138" and insert "\$145,976,138".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$450,000 from the general fund the second year for the estimated fiscal impact of House Bill 2322, which provides court-appointed co-counsel for indigent defendants charged with felonies punishable by a mandatory minimum term of confinement for life.)

Item 34 #1c

<b>Judicial Department</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
General District Courts	\$0	\$624,404	GF
	0.00	2.00	FTE

**Language:**

Page 37, line 47, strike "\$153,148,993" and insert "\$153,773,397".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$624,404 from the general fund the second year for the cost of 2.0 new judgeships in general district courts, including the Ninth District and the Thirty-first District.)

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Item 35 #1c

Judicial Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Juvenile and Domestic Relations	\$0	\$312,202	GF
District Courts	0.00	1.00	FTE

**Language:**

Page 38, line 35, strike "\$121,716,328" and insert "\$122,028,530".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$312,202 from the general fund the second year for the cost of a new juvenile and domestic relations district court judgeship in the Second District.)

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Item 40 #1c

Judicial Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Indigent Defense Commission	\$0	\$138,193	GF
	0.00	1.00	FTE

**Language:**

Page 41, line 15, strike "\$88,875,818" and insert "\$89,014,011".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$138,193 from the general fund in the second year and 1.0 position for the Indigent Defense Commission to create a Sealing and Expungement Resource Counsel to support upcoming criminal record sealing requirements.)

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Item 40 #2c

Judicial Department	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Indigent Defense Commission	\$0	\$381,000	GF
	0.00	3.00	FTE

**Language:**

Page 41, line 15, strike "\$88,875,818" and insert "\$89,256,818".

Page 41, after line 36, insert:

"E. Out of the amounts in this item, funding is provided for three positions for the Fairfax Indigent Defense Commission to provide public defender services to the Town of Herndon, the Town of Vienna, and the City of Fairfax."

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**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$381,000 the second year from the general fund and 3.0 positions for the Indigent Defense Council to increase services provided to the Town of Herndon, Town of Vienna, and City of Fairfax.)

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Item 44 #1c

**Executive Offices**

Office of the Governor

Language

**Language:**

Page 45, after line 48, insert:

"H. From the amounts initially appropriated in Chapter 2, 2022 Special Session I, \$1,000,000 of the carryforward balances shall revert to the general fund. The executive branch shall not issue any procurement related to development of a model simulator to predict effects of K-12 formula changes."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reverts \$1.0 million in unexpended general funds from Transformation Office balances the Governor announced would be used to support a procurement for a contractor to simulate changes to Virginia's K-12 funding formula. These funds are redirected to the Joint Subcommittee to Study Elementary and Secondary Funding to lead this work.)

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Item 49 #1c

**Executive Offices**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Attorney General and Department of  
Law

\$0  
0.00

(\$192,260) GF  
-1.00 FTE

**Language:**

Page 47, line 18, strike "\$57,628,102" and insert "\$57,435,842".

Page 49, line 13, unstrike "\$1,300,000" and strike "\$1,492,260".

**Explanation:**

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

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<b>Executive Offices</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Attorney General and Department of Law	(\$90,000)	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 47, line 18, strike "\$57,525,842" and insert "\$57,435,842".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes \$90,000 from the general fund the first year provided in the introduced budget for start-up costs associated with the Electronic Nicotine Delivery System Directory.)

Item 51 #1c

<b>Executive Offices</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Attorney General and Department of Law	\$0 0.00	(\$277,077) GF -2.00 FTE

**Language:**

Page 49, line 23, strike "\$7,563,623" and insert "\$7,286,546".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reduces general fund by \$277,077 in the second year for two positions proposed in the Introduced Budget.)

Item 51 #2c

<b>Executive Offices</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Attorney General and Department of Law	\$0	(\$500,000) NGF

**Language:**

Page 49, line 23, strike "\$7,563,623" and insert "\$7,063,623".  
 Page 49, line 31, unstrike "\$1,250,000" and strike "\$1,750,000".  
 Page 49, line 43, unstrike "\$1,250,000" and strike "\$1,750,000".

**Explanation:**

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

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Item 60 #1c

<b>Administration</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Compensation Board	\$0	(\$480,807)	GF

**Language:**

Page 54, line 43, strike "\$642,939,579" and insert "\$642,458,772".

Page 58, line 27, strike "\$1,355,002" and insert "\$874,195".

Page 58, line 28, strike "9.3" and insert "6.0".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adjust the proposal included in the introduced budget to provide a targeted salary adjustment to E-911 dispatchers working in sheriffs offices. The conference amendment provides \$874,195 from the general fund for a six percent increase.)

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Item 61 #1c

**Administration**

Compensation Board

Language

**Language:**

Page 61, after line 33, insert:

"L. The Compensation Board, in conjunction with the Board of Local and Regional Jails, shall survey local and regional jails to identify the jail staffing and jail space impacts of making inmates available to appear in virtual court hearings from within the jail facility where such inmate is housed. All local and regional jails shall cooperate in providing requested survey information, and the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court shall assist in providing information regarding the prevalence of virtual court hearings for inmates incarcerated in jails, as well as assist the Compensation Board and the Board of Local and Regional Jails in evaluating jail impacts. The Compensation Board, in conjunction with the Board of Local and Regional Jails, shall report the results of such jail surveys and virtual court hearing information and potential recommendations for staffing needs in local and regional jails to address the identified frequency of virtual hearings requested by the court. The Board of Local and Regional Jails shall report potential recommendations for space needs to address such identified frequency. The reports shall be submitted to the Secretary of Administration and the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security and to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by June 30, 2026."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment includes language directing the Compensation Board and Board of Local and



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Regional Jails to survey local and regional jails to identify the staffing and space impacts of making inmates available to appear in virtual court hearings and to submit a report by June 30, 2026.)

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	Item 61 #2c	
<b>Administration</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Compensation Board	\$0	\$100,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 58, line 30, strike "\$43,714,791" and insert "\$43,814,791".  
Page 61, line 22, strike the second "\$215,939" and insert "\$315,939".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$100,000 the second year from the general fund to increase the amounts that are provided as reimbursement to Nottoway County for costs of housing residents of the Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation (VCBR) when they are transferred to Piedmont Regional Jail after having committed an offense at VCBR.)

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	Item 64 #1c	
<b>Administration</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Compensation Board	\$0	\$5,506,783 GF

**Language:**

Page 63, line 16, strike "\$104,851,189" and insert "\$110,357,972".  
Page 65, after line 47, insert:

“L.1. Out of the amounts in this item, \$5,506,783 from the general fund the second year is for the allocation of 70 additional Commonwealth's Attorney positions, to be distributed in accordance with current staffing standard needs to assist with anticipated workload increases resulting from implementation of House Bill 2723 and Senate Bill 1466 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly. Localities shall utilize such funding to supplement, not supplant, local funds provided for salaries of Commonwealth's Attorneys and their employees. Any amounts provided in this paragraph not expended by June 30, 2026, shall not revert to the general fund and shall carryforward to support anticipated expenses in the next biennium.

2. If directed by the Compensation Board to do so, all Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices shall report, in such format and on such timeline as prescribed by the Board, required information regarding workloads directly resulting from implementation of the bills' provisions."

**Explanation:**

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(This amendment provides \$5.5 million the second year from the general fund for 70.0 additional Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney positions to support increased workloads related to House Bill 2723 and Senate Bill 1466.)

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Item 64 #2c

<b>Administration</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Compensation Board	\$0	\$270,970	GF

**Language:**

Page 63, line 16, strike "\$104,851,189" and insert "\$105,122,159".

Page 65, after line 47, insert:

"L. Included in this appropriation is \$270,970 the second year from the general fund to convert the Bath County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office and the Highland County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office from part- to full-time status, effective July 1, 2025."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$270,970 from the general fund the second year to convert Bath and Highland County Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices, the only two remaining part-time offices statewide, to full-time status, as elected by the Commonwealth's Attorneys and authorized by § 15.2-1629, Code of Virginia. The estimated annual out-year cost is \$286,805.)

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Item 65 #1c

<b>Administration</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Compensation Board	\$0	\$5,524,340	GF

**Language:**

Page 65, line 49, strike "\$72,444,858" and insert "\$77,969,198".

Page 68, after line 16, insert:

"O.1. Out of the amounts in this item, \$5,524,340 the second year from the general fund is for the allocation of 117 Deputy Clerk IV positions to assist with anticipated workload increases resulting from implementation of House Bill 2723 and Senate Bill 1466 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly. Localities shall utilize such funding to supplement, not supplant, local funds provided for salaries of Circuit Court Clerks and their employees. Any amounts provided in this paragraph not expended by June 30, 2026, shall not revert to the general fund and shall carryforward to support anticipated expenses in the next biennium.

2. If directed by the Compensation Board to do so, all Circuit Court Clerk offices shall report, in such format and on such timeline as prescribed by the Board, information with regard to workloads directly resulting from the bills that are not otherwise collected in the staffing study

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authorized by paragraph V. of Item 67 of this act."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$5.5 million the second year from the general fund for 117.0 Deputy Clerk IV positions in Circuit Court Clerk offices to support increased workloads related to House Bill 2723 and Senate Bill 1466.)

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Item 67 #1c

**Administration**

Compensation Board

Language

**Language:**

Page 70, line 12, strike the second "1,379", and insert "1,449".  
Page 70, line 13, strike the second "1,158", and insert "1,275".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment updates the position count table in the Compensation Board to reflect additional positions for the implementation of House Bill 2723 and Senate Bill 1466. Companion amendments provide funding to support these positions for Circuit Court Clerks and Commonwealth's Attorneys.)

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Item 67 #2c

**Administration**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Compensation Board

\$0  
0.00

\$137,175 GF  
1.00 FTE

**Language:**

Page 69, line 29, strike "\$5,524,566" and insert "\$5,661,741".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$137,175 the second year from the general fund and 1.0 position for the Compensation Board to support increased workloads.)

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Item 67 #3c

**Administration**

Compensation Board

Language

**Language:**

Page 73, after line 31, insert:

"W. The Compensation Board, in consultation with staff representatives from the Department of Human Resources Management, the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Department of Planning and Budget, shall assess potential options for additional information to be provided to the General Assembly to include: (i) any state roles whose duties are similar to duties performed by employees in each constitutional office and the state salaries for any similar roles; and (ii) any information available on local salary supplements provided in addition to state salaries that may provide a more comprehensive understanding of local constitutional officer salaries, including geographic differences. The Compensation Board shall report its recommendations to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, by October 1, 2026, and shall provide an interim report to the Chairs by November 1, 2025, on the plan for assessing such information."

**Explanation:**

(This language amendment directs the Compensation Board to assess potential options for information to be provided to the General Assembly related to comparable state roles and local salary supplements for employees in constitutional offices. The Compensation Board is also directed to consult with staff representatives from the Department of Human Resources Management, the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Department of Planning and Budget, and report its recommendations by October 1, 2026.)

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	Item 70 #1c	
<b>Administration</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of General Services	\$0	\$250,000 NGF

**Language:**

Page 75, line 1, strike "\$67,972,051" and insert "\$68,222,051".

Page 75, after line 34, insert:

"F. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the second year from the nongeneral fund is provided to the Department to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1922 of the 2025 General Assembly Session."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$250,000 for the Department of General Services to update procurement data in eVA, the state's electronic procurement system, that it receives from the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity.)

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Item 74 #1c

<b>Administration</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Human Resource Management	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)	GF

**Language:**

Page 78, line 47, strike "\$122,474,053" and insert "\$122,374,053".  
Page 78, line 47, strike "\$122,820,610" and insert "\$122,720,610".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reduces the general fund by \$100,000 each year to reflect the removal of a proposed program to create a cabinet leadership academy in the Executive Branch; comparable leadership training program opportunities already exist for state employees.)

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Item 74 #2c

**Administration**

Department of Human Resource Management

Language

**Language:**

Page 80, after line 51, insert:

"K.1. As a part of the Department's biennial report on employee compensation, recruitment and retention pursuant to § 2.2-1202, Code of Virginia, the Director of the Department of Human Resource Management, with support from the Virginia Retirement System (VRS), shall include an evaluation of total compensation, including retirement benefits for law enforcement officers employed by the Commonwealth and covered under the VaLORS retirement system. The analysis shall consider (i) current levels of compensation and benefits, specifically access to hazardous duty plans relative to Virginia State Police and local police officers; (ii) recruitment and retention issues faced by these Departments caused by any differences in compensation and benefits identified in (i); and (iii) recommendations and the associated fiscal impact to change compensation and benefits.

2. Additionally, the Department and the VRS shall complete an analysis to determine whether the elimination of the traditional Virginia Retirement System defined benefit pension has affected the Commonwealth's ability to retain and recruit government employees and include their findings in the biennial report.

3. The Department shall separately solicit input from the Department of Education and the VRS on their assessments on whether the elimination of the traditional Virginia Retirement System defined benefit pension has affected the Commonwealth's ability to retain and recruit teachers.

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The Department shall submit this as a separate report at the same time as the biennial report referenced in paragraph K.1."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment sets out several compensation concerns for inclusion in the Department's biennial report on employee compensation and adds an additional reporting regarding teacher compensation.)

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Item 75 #1c

**Administration**

Administration of Health Insurance

Language

**Language:**

Page 82, after line 12, insert:

"I.1. The Department of Human Resource Management shall establish a State Health Plan Advisory Council. The Council shall be comprised of seven members that include: the Secretary of Administration, the Secretary of Finance, the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Director of the Department of Human Resources Management, the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget, the staff director of the House Appropriations Committee, and the staff director of the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee. Any member of the Council may send a designee in their place as a member of the Council.

2. The Council shall meet at least once each year to: (i) review the performance of the state health plans for the prior fiscal year including claims payments, cost drivers, and access to providers; (ii) review plan benefits and cost sharing provisions; and (iii) review growth in premiums and the financial status of Health Insurance Fund. The Council shall annually make recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding any changes to the state health plans."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment establishes an Advisory Council to oversee the state health plans.)

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Item 75 #2c

**Administration**

Administration of Health Insurance

Language

**Language:**

Page 82, after line 12, insert:

"I. No expenditure of funds out of this item shall be made to make any payments to a vendor

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pursuant to any contingency fee contract. The Department of Human Resource Management shall not contract with any vendor using a contingency fee payment model."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment clarifies that no payments from the State Health Plan can be made for contingency fee-based contracts.)

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	Item 77 #1c	
<b>Administration</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Elections	(\$500,000)	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 83, line 15, strike "\$23,456,957" and insert "\$22,956,957".  
Page 84, line 21, strike "\$750,000", insert "\$250,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reduces by \$500,000 from the general fund the first year funding provided for the Department of Elections to develop a plan for the replacement of elections systems.)

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	Item 81 #1c	
<b>Administration</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Virginia Information Technologies	\$0	\$100,000 NGF
Agency	0.00	1.00 FTE

**Language:**

Page 88, line 15, strike "\$62,288,610" and insert "\$62,388,610".  
Page 90, after line 21, insert:  
"H. Out of this appropriation, \$100,000 the second year from the nongeneral fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1922 of the 2025 General Assembly Session."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$100,000 and one position for the Virginia Technologies Agency to review and maintain accurate reporting in eVa, the state's procurement system.)

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	Item 81 #2c	
<b>Administration</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>

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Virginia Information Technologies  
Agency

(\$2,000,000)

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 88, line 15, strike "\$57,101,374" and insert "\$55,101,374".

Page 90, line 17, strike "\$2,000,000 the first year and".

Page 90, line 17, after "G." insert "1."

Page 90, line 20, after "appropriation", strike "provided in the first year".

Page 90, line 20, after "end of", strike "each" and insert "a".

Page 90, after line 21, insert:

"2. Out of the general fund amounts provided in this paragraph, the agency shall first utilize funds as needed to support implementation costs associated with House Bill 2541 of the 2025 General Assembly."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes \$2.0 million the first year from the general fund that was proposed for a new initiative for VITA to run a Project Management Center of Excellence. With this amendment, a net of \$2.0 million remains in the second year to support anticipated costs of the new program.)

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Item 82 #1c

**Administration**

Virginia Information Technologies Agency

Language

**Language:**

Page 92, strike lines 21 through 37, and insert:

"D. The Joint Subcommittee on Cyber Risk is hereby established to provide confidential information to the General Assembly regarding current and emerging cybersecurity risks to the Commonwealth and recommended risk reduction initiatives. The Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) and the Virginia Fusion Center, in consultation with the Secretaries of Administration, Finance, and Public Safety and Homeland Security, shall provide a semi-annual confidential briefing to the Joint Subcommittee. Members of the Joint Subcommittee on Cyber Risk shall include members designated by the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, and the chairs and vice-chairs (or their designees) of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) and the Joint Commission on Technology and Science. In addition, two legislative members of the Information Technology Advisory Council, and other legislative or executive branch staff determined to be necessary participants, including JLARC staff conducting oversight of VITA, may attend and receive the briefing. Such briefing shall be confidential and exempt from the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and all those with knowledge of the briefing information shall maintain such confidentiality. Additional meetings of the Joint Subcommittee shall be held



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as directed by the chairs, upon the written request of the Chief Information Officer of the Commonwealth. Any request for additional meetings shall include a confidential summary of the reasons further briefings are needed, and such request shall be exempt from the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act."

**Explanation:**

(This language amendment clarifies the role and involvement of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission with regard to a newly proposed Joint Subcommittee on Cyber Risk.)

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	Item 85 #1c	
<b>Agriculture and Forestry</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$0	\$450,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 94, line 22, strike "\$9,421,357" and insert "\$9,871,357".  
Page 94, line 30, at the beginning of the line, insert "A."  
Page 94, after line 32, insert:  
"B. Out of the amounts in this item, \$450,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to implement a Large Animal Veterinary Grant Program under the provisions of Senate Bill 921 and House Bill 2303 of the 2025 General Assembly."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$450,000 from the general fund the second year to implement a Large Animal Veterinary Grant Program under the provisions of Senate Bill 921 and House Bill 2303, which provide incentive grants to increase or stabilize the number of large animal veterinary care providers in Virginia.)

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	Item 86 #1c	
<b>Agriculture and Forestry</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$0	(\$250,000) GF

**Language:**

Page 94, line 35, strike "\$27,685,267" and insert "\$27,435,267".  
Page 96, strike lines 20 through 24.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes \$250,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 provided for a

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proposed Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage Insurance Premium Assistance Fund.)

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Item 86 #2c

<b>Agriculture and Forestry</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$300,000	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 94, line 35, strike "\$26,474,567" and insert "\$26,774,567".

Page 96, after line 24, insert:

"Out of the amounts in this item, \$300,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided to the Shenandoah County Agricultural Foundation to support the promotion, education, maintenance, and safety of horse racing through equine facility infrastructure improvements."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$300,000 the first year from the general fund for the Shenandoah County Agricultural Foundation for promotion, education, maintenance, and safety of horse racing at its facilities.)

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Item 87 #1c

<b>Agriculture and Forestry</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$250,000	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 96, line 25, strike "\$3,452,698" and insert "\$3,702,698".

Page 96, line 30, strike "\$1,500,000" and insert "\$1,750,000".

Page 96, line 33, strike "\$250,000" and insert "\$500,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides in additional \$250,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 for the Blue Catfish Processing, Flash Freezing, and Infrastructure Grant Program.)

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Item 95 #1c

<b>Agriculture and Forestry</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$150,000	(\$150,000)	GF

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**Language:**

Page 99, line 35, strike "\$13,970,126" and insert "\$14,120,126".  
Page 99, line 36, strike "\$16,909,556" and insert "\$16,759,556".  
Page 99, line 45, after ""Item," insert "\$150,000 the first year and".  
Page 99, line 45, strike "\$2,939,430" and insert "\$2,789,430".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment redistributes funding from the second year to the first year provided for information technology modernization.)

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	Item 101 #1c	
<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Economic Development Incentive Payments	\$0	(\$1,400,000) GF

**Language:**

Page 104, line 21, strike "\$134,381,826" and insert "\$132,981,826".  
Page 107, line 44, strike "in" and insert "for".  
Page 107, strike lines 51 through 54.  
Page 108, strike line 1.  
Page 108, line 2, strike "U." and insert "T."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes \$1.4 million from the general fund the second year, reflecting the first anticipated incentive payment for Micron. House Bill 2358 and Senate Bill 1208 of the 2025 General Assembly set the parameters for the payment of custom performance grants to the company in exchange for the creation of 340 jobs and invest \$2.2 billion and require the first payment to the company in fiscal year 2027. This amendment also addresses a technical update to language included in the introduced budget to reimburse Wythe County for improvements made for Progress Park.)

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	Item 101 #2c	
<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Economic Development Incentive Payments	\$7,450,000	(\$21,250,000) GF

**Language:**

Page 104, line 21, strike "\$100,022,331" and insert "\$107,472,331".  
Page 104, line 21, strike "\$134,381,826" and insert "\$113,131,826".

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Page 106, line 24, strike the first "\$21,250,000" and insert "28,700,000".

Page 106, line 24, strike the second "\$21,250,000 the".

Page 106, line 25, strike "second year".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment consolidates funding in the first year and reduces the proposed advance deposits to the Major Headquarters Workforce Grant Fund by \$13.8 million. With a deposit of \$28.7 million the first year combined with previous appropriations, \$152.7 million will be available for payments to Amazon starting in fiscal year 2027.)

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Item 101 #3c

**Commerce and Trade**

Economic Development Incentive Payments

Language

**Language:**

Page 106, line 35, after "50 acres." insert:

"The authority may determine a site of at least 25 contiguous acres to be an eligible site provided that the site is located in a locality with an area of 35 square miles of land or less."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment updates budget language to reflect Senate Bill 1275 of the 2025 General Assembly.)

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Item 101 #4c

**Commerce and Trade**

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Economic Development Incentive  
Payments

\$7,500,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 104, line 21, strike "\$100,022,331" and insert "\$107,522,331".

Page 108, after line 9, insert:

"V. Out of this appropriation, \$7,500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the University of Virginia Medical Center for the improvement of a facility to create advanced laboratory space to support the scale up of fast-growing life sciences companies. Prior to the release of any funding in this paragraph, the University of Virginia Medical Center shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority, demonstrate a match of non-state funds equal to the amount provided in this paragraph, and the Department of Housing and Community Development shall verify to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority that the Virginia Growth and

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Opportunity Fund grantee subject to GO Virginia Statewide Competitive Grant Contract Number 25-GOVA-10 has successfully completed the milestones required of the contract through the fourth quarter of 2025. The MOU shall include: (i) the names of the prospective occupants of the renovated lab space; and (ii) provisions related to annual reporting by the University of Virginia Medical Center on activities occurring in the renovated lab for a duration of no longer than five years including a sustainability plan for the long-term operations of the laboratory space. Any funding remaining at the end of the fiscal year 2025 shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph V.”

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$7.5 million from the general fund the first year to further the Commonwealth's life sciences initiatives and foster the entrepreneurial ecosystem through development of advanced laboratory space to support companies that might otherwise leave the Commonwealth.)

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Item 101 #5c

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Economic Development Incentive Payments	\$1,000,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 104, line 21, strike "\$100,022,331" and insert "\$101,022,331".

Page 108, after line 9, insert:

"V. Out of the amounts in this item, \$1,000,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided to Chesterfield County to support site design and engineering activities for a major energy related economic development project. Such funding shall be contingent upon the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority and Chesterfield County that requires an equal local match and structures this funding on a reimbursement basis. The amounts provided in this paragraph V. shall not revert to the general fund at the end of any fiscal year."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million from the general fund the first year to support the Commonwealth Fusion Systems economic development project in Chesterfield County. Funding previously designated for this project is being reverted, and this action provides support consistent with that for other economic development projects.)

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Item 101 #6c

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
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Economic Development Incentive Payments	\$3,000,000	\$0 GF
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**Language:**

Page 104, line 21, strike "\$100,022,331" and insert "\$103,022,331".

Page 108, after line 9, insert:

"V. Out of this appropriation, \$3,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to support a non-profit operating a pharmaceutical manufacturing facility in developing a fast-acting insulin. Prior to any funds being disbursed, the authority shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a non-profit organization and the company shall demonstrate a match of non-state funds equal to the amount provided in this paragraph. The MOU shall include: (i) a commitment by the company to produce a fast-acting biosimilar insulin at a price of not more than \$30 per vial and not more than \$55 for five pre-filled insulin pens; (ii) provisions related to the repayment of the funds provided in this paragraph should the company fail to produce and distribute a low-cost insulin; and (iii) annual reporting by the company to the authority on the development of the fast-acting biosimilar insulin. At the conclusion of the project, the company shall be required to report to the authority on the: (i) jobs created as a result of the investment; (ii) estimated savings to residents of the Commonwealth from purchase of low-cost insulin; and, (iii) estimated potential savings to the Commonwealth as a self-insured employer from the availability of affordable insulin manufactured at a non-profit facility in Virginia. Any funding remaining at the end of the fiscal year 2025 shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph V."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$3.0 million from the general fund the first year to invest in the development of a fast-acting insulin to reduce the cost of this drug for consumers to no more than \$30 per vial.)

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Item 101 #7c

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Economic Development Incentive Payments	\$4,000,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 104, line 21, strike "\$100,022,331" and insert "\$104,022,331".

Page 108, after line 9, insert:

"V. Out of this appropriation, \$4,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Roanoke for the improvement of an existing facility to create advanced laboratory space for new cell/gene therapy companies across southwestern Virginia. Prior to the release of any funding in this paragraph, the City of Roanoke shall enter into a Memorandum of

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Understanding (MOU) with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority, demonstrate a match of non-state funds equal to the amount provided in this paragraph from either cash or in-kind contributions, and confirm the commitment of an anchor tenant that specializes in new cell/gene therapy research and is affiliated with a nationally recognized hospital to locate in the space. The MOU shall include: (i) the name and activities of the anchor tenant that specializes in new cell/gene therapy research and is affiliated with a nationally recognized hospital; and (ii) provisions related to annual reporting by the City on activities occurring in the renovated lab for a duration of no longer than five years. Any funding remaining at the end of the fiscal year 2025 shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph V."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$4.0 million from the general fund the first year to retrofit existing lab space in Roanoke, Virginia for an anchor tenant to research and develop new cell/gene therapy technologies.)

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	Item 101 #8c	
<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Economic Development Incentive Payments	\$1,000,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 104, line 21, strike "\$100,022,331" and insert "\$101,022,331".  
Page 105, line 27, strike "\$5,000,000" and insert "\$6,000,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides an additional \$1.0 million from the general fund the first year for the Virginia Motion Picture Opportunity Fund. These additional resources will allow the Virginia Film Office to meet its current financial obligations and invest in future projects.)

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	Item 101 #9c	
<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Economic Development Incentive Payments	\$6,500,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 104, line 21, strike "\$100,022,331" and insert "\$106,522,331".  
Page 108, after line 9, insert:  
"V. Out of this appropriation, \$6,500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to

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Accomack County to establish a natural gas infrastructure expansion into Accomack County. The funding may be applied to engineering, land, right-of-way, permitting, and other related costs to facilitate natural gas delivery to Accomack County. The amounts provided in this paragraph V. shall not revert to the general fund at the end of any fiscal year."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$6.5 million from the general fund the first year to invest in engineering and planning to extend a natural gas pipeline to the Eastern Shore.)

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	Item 101 #10c	
<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Economic Development Incentive Payments	\$20,000,000	(\$50,000,000) GF

**Language:**

Page 104, line 21, strike "\$100,022,331" and insert "\$120,022,331".  
Page 104, line 21, strike "\$134,381,826" and insert "\$84,381,826".  
Page 106, line 27, strike "\$20,000,000" and insert "\$40,000,000".  
Page 106, line 28, strike "\$70,000,000" and unstrike "\$20,000,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides an additional \$20.0 million from the general fund the first year and reduces the appropriation by \$50.0 million from the general fund the second year for the Business Ready Sites Grant Program.)

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	Item 102 #1c	
<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$50,000,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 108, line 25, strike "\$335,850,885" and insert "\$385,850,885".  
Page 111, strike lines 32 through 47, and insert:  
"Q.1. Out of this appropriation, \$50,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for disaster mitigation and relief for qualified communities. Of the amounts in this paragraph, \$25,000,000 is provided for the department to establish and administer a program for the purposes of providing relief to residents of Virginia that lost or sustained residential property damage as a result of a disaster occurring on or after September 25, 2024, but before October 3, 2024, and subject to a Major Disaster Declaration (FEMA-4831-DR) issued by President Biden



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on October 1, 2024.

a. The department shall establish procedures for filing and resolving claims, which shall include measures to prevent fraud, and which may include any criteria the department determines reasonable to carry out the provisions of this paragraph. The amount of relief provided to an eligible applicant shall be up to 100 percent of the property value for the realty that represents a total loss and up to 50 percent of the property value for the realty that sustained major damage, as defined by Q.1.f. and Q.1.g. below, not to exceed \$500,000. If an eligible applicant owns multiple, noncontiguous properties in an area affected by the disaster in paragraph Q.1. of this item, the eligible applicant may file separate claims for each parcel, and the maximums described in this paragraph shall apply to each separate claim. The department shall reduce payments by any federal or state relief or insurance payments received by the eligible applicant for property repairs or damage related to the disaster described in paragraph Q.1. of this item.

b. Payments under paragraph Q.1. of this item shall be subject to the availability of funds. If claims exceed available funds, the department shall make payments in the order that claims were received.

c. The department shall not provide relief under this section for a residential realty that was abandoned or uninhabited at the time of the disaster described in paragraph Q.1 of this item.

d. No recourse may be had by any person, organization, or entity against a recipient of payment under this paragraph, absent any evidence of misuse of funds. Misuse of funds shall be established by a showing that a recipient knowingly misapplied the proceeds of a payment received under this paragraph. If a showing of misuse of funds has been made, then a person may seek recourse against the recipient for an amount no greater than the extent of the payment.

e. Relief awarded pursuant to this paragraph is excluded from gross income and is not subject to taxation.

f. "Total loss" means real property that has been destroyed, such that there is a total loss of the structure, the structure is not economically feasible to repair, or there is a complete failure to major structural components, such as the collapse of the basement, wall, or roof.

g. "Major damage" means real property that has substantial failure to its structural elements, such as walls, floor, or foundation, or that has sustained damage that will take more than 30 days to repair.

h. "Eligible applicant" means any individual property owner that lost or sustained residential property damage as a result of a disaster occurring on or after September 25, 2024, but before October 3, 2024, and subject to a Major Disaster Declaration (FEMA-4831-DR) issued by President Biden on October 1, 2024.

i. Any funding remaining in paragraph Q.1. of this item after all claims for residential property damage and loss are executed by the department may be directed by the department to provide assistance for commercial property loss including fencing and crop loss as a result of the disaster described by paragraph Q.1. of this item. The program provisions of this paragraph Q.1.

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shall apply to any commercial assistance provided by the department; however, the maximum assistance awarded for commercial property loss shall not exceed 100 percent of the property value lost or damaged by the disaster described in by paragraph Q.1. of this item.

2. Of the amounts in this paragraph, \$25,000,000 is provided for the department to supply major weather event disaster mitigation funding to affected communities to counter the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage. Grants under this paragraph shall be made to local governments, nonprofit entities, or individuals to supplement disaster recovery funding by improving the characteristics of the physical structures of houses and multi-family dwellings including the building materials, energy efficiency profile, and hazard mitigation features which influence the accessibility of the home, cost of cooling and heating, and the likelihood that the structure withstands hazards.

a. The department, in administering the funds provided in this paragraph, may elect to contract with organizations exempt from taxation under 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code with expertise in planning for, providing, constructing, or renovating, weather resilient housing.

b. The department shall develop criteria and guidelines for the program on or before December 1, 2025. Funding shall be prioritized for communities eligible under paragraph Q.1.; however, any funding remaining shall be made available for the same relief to residents of Virginia that sustained property damage as a result of a flood disaster, mudslide, or landslide that was subject to a Major Disaster Declaration occurring on or after August 1, 2021. Grants to individuals shall not exceed \$500,000.

c. Out of the amounts in this paragraph, the department shall direct \$350,000 to pilot a statewide emergency management mobile application communications platform in Health Service Area 3. The platform shall provide care coordination across local, regional, and state entities for mass casualty, evacuation, and other events involving patient transport. The pilot program will evaluate the effectiveness of an emergency management mobile application communications platform in Southwest Virginia by measuring its impact on key performance indicators, including: number of participating organizations/personnel, platform usage, time to treatment, and user satisfaction. An interim report detailing the pilot program launch will be submitted to the Chairs of the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee and the House Appropriations Committee by December 1, 2025. A final report including quantitative data and qualitative feedback gathered from participating organizations and personnel will be submitted to the Chairs by October 1, 2026.

3. The department shall report to the General Assembly on the expenditure of funds from paragraph Q.1. within 90 days of the completion of this assistance program to include total assistance deployed by type of loss, total victims served, and completion of funded repairs or new residential construction. The department shall report to the General Assembly on the expenditure of funds from paragraph Q.2. on or before December 1, 2026, except as provided in Q.2.c. At a minimum the report shall contain information on the number and type of applicants, the number of grants made, and expenditure of grant funding, and the projects completed.

4. The department may recover administrative costs from the amounts provided in this

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paragraph including any necessary costs for partnerships with local departments of social services to effectuate the provisions of this paragraph. The amounts provided in this paragraph Q. shall not revert to the general fund at the end of any fiscal year."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$50,000,000 from the general fund the first year to assist victims of Hurricane Helene that suffered major residential damage and to improve the likelihood that housing stock is better able to withstand hazards in communities affected by flood disasters.)

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Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

**Language:**

Page 109, line 8, strike second "\$1,775,000" and insert "\$1,100,000".

Page 111, after line 47, insert:

"R. Out of this appropriation, \$675,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to support the organizational capacity and administrative needs of the Continuum of Care lead agencies in Virginia, including local planning groups in the Balance of State Continuum of Care, as they serve persons at risk of or experiencing homelessness in their regions. The department shall determine, with input from Continuum of Care lead agencies and other stakeholders, the activities that are eligible for funding, which shall include but are not limited to: (i) the development and management of homeless crisis response systems; (ii) grant administration and reporting; (iii) staff training; and (iv) essential operational tasks. The department shall provide these funds as grants in a formula determined by the department with input from stakeholders."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment clarifies distribution of one-time support that was provided in Chapter 2, 2024 Session, to support organizational capacity at Continuum of Care lead agencies, which serve Virginia's homeless population. The allocation will provide \$25,000 of support to each of Virginia's 27 Continuum of Care lead agencies.)

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Department of Housing and  
Community Development

\$20,000,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

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Page 108, line 25, strike "\$335,850,885" and insert "\$355,850,885".

Page 111, after line 47, insert:

"R. 1. Out of the amounts appropriated in this item, \$20,000,000 the first year from the general fund shall be used to establish and implement a rental assistance pilot program in Planning District Commission Regions 8 and 23. The department may utilize up to five percent of the funding for the administrative costs associated with implementing the program. The amounts provided in this paragraph R. shall not revert to the general fund at the end of any fiscal year.

2. For the purposes of this paragraph, "qualifying household" means a family unit that resides together in one dwelling (i) that includes at least one person 16 years of age or younger and (ii) whose income does not exceed 50 percent of the area median income for the locality in which such family resides, as calculated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

3. The department shall establish criteria and guidelines for this pilot program on or before December 1, 2025. The guidelines shall provide that qualifying households may receive monthly rental assistance equal to the lesser of (i) the amount necessary to reduce their housing costs to 30 percent of the monthly adjusted net income of the household or (ii) the applicable payment standard as determined by the department. Rental assistance issued pursuant to this paragraph may be used for housing in any locality in Planning District Commission Regions 8 and 23, and for housing costs other than rent, such as security deposits and application fees.

4. The guidelines for the administration of the pilot program shall be informed by the 2022 Virginia Housing Stability Fund Model Program Guidelines report and by consultations with various stakeholders, including the Department of Social Services, Virginia Housing, the Department of Education, McKinney-Vento liaisons, Continuum of Care lead agencies, housing providers, public housing authorities, tenants, and others. The department may administer the pilot program in partnership with local and regional agencies, with a priority for partnerships with local school divisions and McKinney-Vento liaisons. The department shall determine rental assistance payment standards for each size of a dwelling unit in a market area, which shall be greater than or equal to the Small Area Fair Market Rent, as established annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the same size of dwelling unit in the same market area. The department shall develop a process to ensure that each dwelling unit for which rental assistance is used is safe and habitable.

5. The department shall collect data on the utilization of the rental assistance issued in each fiscal year under the pilot program and submit an annual report to the General Assembly on or before December 1 of each year with an update on the implementation and impact of the pilot program.

6. The department shall convene a group of stakeholders to consider and make recommendations regarding potential funding sources to support the program's continuation beyond the initial pilot stage, and it shall submit the recommendations of the stakeholder group to the Chairs of the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee and House Appropriations Committee on or before November 1, 2025. The department shall convene this stakeholder group no later than June 1, 2025, and shall include as members of the stakeholder group

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representatives of the following: Virginia Housing, McKinney-Vento liaisons, legal aid, affordable housing providers, public housing authorities, residential landlords, residential tenants, and others identified by the department.

7. Any funds remaining on June 30 of either fiscal year shall carryforward to the next fiscal year for the same purpose."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$20.0 million from the general fund the first year to establish and fund a family rental assistance pilot program in Planning District Commission Regions 8 and 23 to provide rental assistance to households with children under age 16 whose income does not exceed 50 percent of the area median income for the locality.)

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	Item 102 #4c	
<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$1,500,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 108, line 25, strike "\$335,850,885" and insert "\$337,350,885".

Page 111, after line 47, insert:

"R. Out of this appropriation, \$1,500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Charlottesville to support the repurposing of an existing facility to create a low-barrier emergency shelter to address urgent need. The funding in this paragraph shall be contingent on the approval of the project by the Charlottesville City Council. Any funding remaining at the end of the fiscal year 2025 shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph R."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.5 million from the general fund the first year to the City of Charlottesville to repurpose an existing facility into a low-barrier emergency shelter, in conjunction with community partners.)

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	Item 102 #5c
<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	
Department of Housing and Community Development	Language

**Language:**

Page 111, unstrike lines 3 through 26.

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Page 111, after line 26, insert:

"7. The department shall implement this program no later than May 4, 2025. Such implementation shall include making funds available to successful applicants."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment restores a pilot program included in Chapter 2, 2024 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I. This grant program will provide second forgivable mortgages to very low-income home buyers.)

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**Commerce and Trade**

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

**Language:**

Page 110, unstrike lines 28 through 55.

Page 111, unstrike lines 1 through 2.

Page 111, after line 2, insert:

"7. The department shall implement this program no later than May 4, 2025. Such implementation shall include making funds available to successful applicants."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment restores a pilot program included in Chapter 2, 2024 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, to assist nonprofits and associations of tenants residing in manufactured home parks acquire mobile home park land.)

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Department of Housing and  
Community Development

\$0

\$10,000

GF

**Language:**

Page 108, line 24, strike "\$310,725,885" and insert "\$310,735,885".

Page 111, after line 47 insert:

"R. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$10,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to support the provisions of Senate Bill 1128 and House Bill 1638, 2025 General Assembly Session."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$10,000 from the general fund the second year for the fiscal impact

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of Senate Bill 1128 and House Bill 1638, which require the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to convene a stakeholder group to develop and publish a criminal record screening model policy for admitting or denying an applicant for affordable housing covered under the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act.)

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Item 102 #8c

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$0	\$20,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 108, line 24, strike "\$310,725,885" and insert "\$310,745,885".

Page 111, after line 47 insert:

"R. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$20,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to support the Income Qualified Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Task Force, established under the provisions of Senate Bill 777 and House Bill 1935, 2025 General Assembly Session."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$20,000 from the general fund the second year to support the Income Qualified Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Task Force, to be established pursuant to Senate Bill 777 and House Bill 1935.)

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Item 102 #9c

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$1,500,000	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 108, line 25, strike "\$335,850,885" and insert "\$337,350,885".

Page 111, after line 47, insert:

"R. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$1,500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Portsmouth to support ForKids' expansion of eviction prevention programs and targeted support for McKinney-Vento children in Portsmouth, Chesapeake, and the surrounding areas. The amounts provided in this paragraph R. shall not revert to the general fund at the end of any fiscal year."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.5 million from the general fund the first year to the City of

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Portsmouth to support ForKids eviction prevention services and target support for McKinney-Vento children in the Hampton Roads area.)

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Item 102 #10c

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Housing and Community Development	(\$25,000,000)	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 108, line 25, strike "\$335,850,885" and insert "\$310,850,885".

Page 111, strike lines 32 through 47.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment redirects funding provided the first year in the introduced budget bill. The budget provides disaster assistance through another amendment.)

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Item 102 #11c

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$15,000,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 108, line 25, strike "\$335,850,885" and insert "\$350,850,885".

Page 111, after line 47, insert:

"R.1. Out of this appropriation, \$15,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the department to establish the First-Time Homebuyer Grant Program to assist eligible first-time homebuyers in paying for first-time homebuyer expenses. The department shall award eligible first-time homebuyers a grant in an amount equal to five percent of first-time homebuyer expenses incurred during the calendar year, not to exceed \$10,000, on a first-come, first-served basis. Any grant awarded pursuant to this paragraph shall be repaid to the Commonwealth in the event that the residential real property for which first-time homebuyer expenses were incurred and such grant was awarded is sold within three years from the purchase date of such property. Repayment pursuant to this subsection shall not be required if such sale was made following a natural disaster or other act of God that made such residential real property uninhabitable. The Department shall develop guidelines for administering the program and for any repayment requirements provided by this paragraph on or before August 1, 2025. Such guidelines shall be exempt from the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.).

2. For the purposes of this paragraph, "First-time homebuyer expenses" means costs incurred by a first-time homebuyer in the purchase of direct ownership in residential real property in an



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amount equal to the purchase price value of such property detailed on the standard purchase agreement.

3. For the purposes of this paragraph, "Eligible first-time homebuyer" means an individual or married individuals filing jointly (i) who has had no ownership interest in a principal residence during the preceding three-year period ending on the date of purchase of the residential real property detailed on the standard purchase agreement and (ii) who has an annual household income in the most recent taxable year that does not exceed the greater of (a) \$100,000 or (b) the median annual household income for the locality in which such residential real property is situated according to the most recent data available from the U.S. Census Bureau.

4. Of the amounts in this paragraph, the department may use up to \$300,000 to administer this program. The amounts provided in this paragraph R. shall not revert to the general fund at the end of any fiscal year."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$15.0 million from the general fund the first year to award grants to first-time homebuyers in the Commonwealth. Eligible homebuyers may receive a grant equal to five percent of the sale price, up to \$10,000.)

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Item 102 #12c

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Department of Housing and  
Community Development

\$13,000,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 108, line 25, strike "\$335,850,885" and insert "\$348,850,885".

Page 111, after line 47, insert:

"R. Out of this appropriation, \$13,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the department to awards grants to localities or planning district commissions that have established or will establish by December 31, 2025, a local Housing Trust Fund for long-term local investments related to affordable housing. The department shall develop criteria and guidelines for these one-time grants on or before August 1, 2025. Of the amounts in this paragraph, \$5,000,000 shall be provided to Prince William County to support affordable housing. Of the amounts in this paragraph, \$1,000,000 shall be provided to the City of Emporia to support an affordable housing project. Of the amounts in this paragraph, \$250,000 shall be provided to Tazewell County for remediation of blighted properties in the Town of Richlands to create affordable housing construction sites. The amounts provided in this paragraph R. shall not revert to the general fund at the end of any fiscal year."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$13.0 million from the general fund the first year for one-time grants

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to local governments that have established or will establish Housing Trust Funds for the purpose of investing local resources in the development of affordable housing and assisting families with housing access and security. It also directs \$6.3 million to support affordable housing efforts in Prince William County, Tazewell County, and the City of Emporia.)

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Item 102 #13c

**Commerce and Trade**

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

**Language:**

Page 111, after line 47, insert:

"R. The department shall identify programs designed to keep long-term residents in their primary homes as real property tax liabilities increase, including the Longtime Owner Occupancy Program (LOOP) as implemented in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The department shall review and provide recommendations for eligibility criteria based on financial indicators, financing options including voluntary locality contributions or offsets, and assess feasibility, equity, and efficiency of administration and implementation at the local, regional, or state level. The department shall convene a group of national, state, and local tax and housing experts to assist with developing recommendations, with the support of the Department of Taxation and the Commission on Local Government. The department shall submit their findings to the Chairs of House General Laws and Senate General Laws and Technology by September 1, 2025."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide recommendations to help long-term, low-income homeowners continue to keep their properties in areas where property liabilities have increased substantially over time.)

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Item 102 #14c

**Commerce and Trade**

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Department of Housing and  
Community Development

\$500,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 108, line 25, strike "\$335,850,885" and insert "\$336,350,885".

Page 111, after line 47, insert:

"R. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Suffolk to support the construction of a homeless shelter. The amounts provided in this paragraph R. shall not revert to the general fund at the end of any fiscal year."

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**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund the first year to the City of Suffolk to finish the construction of a homeless shelter in the Western Tidewater Region.)

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Item 103 #1c

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Housing and Community Development	(\$15,000,000)	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 111, line 49, strike "\$150,752,325" and insert "\$135,752,325".  
Page 120, strike lines 26 through 48.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment redirects \$15.0 million from the general fund the first year proposed for a child care facilities grant program to support mixed delivery early childhood education.)

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Item 103 #2c

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$15,000,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 111, line 49, strike "\$150,752,325" and insert "\$165,752,325".  
Page 121, after line 18, insert:

"AA. Out of this appropriation, \$15,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to Pulaski County for site readiness improvements including a road extension, grading, and natural gas pipeline extension. Prior to the release of any funding in this paragraph, Pulaski County shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the department; demonstrate at a minimum a dollar-for-dollar match of non-state resources for these site readiness improvements; and attest to the department the commitment of a company to locate or expand operations on the site, which may include a data center company, data center operator, manufacturer, logistics company or a company specializing in maintenance, repair, and operations. The amounts provided in this paragraph AA. shall not revert to the general fund at the end of any fiscal year."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$15.0 million from the general fund the first year to Pulaski County

for site readiness improvements.)

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Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

**Language:**

Page 114, line 35, after "L." insert:

"It is the intent of the General Assembly that the funding provided in this paragraph L.1. shall be continued in the next biennium."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment conveys that it is the priority of the General Assembly to continue general fund support for the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative in the next biennium.)

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Department of Housing and  
Community Development

\$2,500,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 111, line 49, strike "\$150,752,325" and insert "\$153,252,325".

Page 121, after line 18, insert:

"AA. Out of this appropriation, \$2,500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the Urban Public-Private Partnership Redevelopment Fund. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 15.2-2417, Code of Virginia, the department shall develop appropriate criteria and guidelines for the administration of the grant program. Such criteria shall include (i) how to prioritize awards for (a) localities experiencing an above average and high level of fiscal stress as designated by the Commission on Local Government in its most recent "Report on Comparative Revenue Capacity, Revenue Effort, and Fiscal Stress of Virginia's Cities and Counties" and (b) localities experiencing a significant decrease in commercial real estate assessments and (ii) the amount and type of local match, to include both requirements that consider monetary contributions and requirements that consider nonmonetary contributions. Eligible project partners for local governments shall include private developers including limited partnerships, limited liability companies, or domestic corporations, nonprofit organizations that are exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, local government and regional authorities, land bank entities as defined by § 15.2-7500, and common interest communities as defined by § 54.1-2345, including property owners' associations as defined by the Property Owners' Association Act (§ 55.1-1800 et seq.), condominium unit owners' associations

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established pursuant to the Virginia Condominium Act (§ 55.1-1900 et seq.), and real estate cooperative associations established pursuant to the Virginia Real Estate Cooperative Act (§ 55.1-2100 et seq.). Of the amounts in this paragraph, \$200,000 is provided to the department for program administration."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$2.5 million from the general fund the first year to capitalize the Urban Public-Private Partnership Redevelopment Fund.)

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	Item 103 #5c	
<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$1,200,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 111, line 49, strike "\$150,752,325" and insert "\$151,952,325".

Page 121, after line 18, insert:

"AA. Out of this appropriation, \$1,200,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to Prince William County to support the Occoquan Riverwalk project. The amounts provided in this paragraph AA. shall not revert to the general fund at the end of any fiscal year."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.2 million to Price William County for the expansion of the Occoquan Riverwalk in the town's historic downtown district.)

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	Item 103 #6c	
<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$2,500,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 111, line 49, strike "\$150,752,325" and insert "\$153,252,325".

Page 118, line 36, after "P." insert "1."

Page 118, line 36, strike "and \$150,000" and insert "and \$2,650,000".

Page 118, after line 39, insert:

"2. The department shall use up to 20 percent, but no less than 10 percent, of the fund to provide low-interest, non-forgivable loans to qualifying institutions, as defined by § 36-140.01, Code of Virginia. Interest on loans made from the fund shall not exceed three percent.

3. The department shall require (a) qualifying institutions receiving a loan from the fund to

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finance eligible program projects through loans, and (b) repayment of loan awards no sooner than five years after its execution of a loan contract with the qualifying institution."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$2.5 million from the general fund the first year to recapitalize the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund and establish a revolving fund to provide low-interest loans to qualifying institutions.)

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		Item 103 #7c	
<b>Commerce and Trade</b>		<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Housing and Community Development		\$4,250,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 111, line 49, strike "\$150,752,325" and insert "\$155,002,325".

Page 121, after line 18, insert:

"AA. Out of the amounts in this item, \$4,250,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Portsmouth for sanitary sewer pump station upgrades. The amounts provided in this paragraph AA. shall not revert to the general fund at the end of any fiscal year."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$4.3 million from the general fund the first year to support sanitary sewer pump station upgrades in Portsmouth. Upgrades are estimated to cost \$850,000 per pump station, and the amendment would support the upgrade of five stations.)

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		Item 103 #8c	
<b>Commerce and Trade</b>		<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Housing and Community Development		\$6,000,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 111, line 49, strike "\$150,752,325" and insert "\$156,752,325".

Page 121, after line 18, insert:

"AA. Out of the amounts in this item, \$6,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Portsmouth to support the Prentis Street transmission water main improvements project. The amounts provided in this paragraph AA. shall not revert to the general fund at the end of any fiscal year."

**Explanation:**

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(This amendment provides \$6.0 million from the general fund the first year to Portsmouth to support transmission water main improvements.)

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Item 109 #1c

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Energy	\$1,500,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 123, line 13, strike "\$4,766,189" and insert "\$6,266,189".

Page 123, after line 48, insert:

"F. Out of this appropriation, \$1,500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to capitalize the Electric Vehicle Rural Infrastructure Fund, pursuant to House Bill 1791 of the 2025 General Assembly Session. Any funding remaining at the end of the fiscal year 2025 shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph, and shall not revert to the general fund."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.5 million to capitalize the Electric Vehicle Rural Infrastructure Fund, in accordance with House Bill 1791.)

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Item 109 #2c

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Energy	\$1,000,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 123, line 13, strike "\$4,766,189" and insert "\$5,766,189".

Page 123, after line 48, insert:

"F. Out of this appropriation, \$1,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the Solar Interconnection Grant Program pursuant to the provisions of House Bill 2113 of the 2025 General Assembly Session. Any funding remaining at the end of the fiscal year 2025 shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph, and shall not revert to the general fund."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million from the general fund the first year for the Solar Interconnection Grant Program, as provided in House Bill 2113, 2025 General Assembly Session. This program will provide grants to localities to connect solar facilities to the grid, and this is intended to be a one-time investment of funds in the program.)

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Department of Energy

Language

**Language:**

Page 123, after line 48, insert:

"F. Upon the effective date of this act, in accordance with § 4-1.14, the State Comptroller shall revert to the general fund \$10,000,000 from the general fund balances of this department."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reverts funding for a program that is not legislatively authorized.)

Item 111 #1c

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**FY25-26**

Department of Small Business and  
Supplier Diversity

\$0  
0.00

\$187,020    GF  
2.00        FTE

**Language:**

Page 124, line 15, strike "\$8,912,875" and insert "\$9,099,895".

Page 125, after line 54, insert:

"J. Out of this appropriation, \$187,020 the second year from the general fund is provided to the department to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1922 of the 2025 General Assembly."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$187,020 the second year from the general fund and 2.0 positions to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1922 of the 2025 General Assembly, related to Small, Women, and Minority owned business utilization in state contracts.)

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**FY25-26**

Department of Small Business and  
Supplier Diversity

\$150,000

\$0    GF

**Language:**

Page 124, line 14, strike "\$9,326,797" and insert "\$9,476,797".

Page 125, after line 54, insert:



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"J. Out of this appropriation, \$150,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Richmond for the Metropolitan Business League's and Bridging Virginia's Capital Access Program. Any funding remaining at the end of the fiscal year 2025 shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph J."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$150,000 the first year from the general fund to the City of Richmond to support the Metropolitan Business League's and Bridging Virginia's Capital Access Program. This program provides resources to small businesses owned by individuals from historically marginalized communities or with economically disadvantaged backgrounds.)

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Item 113 #1c

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Virginia Economic Development Partnership	\$0	\$6,000,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 127, line 8, strike "\$53,451,862" and insert "\$59,451,862".

Page 129, after line 13, insert:

"T.1.Out of this appropriation, \$6,000,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to support employer-focused activities that further the goal of providing all postsecondary students in Virginia with one or more paid internships during their undergraduate course of study.

2. Out of the amounts provided in this paragraph, up to \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 may be transferred by the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget to the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement (Virginia Works) to support the development and deployment of the jobseeker/individual focused portal, Virginia Has Jobs, for higher education related internships. Such transfer will be coordinated and assessed for approval by the Board of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP). If an amount is approved for the stated purposed, Virginia Works shall use the one-time funds provided in this paragraph to increase the capabilities of the Virginia Has Jobs platform to collect information from employers on available higher education internships and connect students to these internship opportunities. To provide guidance on functionality, feature requirements, and user experience considerations of the higher education related internship component of the Virginia Has Jobs platform. Virginia Works shall convene an advisory group consisting of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), institutions of higher education, VEDP, Virginia Chamber of Commerce, Virginia Business Higher Education Council, and other statewide local government and non-profit education partners. The advisory group will confirm that the the Virginia Has Jobs platform is not duplicative to existing platforms used by any of the advisory group members. Virginia Works shall not use these funds for the marketing or promotion of the Virginia Has Jobs platform.

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3. Out of the amounts provided in this paragraph, up to \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 may be designated for VEDP to conduct initial outreach and marketing to increase employer participation in paid internship and other work-based learning programs pursuant to § 23.1-903.4, Code of Virginia, including developing and implementing a statewide promotion, convening, and marketing program to encourage, assist, and recognize employers that increase employment of undergraduate student interns. Such amounts will be subject to approval by the Board of VEDP.

4. Out of this amounts provided in this paragraph, up to \$3,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and up to \$6,000,000 each year thereafter, is provided for VEDP to support the following activities: (i) arranging for administration of the matching grant program for certain employers of higher education related student interns as provided in this paragraph; (ii) coordinating regional collaboratives to serve as intermediaries for employers seeking to initiate or expand employment of higher education related student interns in a region; and (iii) measuring and reporting program participation and progress toward identified goals through the Virginia Office of Education and Workforce Alignment. VEDP shall convene a stakeholder group from business, industry, education, economic and workforce development, and government, including the following primary partners for employer engagement: Virginia Chamber of Commerce; Virginia Business Higher Education Council; and other statewide local government and non-profit education partners to design these activities. At the recommendation of the stakeholder group, VEDP may enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Virginia Works to carry out the activities listed in paragraphs T.4. and 5. of this item; however, VEDP shall remain the fiscal agent for these activities. The MOU shall provide for ongoing collaboration by and with SCHEV and institutions of higher education to integrate the employer-focused activities authorized in this paragraph with campus internship centers and other activities related to postsecondary paid and credit-bearing internships that are implemented pursuant to Item 132.I. Such amounts to be authorized and the MOU will be subject to annual approval by the Board of VEDP.

5. VEDP shall provide for implementation of a program of matching grants for small and midsize Virginia-based employers that hire undergraduate student interns and shall establish criteria for the grants in consultation with the partners identified in paragraph T.4. of this item. 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 authority 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 higher education related 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 higher education related internships per employer; and (vi) the maximum timeframe for employers to

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be eligible to receive the grants. Prioritization of grant awards may consider employers of 50 or fewer employees. The authority may provide other services to employers, including arranging for one or more staffing agencies to provide services related to higher education related intern recruitment and placement, but eligibility for matching grants shall not be conditioned on an employer's engagement with or use of such staffing agency or other services.

6. VEDP may employ a program administrator, contract for professional services related to marketing and communications, and take such other actions within its existing authority as it deems appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this paragraph and facilitate the partnerships and collaboration described herein. All activities and amounts are subject to annual approval by the Board of VEDP."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment makes the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority responsible for the business related aspects of the state's internship program.)

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Item 113 #2c

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Virginia Economic Development Partnership	\$1,500,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 127, line 8, strike "\$52,951,862" and insert "\$54,451,862".

Page 129, after line 13, insert:

"T. Out of this appropriations, \$1,500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the authority to promote Virginia to national and international site consultants, corporate executives, and others tasked with making business location recommendations and decisions."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.5 million from the general fund the first year to enhance economic development marketing of the Commonwealth to capitalize on Virginia's designation as a "Top State for Business.")

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Item 114 #1c

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Virginia Tourism Authority	\$50,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 129, line 19, strike "\$37,859,929" and insert "\$37,909,929".

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Page 131, after line 31, insert:

"S. Out of this appropriation, \$50,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to Wise County for the Blue Highway Festival. Any funding remaining at the end of the fiscal year 2025 shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph S., and shall not revert to the general fund."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$50,000 the first year from the general fund for the Blue Highway Festival, an annual music festival held in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, which attracts tourist and musicians from around the world.)

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	Item 114 #2c	
<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Virginia Tourism Authority	(\$2,000,000)	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 129, line 19, strike "\$37,859,929" and insert "\$35,859,929".

Page 131, strike lines 28 through 31, and insert:

"R. Out of this appropriation, \$3,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to Prince William County to support the promotion of a major sporting event occurring between June 6th through June 8th of 2025. Any funding remaining at the end of the fiscal year 2025 shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph S., and shall not revert to the general fund."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$3.0 million to support the LIV Golf League's tournament at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Gainesville, Virginia.)

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	Item 114 #3c	
<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Virginia Tourism Authority	\$125,000	\$125,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 129, line 19, strike "\$37,859,929" and insert "\$37,984,929".

Page 129, line 18, strike "\$26,014,929" and insert "\$26,139,929".

Page 131, after line 31, insert:

"S. Out of this appropriation, \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the second year from the

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general fund is provided to the City of Norfolk for Nauticus to support education programming for Schooner Virginia. Any funding remaining at the end of the fiscal year 2025 shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph S., and shall not revert to the general fund."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$250,000 to support education programming related to Schooner Virginia, a reproduction of the last all sail vessel built for the Virginia Pilot Association. This tall ship serves as an educational asset for the Hampton Roads region for maritime hands-on-learning.)

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Item 114 #4c

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Virginia Tourism Authority	\$1,250,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 129, line 19, strike "\$37,859,929" and insert "\$39,109,929".

Page 131, after line 31, insert:

"S. Out of this appropriation, \$1,250,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the Virginia Tourism Authority to develop a marketing campaign to attract out of state visitors from Black, Indigenous, and Hispanic communities. The amounts provided in this paragraph S. shall not revert to the general fund at the end of any fiscal year."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.3 million the first year from the general fund for the Virginia Tourism Authority to launch a media campaign to bring travelers from Black, Indigenous, and Hispanic communities to the state.)

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Item 115 #1c

<b>Commerce and Trade</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority	(\$35,000,000)	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 131, line 38, strike "\$167,539,319" and insert "\$132,539,319".

Page 138, strike lines 28 through 57.

Page 139, strike lines 1 through 28.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment redirects \$35.0 million the first year from the general fund of proposed life sciences funding to other priorities including various life science initiatives.)

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Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority

Language

**Language:**

Page 136, line 46, after "P." insert "1."

Page 137, after line 7, insert:

"2. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the funding provided in this paragraph shall be continued in the next biennium."

Page 137, line 8, after "Q." insert "1."

Page 137, after line 27, insert:

"2. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the funding provided in this paragraph shall be continued in the next biennium."

Page 137, line 28, after "R." insert "1."

Page 137, after line 46, insert:

"2. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the funding provided in this paragraph shall be continued in the next biennium."

Page 137, line 47, after "S." insert "1."

Page 138, after line 4, insert:

"2. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the funding provided in this paragraph shall be continued in the next biennium."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment clarifies that \$90.0 million of general fund investment in four life sciences initiatives are to be continued in the next biennium.)

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Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority

Language

**Language:**

Page 134, strike lines 40 through 44.

Page 134, line 45 strike "9." and insert "8."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes language requiring that the Commonwealth Health Research Board collaborate with the Virginia Biosciences Health Research Corporation (Virginia Catalyst).)

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Item 116 #1c

**Education: Elementary and Secondary**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Secretary of Education

\$75,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 140, line 3, strike "\$848,147" and insert "\$923,147".

Page 140, after line 33, insert:

"D. 1. The Secretary of Education shall review the need to establish a campus police department versus maintaining a campus security department for the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind (VSDB). Such review shall consider: (i) the differences in operating a police department versus a security department to ensure the safety of the students and staff on campus; (ii) the estimated costs, if a campus police department is established, of adding employees to the Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System (VaLORS), as well as Line of Duty Act (LODA) premiums and the costs to the Virginia Retirement System for implementation costs; and (iii) consideration of partnerships with localities or other state entities to support the safety needs of VSDB. As part of the review, VSDB shall submit to the Secretary and the Department of Planning and Budget, an itemized list of current and past employees that would be eligible for VaLORS and LODA payments if a campus police department is authorized. The Secretary shall complete this work by August 15, 2025, and issue a letter with recommendations to VSDB and the Chairs of the Senate Finance and Appropriations and House Appropriations Committees. Any recommendations from this review shall be submitted by VSDB in its annual request for funding through the Department of Planning and Budget.

2. Out of this appropriation, \$75,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for security needs for VSDB. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall unallot this funding until such time that legislation takes effect related to campus safety at VSDB. Funds shall not revert to the general fund and shall remain available in the next fiscal year."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment requires the Secretary of Education to review campus safety at VSDB and provides \$75,000 from the general fund the first year to support campus safety. Funds are unallotted and would be available upon passage of a law that authorizes changes to campus safety.)

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**FY25-26**

Department of Education, Central  
Office Operations

\$11,000,000  
0.00

\$1,000,000 GF  
5.00 FTE

**Language:**

Page 140, line 39, strike "\$169,062,783" and insert "\$180,062,783".

Page 140, line 40, strike "\$167,583,520" and insert "\$168,583,520".

Page 148, after line 56, insert:

"F.1. Out of this appropriation, \$11,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to improve student performance in mathematics in public elementary and secondary schools in the Commonwealth.

2. The Department shall: (i) oversee and track mathematics instruction, assessment scores, and learning outcomes in the Commonwealth to identify potential areas for improvement; (ii) identify evidence-based best practices to improve mathematics instruction and student performance; (iii) establish and implement professional development for teachers and schools; (iv) administer state funds provided to school divisions as appropriate; (v) provide assistance to school administrators in the application for federal and state grant funds for mathematics improvement initiatives; (vi) collaborate with school boards and division superintendents to support the implementation of competency-based and evidence-based mathematics learning, provide recommendations on best practices, and facilitate professional development opportunities for educators; (vii) manage teacher training, professional development resources, and facilitate training programs for mathematics teachers; and (viii) analyze student mathematics progress, develop data collection methods, and evaluate program effectiveness.

3.a. The Department shall establish and oversee one or more Mathematics Advisory Task Forces to provide recommendations on improving mathematics education in elementary, middle, and high school. Task Force members shall include mathematics teachers, instructional coaches, school administrators, a division superintendent, a higher education representative, a school board member, and representatives from education interest groups.

b. The Task Forces shall: (i) review and recommend grade-appropriate high-quality instructional materials and curriculum for mathematics instruction and intervention programs; (ii) evaluate and recommend professional development for mathematics instruction; (iii) consider improvements to teacher education preparation programs to better prepare mathematics teachers; and (iv) other strategies to improve student performance in mathematics.

4.a. Of this amount, \$10,220,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for grants to local school divisions for mathematics curriculum support and innovative strategies to improve student outcomes. Priority shall be given to schools with Standards of Learning (SOL) mathematics assessment pass rates in the bottom 25th percentile statewide and initiatives that implement evidence-based summer intervention programs for students with assessment scores demonstrating need, or enhance the ability of teachers to provide high-quality instruction in mathematics.



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b. Any funds appropriated for this purpose that are unexpended by June 30, 2025, shall not revert and shall be reappropriated in the second year for the same purpose. The Department shall administer grant funds and establish guidelines and an application process by November 1, 2025.

5.a. In addition to the amounts provided in 4, the following amounts shall be allocated for specific programs: (a) \$70,000 the first year from the general fund to support the development of online professional development for advanced mathematics instruction; (b) \$500,000 the first year from the general fund to expand Virtual Virginia's capacity to provide advanced mathematics courses; and (c) \$210,000 the first year and \$60,000 the second year from the general fund to support the development of a microcredential program for mathematics specialists. Any funds appropriated for the programs in 5 that are unexpended by June 30, 2025, shall not revert and shall be reappropriated in the second year for the same purpose.

6. The Department shall report to the Board of Education and the Chairs of the Senate Finance and Appropriations, Senate Education and Health, House Appropriations, and House Education Committees by November 1, 2025, and annually thereafter on: (i) the quality and effectiveness of the initiative's efforts to improve mathematics education; (ii) the status of grant funds provided to school divisions and related outcomes; (iii) the impact of expanded Virtual Virginia mathematics course offerings; (iv) the effectiveness of professional development opportunities for mathematics instructors; (v) the activities and recommendations of the Mathematics Advisory Task Forces; and (vi) recommendations for future improvements to mathematics instruction and support programs."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$11.0 million from the general fund the first year and \$1.0 million from the general fund the second year and five positions to support the improvement of mathematics education and instruction in public schools in the Commonwealth, including one-time grant funds and the establishment of Mathematics Advisory Task Forces.)

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**FY25-26**

Department of Education, Central  
Office Operations

\$0

(\$500,000) NGF

**Language:**

Page 140, line 40, strike "\$167,583,520" and insert "\$167,083,520".  
Page 144, strike lines 9 through 12.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes \$500,000 from the nongeneral fund the second year from

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Commonwealth Opioid Abatement And Remediation Funds that were proposed in the introduced budget to support a contract with the Children and Parent Resources Group to provide the Life Changing Experience Program in public schools.)

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Item 118 #1c

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Department of Education, Central Office Operations	\$5,000,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 144, line 13, strike "\$20,828,186" and insert "\$25,828,186".

Page 146, after line 31, insert:

"K. Out of this appropriation, \$5,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for enhancements to the Virginia Individualized Education Plan (IEP) system, including modules to support student progress tracking, document translation, family engagement, IEP and 504 processes, and a dashboard to support performance monitoring. Any balances appropriated for the purposes specified in this paragraph that are unexpended on June 30, 2025, shall not revert to the general fund but shall be reappropriated for expenditure for the same purpose."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$5.0 million the first year from the general fund to support system enhancements to the Virginia Individualized Education Plan (IEP) System. These enhancements include modules to support student progress tracking, document translation, family engagement, IEP and 504 processes, and a dashboard to support performance monitoring.)

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Item 119 #1c

<b>Education: Elementary and Secondary</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Education, Central Office Operations	(\$60,500,000)	(\$5,000,000) GF

**Language:**

Page 146, line 33, strike "\$101,051,012" and insert "\$40,551,012".

Page 146, line 33, strike "\$51,917,836" and insert "\$46,917,836".

Page 147, strike lines 1 through 21 and insert:

"b. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of law, the Department is directed and authorized to pursue an extension to the current assessment contracts through December 31, 2027 to allow sufficient time for the Department to complete procurement processes as necessary to select an assessment vendor. Extensions to the existing assessment contracts shall not be subject to the provisions for renewals of high risk contracts.

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3. a. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the Department and Secretary of Education to procure a vendor to analyze options for implementing an innovative new statewide assessment system to support high-quality teaching and learning in public K-12 schools in Virginia. The new assessment system shall align with Virginia's Standards of Learning with the goal of implementation by the 2027-2028 school year. The selected vendor shall have demonstrated expertise in K-12 statewide assessment systems and the development of comprehensive reports with recommendations for state education agencies.

b. The Department and Secretary of Education shall establish a workgroup to provide input on the needs of the assessment system, participate in the work of the vendor, and consist, at a minimum, of representatives of statewide organizations that represent superintendents, teachers, principals, and curriculum development and assessment, and individuals with experience implementing statewide assessment systems.

c. The scope of work for the vendor shall include:

1. An analysis of high-quality assessment systems in other states, emphasizing models that incorporate: (a) alignment with state standards and instructional goals; (b) non-traditional assessments, such as project-based or performance-based approaches; (c) accessibility for English learners and students with disabilities, with examples of accommodations and multilingual assessments from other states; (d) advanced technology integration, such as adaptive testing and online platforms, including infrastructure requirements and associated costs; (e) integration of authentic growth measures that provide formative feedback for educators and could be integrated into a statewide assessment system; (f) feedback on the application of knowledge and higher-level reasoning skills as described in the standards; and (g) best practices for release of rubrics, sample items and tasks, anchor papers, exemplars, and other resources that clarify the benchmarks for success.

2. An evaluation of the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of pilot testing components of the proposed assessment system before full implementation.

3. Guidance and recommendations for the Department to develop a competitive RFP for vendors to redesign and manage the statewide assessment system, and recommendations for the Department and school divisions to implement best practices in change management, proposed training, and staffing to ensure a successful transition to a new system.

4. A proposed implementation timeline and identification of key performance indicators for a successful transition to a new system.

5. Compliance with federal requirements, including the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

d. The Department and Secretary of Education shall provide a detailed project plan of the work of the vendor and monthly email status updates to the Chairs and staff of the Senate Finance and Appropriations, Senate Education and Health, House Appropriations, and House Education Committees, and submit a final report that includes options for building a high-quality

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assessment system and associated costs, to the Chairs of the Senate Finance and Appropriations, Senate Education and Health, House Appropriations, and House Education Committees by November 1, 2025."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment redirects \$60.5 million from the general fund the first year and \$5.0 million from the general fund the second year that was proposed for a new state assessment contract in the introduced budget. It provides \$500,000 from the general fund the first year for the Secretary of Education and Department of Education to contract with a vendor to support the development of an RFP for new state assessment system. Language also authorizes the extension of the current assessment contract through December 31, 2027 to provide time to procure a new contract.)

Item 120 #1c

<b>Education: Elementary and Secondary</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Education, Central Office Operations	(\$50,000,000)	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 147, line 42, strike "\$60,289,341" and insert "\$10,289,341".  
 Page 148, strike lines 34 through 56.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment redirects \$50.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 proposed in the introduced budget to establish a Board of Education-directed fund. These redirected funds enable the elimination of the support cap.)

Item 120 #2c

<b>Education: Elementary and Secondary</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Education, Central Office Operations	(\$250,000) -2.00	(\$1,000,000) -6.00	GF FTE

**Language:**

Page 147, line 42, strike "\$60,289,341" and insert "\$60,039,341".  
 Page 147, line 42, strike "\$16,024,149" and insert "\$15,024,149".  
 Page 148, line 5, after "Accreditation," strike the remainder of the line.  
 Page 148, line 6, strike:  
 "Support as identified by the School Performance and Support Framework".  
 Page 148, strike lines 30 through 33 and insert:

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"D. The Department of Education shall maintain at least 30 full-time employees in the Office of School Quality to support schools and school divisions not meeting state benchmarks. At least six of these positions shall be deployed as regional support specialists focused on academic improvement in math, literacy, and science."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes \$250,000 the first year and \$1.0 million the second year from the general fund and six proposed positions to provide regional support positions. Chapter 2, 2022 Special Session I, provided an additional 18 positions for the Office of School Quality to support school improvement activities. This amendment ensures that those additional positions are used for their intended purpose and for the regional support positions as proposed in the introduced bill.)

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Item 123 #1c

<b>Education: Elementary and Secondary</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Education, Central Office Operations	(\$1,900,000)	(\$3,100,000)	GF

**Language:**

Page 150, line 21, strike "\$29,194,418" and insert "\$27,294,418".  
Page 150, line 21, strike "\$31,269,584" and insert "\$28,169,584".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment saves \$1.9 million the first year and \$3.1 million the second year from the general fund by redirecting proposed general fund support for Virginia's Visualization and Analytics Solution, or VVAAS. These funds are repurposed for other public education purposes. VVAAS was implemented by the administration using pandemic relief funds.)

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Item 123 #2c

<b>Education: Elementary and Secondary</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Education, Central Office Operations	\$5,138,000	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 150, line 21, strike "\$29,194,418" and insert "\$34,332,418".  
Page 151, after line 51, insert:

"K. Out of this appropriation, \$5,138,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the continued implementation of a statewide learning management system (LMS) and resources."

**Explanation:**

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(This amendment provides \$5.1 million from the general fund the first year to support the provision of a statewide Learning Management System, which has previously been supported with federal funds.)

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Item 124 #1c

**Education: Elementary and Secondary**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$750,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 152, line 16, strike "\$79,959,567" and insert "\$80,709,567".

Page 152, line 35, strike "\$850,000" and "\$850,000" and insert: "\$1,600,000" and "\$850,000".

Page 161, line 56, strike "\$850,000" and "\$850,000" and insert: "\$1,600,000" and "\$850,000".

Page 162, after line 1, insert:

"These funds shall not revert to the general fund at the end of fiscal year 2025 but shall be reappropriated for expenditure for the same purpose in fiscal year 2026."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides an additional \$750,000 the first year from the general fund for Blue Ridge PBS, for a total of \$1.6 million the first year.)

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Item 124 #2c

**Education: Elementary and Secondary**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$750,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 152, line 16, strike "\$79,959,567" and insert "\$80,709,567".

Page 153, line 17, strike "\$250,000" and "\$250,000" and insert: "\$1,000,000" and "\$250,000".

Page 163, line 55, strike "\$250,000" and "\$250,000" and insert: "\$1,000,000" and "\$250,000".

Page 163, line 56, after "programming., insert:

"These funds shall not revert to the general fund at the end of fiscal year 2025 but shall be reappropriated for expenditure for the same purpose in fiscal year 2026."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides an additional \$750,000 the first year from the general fund for PBS

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Appalachia, for a total of \$1,000,000 the first year.)

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Item 124 #3c

<b>Education: Elementary and Secondary</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$500,000	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 152, line 16, strike "\$79,959,567" and insert "\$80,459,567".

Page 153, line 3, strike "\$1,157,065" and "\$1,157,065" and insert: "\$1,657,065" and "\$1,157,065".

Page 162, line 37, strike "\$1,157,065" and "\$1,157,065" and insert: "\$1,657,065" and "\$1,157,065".

Page 162, line 38, after "program." insert:

"These funds shall not revert to the general fund at the end of fiscal year 2025 but shall be reappropriated for expenditure for the same purpose in fiscal year 2026."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment increases support for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program by \$500,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2025, for a total appropriation of \$1.7 million in fiscal year 2025.)

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Item 124 #4c

<b>Education: Elementary and Secondary</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$100,000	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 152, line 16, strike "\$79,959,567" and insert "\$80,059,567".

Page 154, after line 7, insert:

"New Chesapeake Men for Progress \$100,000 \$0".

Page 165, after line 26, insert:

"GGG. Out of this appropriation, \$100,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to support the New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation to provide mentoring for young men in the community and enhanced services for underserved youth. These funds shall not revert to the general fund at the end of fiscal year 2025 but shall be reappropriated for expenditure for the same purpose in fiscal year 2026."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$100,000 from the general fund the first year to support the New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation to provide mentoring for young men in the

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community and enhanced services for underserved youth.)

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Item 124 #5c

<b>Education: Elementary and Secondary</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$1,000,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 152, line 16, strike "\$79,959,567" and insert "\$80,959,567".

Page 154, after line 7, insert:

"Virginia Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs \$1,000,000 \$0".

Page 165, after line 26, insert:

"GGG. Out of this appropriation, \$1,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the Virginia Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs to expand student access to Clubs and extend traditional learning beyond the traditional school day with a focus on workforce development, mental health and wellness, safety, and leadership. These funds shall not revert to the general fund at the end of fiscal year 2025 but shall be reappropriated for expenditure for the same purpose in fiscal year 2026."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million from the general fund the first year for the Virginia Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs for programming beyond the traditional school day.)

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Item 124 #6c

<b>Education: Elementary and Secondary</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$250,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 152, line 15, strike "\$79,959,567" and insert "\$80,209,567".

Page 165, after line 26, insert:

"GGG. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to support the My Life Coach Academy and the UBU 100 Program in the City of Richmond to provide advanced educational opportunities and career readiness through comprehensive support and resources provided to at-risk youth. These funds shall not revert to the general fund at the end of the first year but shall be reappropriated for expenditure for the same purpose in the second year."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$250,000 from the general fund the first year to support the My Life Coach Academy and UBU 100 Program in the City of Richmond. The program provides



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advanced educational opportunities and career readiness by focusing on at-risk youth and providing comprehensive support and resources.)

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Item 124 #7c

<b>Education: Elementary and Secondary</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$500,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 152, line 16, strike "\$79,959,567" and insert "\$80,459,567".

Page 165, after line 26, insert:

"GGG. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to Opportunity Scholars to support program expansion in Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia. These funds shall not revert to the general fund at the end of the first year but shall be reappropriated for expenditure for the same purpose in the second year."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund the first year to support Opportunity Scholars in expanding programming to Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia.)

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Item 124 #8c

<b>Education: Elementary and Secondary</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$500,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 152, line 16, strike "\$79,959,567" and insert "\$80,459,567".

Page 165, after line 26, insert:

"GGG. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the Greater Peninsula C.A.R.E.S. Learning Recovery Program to support students experiencing significant learning loss in Hampton and Newport News with a focus on academic recovery, social development, and equitable access to educational resources. These funds shall not revert to the general fund at the end of the first year but shall be reappropriated for expenditure for the same purpose in the second year."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund the first year to the Greater Peninsula C.A.R.E.S. Learning Recovery Program to address learning loss among students in Hampton and Newport News. The program seeks to prioritize serving students experiencing significant learning loss, including those from low-income families, English Language Learners, and students with disabilities.)

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Item 124 #9c

<b>Education: Elementary and Secondary</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$750,000	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 152, line 16, strike "\$79,959,567" and insert "\$80,709,567".

Page 162, line 12, strike the first "\$1,200,000" and insert "\$1,950,000".

Page 162, line 15, after "shall" insert:

"be determined by July 1 of each year in consultation with division superintendents or their designee and shall".

Page 162, line 18, after "incorporate" strike the remainder of the line.

Page 162, line 19, strike "to assess".

Page 162, at the end of line 22, insert:

"These funds shall not revert to the general fund at the end of the first year but shall be reappropriated for expenditure for the same purpose in the second year."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides an additional \$750,000 from the general fund the first year for eMediaVA and adjusts language to clarify the timeline for determining digital content each year.)

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Item 124 #10c

<b>Education: Elementary and Secondary</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$0	\$250,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 152, line 16, strike "\$51,544,567" and insert "\$51,794,567".

Page 165, after line 26, insert:

"GGG. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the Virginia Leads Innovation Network (VaLIN) to enable the network to support a regional center model supporting the needs of Virginia's educators, students, and families."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$250,000 from the general fund the second year for the Virginia Leads Innovation Network (VaLIN) to enable the network's support of Virginia's education system via a regional center model.)

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Item 124 #11c

<b>Education: Elementary and Secondary</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$500,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 152, line 16, strike "\$79,959,567" and insert "\$80,459,567".

Page 154, after line 7, insert:

"Excel Center - Goodwill Industries of the Valleys \$500,000 \$0".

Page 165, after line 26, insert:

"GGG. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to support the Diplomas for All Program at the Goodwill Industries of the Valley's Excel Center to help adults earn high school diplomas and workforce credentials. These funds shall not revert to the general fund at the end of fiscal year 2025 but shall be reappropriated for expenditure for the same purpose in fiscal year 2026."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund the first year to support the Diplomas for All program at Goodwill Industries of the Valley's Excel Center.)

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Item 124 #12c

<b>Education: Elementary and Secondary</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$500,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 152, line 16, strike "\$79,959,567" and insert "\$80,459,567".

Page 154, after line 7, insert:

"YMCA of South Hampton Roads \$0 \$500,000".

Page 165, after line 26, insert:

"GGG. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the YMCA of South Hampton Roads to support youth programming."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund the first year for the YMCA of South Hampton Roads to support youth programming.)

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Item 124 #13c

<b>Education: Elementary and Secondary</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
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**Language:**

Page 162, line 3, strike "pilot".

Page 162, line 4, after "opportunities", insert:

"in curriculum based learning loss programs through".

Page 162, line 5, strike the first instance of "in".

Page 162, line 5, after "Academies" insert:

"or after school programs".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment allows the existing appropriation for YMCA Power Scholars Academy to be used for after school learning loss programs. Currently, funds are limited to the summer program.)

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Item 124 #16c

**Education: Elementary and Secondary**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$250,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 152, line 16, strike "\$79,959,567" and insert "\$80,209,567".

Page 153, line 46, strike "\$500,000" and "\$500,000" and insert:  
"\$750,000" and "\$500,000".

Page 159, line 2, strike "\$500,000" and "\$500,000" and insert:  
"\$750,000" and "\$500,000".

Page 159, line 5, after "schools." insert:

"The additional support in the first year shall be used to grow teacher placement in hard-to-staff schools in Northern Virginia and explore an expansion to the Hampton Roads area. These funds shall not revert to the general fund at the end of fiscal year 2025 but shall be reappropriated for expenditure for the same purpose in fiscal year 2026."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides an additional \$250,000 the first year from the general fund for Teach for America, for a total of \$750,000 in fiscal year 2025. These additional funds will be used to address teacher shortages in the Northern Virginia area and to plan for expansion of the program into the Hampton Roads area.)

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Item 124 #17c

**Education: Elementary and Secondary**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**



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Page 154, line 1, strike "\$250,000" and insert "\$400,000".

Page 163, line 21, strike "\$250,000" and insert "\$400,000".

Page 163, line 28, after "genocides." insert:

"These funds shall not revert to the general fund at the end of fiscal year 2025 but shall be reappropriated for expenditure for the same purpose in fiscal year 2026."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides an additional \$125,000 in the first year from the general fund for the Virginia Holocaust Museum, for a total of \$400,000 in the first year.)

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Item 125 #1c

<b>Education: Elementary and Secondary</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$0	(\$50,000,000)	GF

**Language:**

Page 165, line 28, strike "\$10,555,596,888" and insert "\$10,505,596,888".

Page 167, strike line 10.

Page 200, strike lines 49 through 52.

Page 201, strike lines 1 through 26.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment redirects \$50.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 by removing the proposed Virginia Opportunity Scholarship Program. These redirected funds allow the support cap to be eliminated.)

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Item 125 #2c

<b>Education: Elementary and Secondary</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$134,399,957	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 165, line 28, strike "\$10,567,091,936" and insert "\$10,701,491,893".

Page 201, after line 26, insert:

"46. Bonus Payment

a. Out of this appropriation, \$134,399,957 the first year from the general fund is provided for a one-time bonus payment of \$1,000 by no later than June 1, 2025, per funded SOQ instructional position and per Academic Year Governor's School and Regional Alternative Education Program instructional and support position. Funded SOQ instructional positions shall include all teacher, guidance counselor, librarian, instructional aide, principal, and assistant principal positions.

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b. Sufficient funding is provided for the entire cost of an average \$1,000 bonus per funded SOQ instructional and support position in this act. Sufficient funding is provided for the entire cost of an average \$1,000 bonus per Academic Year Governor's School and Regional Alternative Education Program instructional and support position based on the most-recently available full-time equivalent position counts, as reported to the Department of Education. School divisions shall have discretion to determine the amount of bonuses per employee to maximize the use of these funds to promote retention among instructional and support positions in this act. The funds a division is eligible to receive shall require no match by the local government. Localities are encouraged to use additional available funds to provide bonuses to other eligible instructional and support positions."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$134.4 million from the general fund the first year to fund the cost of up to a \$1,000 bonus per funded SOQ instructional and support position. There is no required local match.)

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	Item 125 #3c	
<b>Education: Elementary and Secondary</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$0	(\$23,999,995) GF
	\$0	\$23,999,995 NGF

**Language:**

Page 175, line 36, strike "\$875,335,350" and insert "899,335,345".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment supplants \$24.0 million from the general fund the second year with \$24.0 million from the nongeneral fund from the Lottery Proceeds Fund from the cash balances in the Fund.)

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	Item 125 #4c
<b>Education: Elementary and Secondary</b>	
Direct Aid to Public Education	Language

**Language:**

Page 184, line 37, strike "\$55,790,000" and "\$55,950,800" and insert: "\$55,764,000" and "\$55,924,800".  
Page 184, line 44, strike "\$55,790,000" and insert "\$55,764,000".  
Page 184, line 45, strike "\$55,950,800" and insert "\$55,924,800".



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**Explanation:**

(This amendment reduces the amount of equipment technology notes issued each year, reflecting an update to the number of eligible schools.)

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Item 125 #5c

**Education: Elementary and Secondary**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Direct Aid to Public Education

(\$25,000,000)

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 165, line 28, strike "\$10,567,091,936" and insert "\$10,542,091,936".

Page 200, strike lines 38 through 48.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment redirects \$25.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 proposed in the introduced budget to expand College Partnership Laboratory Schools to public and private Historically Black Colleges and Universities. These redirected funds enable elimination of the support cap.)

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Item 125 #6c

**Education: Elementary and Secondary**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$0

\$52,782,732 GF

**Language:**

Page 165, line 28, strike "\$10,555,596,888" and insert "\$10,608,379,620".

Page 166, after line 23, insert:

"Special Education Add-On \$0 \$52,782,732".

Page 180, after line 17, insert:

"c. In addition to the funds provided to support the state share of Special Education instructors in paragraphs a and b, an add-on payment shall be provided to support each special education student, based on a 4.75 percent add-on to basic aid per service Level I students and a 5.25 percent add-on to basic aid for Service Level II students, as defined in 8VAC20-81-10."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$52.8 million in fiscal year 2026 for an add on to basic aid of 4.75 percent for special education students receiving Level I services and 5.25 percent for special education students receiving Level II services. Level I (resource) services are less intense than Level II (self-contained) services. This is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education Funding.)

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Item 125 #7c

<b>Education: Elementary and Secondary</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$2,664,007	\$2,669,076	GF

**Language:**

Page 165, line 28, strike "\$10,567,091,936" and insert "\$10,569,755,943".

Page 165, line 28, strike "\$10,555,596,888" and insert "\$10,558,265,964".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment includes \$2.7 million each year from the general fund, reflecting updated literacy screening data for Fairfax County.)

Item 125 #8c

<b>Education: Elementary and Secondary</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$2,454,974	\$2,704,111	GF

**Language:**

Page 165, line 28, strike "\$10,567,091,936" and insert "\$10,569,546,910".

Page 165, line 28, strike "\$10,555,596,888" and insert "\$10,558,300,999".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment includes \$2.5 million in fiscal year 2025 and \$2.7 million in fiscal year 2026 from the general fund, reflecting the increase in school breakfast reimbursements that was provided in Chapter 2, 2024 Special Session I. The introduced bill did not include funds for this action.)

Item 125 #9c

<b>Education: Elementary and Secondary</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Direct Aid to Public Education	(\$150,000,000)	\$10,000,000	NGF

**Language:**

Page 165, line 28, strike "\$10,567,091,936" and insert "\$10,417,091,936".

Page 165, line 28, strike "\$10,555,596,888" and insert "\$10,565,596,888".

Page 199, line 10, strike "\$100,000,000" and insert "\$110,000,000".

Page 199, line 10, strike "and".

Page 199, strike line 11.

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Page 199, line 12, strike "School Construction Fund".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment (i) increases the amount available for school construction assistance grants by \$10.0 million the second year, recognizing additional available fiscal year 2025 casino gaming revenues; and (ii) eliminates the proposed transfer of \$150.0 million from the Literary Fund to the School Construction Fund for construction assistance grants in the first year, ensuring sufficient Fund balances will be available for school construction loans or other allowable uses in the upcoming biennium. These actions provide \$310.0 million for School Construction Assistance Grants over the biennium, an increase of \$150.0 million from the adopted budget.)

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Item 125 #10c

<b>Education: Elementary and Secondary</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$0	(\$25,000,000)	GF
	\$0	\$25,000,000	NGF

**Language:**

Page 177, line 39, strike "\$150,000,000" and insert "\$175,000,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment increases the Literary Fund amount designated for teacher retirement costs in the second year from \$150.0 million to \$175.0 million. This action results in general fund savings of \$175.0 million which are redirected to other education initiatives.)

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Item 125 #11c

<b>Education: Elementary and Secondary</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$0	\$222,915,021	GF

**Language:**

Page 165, line 28, strike "\$10,555,596,888" and insert "\$10,778,511,909".

Page 179, line 45, after "and" insert:

"27.89 support positions per 1,000 ADM to funded SOQ instructional positions".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$222.9 million from the general fund the second year to raise the support cap to the prevailing ratio of 27.89 positions per 1,000 students in fiscal year 2026 based on the recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education Funding.)

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Item 125.10 #1c

<b>Education: Elementary and Secondary</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$400,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 201, line 28, strike "\$560,180,474" and insert "\$560,580,474".

Page 209, after line 45, insert:

"J. Out of this appropriation, \$400,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the Small Family Day Home Provider Incentive Pilot Program established in House Bill 1833. This is a one-time appropriation, and unexpended funds shall be carried forward into subsequent fiscal years and be used to support the pilot program until its expiration at the end of fiscal year 2029."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides a one-time appropriation of \$400,000 from the general fund the first year to support a pilot program with Ready Region Chesapeake Bay to support small day home providers with training, achieving voluntary registration or licensure or participation in VQB5. Language provides that unexpended funds shall be carried forward until the program's scheduled sunset at the end of fiscal year 2029.)

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Item 125.10 #2c

**Education: Elementary and Secondary**

Direct Aid to Public Education

Language

**Language:**

Page 201, line 48, strike "\$274,334,472" and insert "\$266,500,894".

Page 202, line 8, strike "\$115,402,498" and insert "\$123,236,076".

Page 206, line 6, strike "in fiscal year 2025 only".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment maintains the .5000 cap on the local composite index (LCI) applicable to Virginia Preschool Initiative Funding. The introduced budget proposed capturing \$7.8 million by eliminating the LCI cap to create additional Child Care Subsidy Program slots.)

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Item 125.10 #3c

**Education: Elementary and Secondary**

Direct Aid to Public Education

Language

**Language:**

Page 201, strike line 46, and insert: "Child Care Subsidy Program".  
Page 202, strike line 4, and insert: "Mixed Delivery Grant Program".  
Page 202, line 49, strike "7%" and insert "5%".  
Page 202, line 50, strike "7%" and insert "5%".  
Page 203, strike lines 3 through 6.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment (i) reduces the copayment proposed in the introduced budget for fiscal year 2026 Child Care Subsidy and Mixed Delivery Early Childhood slots from 7.0 percent of household income to 5.0 percent and (ii) continues allowing new school age enrollees in the Child Care Subsidy Program.)

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Item 125.10 #4c

**Education: Elementary and Secondary**

Direct Aid to Public Education

Language

**Language:**

Page 202, strike lines 23 through 41.  
Page 208, strike lines 25 through 55.  
Page 209, strike lines 1 through 2.  
Page 209, after line 45, insert:  
"J. The Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Social Services, shall prepare and submit an annual report to the Governor and Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees no later than December 15 each year. Such annual report shall include the following information:

1. 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, discretionary and general fund), administrative costs, and quality efforts.
2. 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.
3. The number of subsidies (mandate, discretionary and general fund) provided, by locality, the number of providers receiving subsidy funds, 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.

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4. The recently completed CCDF annual report as required by the federal Office of Child Care.
5. For the Virginia Preschool Initiative and Mixed Delivery Programs, information detailing the use of state funds, including the number of calculated slots and funding allocated to each local program or provider, and the number of such slots that have been filled. Such information 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; and (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.
6. For Virginia Preschool Initiative, a description of the 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. To compile this information, Virginia Preschool Initiative programs shall report the share of children with Individualized Education Plans in inclusive classrooms annually, and 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.
7. Waitlist information for the CCSP, Mixed Delivery Program, and the Virginia Preschool Initiative, including an estimate of how many children on the waitlist could be served immediately if a slot became available based on eligibility and regional capacity."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment consolidates several currently required reports about early childhood programs into a single report, due December 15 each year. Additionally, this new consolidated report will include waitlist information across the Child Care Subsidy, Mixed Delivery, and Virginia Preschool Initiative programs. This amendment also eliminates an obsolete reporting requirement relating to developing a system to provide public information about early childhood care and education providers.)

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Item 125.10 #5c

**Education: Elementary and Secondary**

Direct Aid to Public Education

Language

**Language:**

Page 203, line 8, after "Program" insert:

", subject to review by the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission,".

Page 203, line 9, after "resources.", insert:

"The Department shall report proposed changes to the General Assembly by December 1,

2025."

Page 204, line 29, strike ",," and insert:

" and subject to review by the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission,".

Page 204, line 30, after "resources.", insert:

"The Department shall report proposed changes to the General Assembly by December 1, 2025."

Page 205, line 2, after "Initiative" insert:

", subject to review by the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission,".

Page 205, line 3, after "resources.", insert:

"The Department shall report proposed changes to the General Assembly by December 1, 2025."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds language making revisions to early childhood education program attendance requirements subject to review by the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission and requiring the Department of Education to report proposed changes to the General Assembly by December 1, 2025, for all three early childhood programs.)

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Item 125.10 #6c

**Education: Elementary and Secondary**

Direct Aid to Public Education

Language

**Language:**

Page 209, after line 45, insert:

"J. The Early Childhood Care and Education Commission shall review and recommend:

1. Adjustments to CCSP reimbursement rates for school age children and the appropriateness of continuing to provide services through CCSP to school age children. Such review must also include an update on the current structure of publicly-funded out-of-school time learning and extracurricular programs and should evaluate how to: (i) maximize public dollars while ensuring parent choice; (ii) quantify impact and return on investment including evaluating cost and cost factors in comparison to birth-to-five programming; (iii) strengthen quality of afterschool and summer options and whether a statewide measurement system is needed; (iv) identify out-of-school time deserts; and (v) develop innovative approaches to reduce deserts, better support working parents, and ensure sustainability. In conducting this review, the Commission shall consult representatives of school divisions, 21st Century Learning grantees, private childcare providers, Virginia Partnership for Out-of-School Time, local Parks and Recreation entities, the YMCA, Communities in Schools, Boys and Girls Clubs, and other non-profit organizations that provide out-of-school time programming.

2. Approaches to maximize state and federal resources by adjusting income eligibility requirements to reflect regional costs of living variations.

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The Commission shall provide a report on its recommendations to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by December 1, 2025."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission to recommend cost-effective approaches to providing child care services for school age children through CCSP or out-of-school time learning programs, and to recommend approaches to adjust income eligibility requirements to recognize statewide variations in costs of living.)

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Item 125.10 #7c

**Education: Elementary and Secondary**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$25,000,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 201, line 28, strike "\$560,180,474" and insert "\$585,180,474".

Page 201, line 36, after "support" strike the remainder of the line.

Page 201, line 37, strike "Delivery Program, and Virginia Preschool Initiative" and insert: "Early Childhood Care and Education Programs"

Page 202, after line 12, insert:

"Employee Child Care Assistance Pilot Program \$25,000,000 \$0".

Page 209, after line 45, insert:

"J. The Employee Child Care Assistance Pilot Program (the Pilot Program) is established for the purpose of providing matching funds in order to incentivize employers to contribute to the child care costs of their employees. The Pilot Program shall be administered by the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation (the Foundation). The Foundation shall establish such guidelines and procedures as it deems necessary for the administration of the Pilot Program, subject to the following conditions and requirements:

1. To participate in the Pilot Program, an employer shall agree to make child care contributions to an eligible mixed delivery provider on behalf of the employee and shall provide any other information deemed necessary by the Foundation. The Foundation shall issue a state match directly to an eligible mixed delivery provider, or to a third-party administrator, that has entered into an agreement with a participating employer.

2. The Foundation shall, in consultation with the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission, establish guidelines for the pilot program. Such guidelines shall: (i) limit eligibility for state contributions for slots serving households with income at or below 85 percent of the state median income; (ii) establish a schedule of expected family copayments not to exceed 5 percent of household income for households with income at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty level and between 5 percent and 10 percent of family income for households



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with incomes above 300 percent of the federal poverty level and below 85 percent of the state median income; and (iii) provide that the state match does not exceed 40 percent of the cost of the slot remaining after application of family copayments.

3. Pilot Program funds shall be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. The Foundation is encouraged to prioritize participation of small businesses and serving a variety of employers and employees representing each Ready Region.

4. The Foundation may combine the Pilot Program with or incorporate the Pilot Program into a program or initiative related to the Mixed Delivery Program provided that such a combination allows for the maximization of funds used for the purposes in this item.

5. The Foundation shall provide a report to the General Assembly by September 1 each year on the effectiveness and impact of the program.

6. Any balances appropriated for the Pilot Program that are unexpended on June 30, 2025, June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027, shall not revert to the general fund but shall be reappropriated for expenditure for the same purpose until June 30, 2028.

7. For the purpose of the Pilot Program, "Eligible mixed delivery provider" means a child day center or family day home that has been selected or identified to deliver mixed delivery services through a local agreement with the relevant regional entity established pursuant to subsection D of § 22.1-289.05 of the Code of Virginia, "Employer" means an employer with at least one employee who works in the Commonwealth in each of 20 or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year, and "Small business" means an employer with fewer than 50 employees."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$25.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 to establish and operate the Employee Child Care Assistance Pilot Program. Through this program the state and participating employers and employees share in the cost of child care services. Eligibility to receive a state contribution through the program is limited to households with income below 85 percent of the state median income. Family copayments are limited to 5-10 percent of income, with the state contributing 40 percent of the remaining cost, with employers or others contributing the remainder of the cost.)

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Item 130 #1c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

\$11,800,000  
(\$45,000,000)

\$5,000,000 GF  
(\$60,000,000) NGF

**Language:**

Page 212, line 29, strike "\$308,988,512" and insert "\$275,788,512".

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Page 212, line 29, strike "\$320,288,512" and insert "\$265,288,512".

Page 212, line 44, strike the first "\$102,325,881" and insert "\$104,125,881".

Page 212, line 44, strike the second "\$102,325,881" and insert "\$112,325,881".

Page 214, after line 28, insert:

"13. Out of this appropriation, \$1,800,000 the first year from the general fund is designated for an additional award up to \$2,000 for all students eligible and receiving an award under this program and enrolled into a TAG-eligible private not-for-profit Virginia institution, designated by the U.S. Department of Education as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI), and accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

Page 215, line 47, after "and", strike the remainder of the line and insert:

"\$23,750,000".

Page 215, line 48, after "fund", insert:

"and \$15,000,000 the first year from nongeneral funds".

Page 216, line 44, strike "\$65,000,000 each" and insert:

"\$75,000,000 the first year and \$65,000,000 the second year".

Page 216, strike line 45 and insert:

"fund is designated to offset the impact of".

Page 216 line 48, after "funds.", strike the rest of the line.

Page 216, strike lines 49 through 54.

Page 217, strike lines 6 through 39.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment makes technical adjustments to assistance programs coordinated by SCHEV. Funding included in this item supports maintaining the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant at levels authorized in Chapter 2 and increased enrollment in the workforce credential grant program. It adjusts proposed funding and sources for tuition waivers from the introduced budget and reserves surplus funds in the second year for waiver programs in a companion amendment (Item 470#1c) while making no changes to waiver program eligibility.)

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Item 132 #1c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

State Council of Higher Education for  
Virginia

\$0

(\$12,000,000) GF

**Language:**

Page 218, line 3, strike "\$50,037,467" and insert "\$38,037,467".

Page 222, strike lines 29 through 50.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment repurposes proposed new funding related to health workforce.)

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**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

State Council of Higher Education for  
Virginia

\$0

(\$6,000,000) GF

**Language:**

Page 218, line 2, strike "\$50,037,467" and insert "\$44,037,467".

Page 219, strike lines 25 through 58 and insert:

"I.1. As a condition of this appropriation, \$12,000,000 the first year and \$8,500,000 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) administrative and other expenditures to accomplish the purposes of the Innovative Internship Fund and Program and this paragraph. The Council shall establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) to transition the employer-focused outreach and engagement components of the Program to those entities in accordance with Item 113.T. The Council and VEDP shall consult with the partners identified in Item 113.T in the development of the MOU to facilitate their continuing collaboration. The MOU shall be completed and reported to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees no later than June 30, 2025.

2. Institutional grants shall be awarded to support initiatives that establish or enhance an on-campus internship center or similar one-stop service to assist students and employers with intern placement and 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 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. 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) cooperate with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and identified partners in carrying out the authority's responsibilities under Item 113.T for employer-focused activities that expand availability of and access to paid and credit-bearing internships and corresponding pathways leading to full-time Virginia-based employment; (iii) explore strategies in Virginia and elsewhere on successful institutional, regional, statewide or sector-based internship programs; (iv) gather and report consistent data across institutions regarding current institutional internship practices, scale, and outcomes; (v) develop internship readiness educational resources, delivery methods, and outreach and awareness activities for students and institutional career development personnel; and (vi) pursue shared services or other efficiency initiatives, including technological solutions. The Council and VEDP, in consultation with partners, shall establish goals and metrics for internships and work-based learning opportunities for employers, students, and institutions that support an increased number of students and employers participating in internships and work-based learning opportunities while ensuring the quality of the program. Institutions shall set goals and progress measures aligned with the metrics established by the Council and VEDP related to increasing the number of students participating in internships and work-based learning opportunities and shall develop a plan to ensure that existing programs and any new programs developed include internships or a work-based learning opportunity where appropriate. Institutions shall report to the Council annually regarding progress on these goals. Beginning in fiscal year 2027, the Council and VEDP shall submit an annual report to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Committee on Appropriations and Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations on progress of meeting the goals and metrics, including institutional progress, and expenses incurred for the activities outlined in this item by November 1 of each year."

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Page 220. strike lines 1 through 57.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment transfers the business-related aspects of the internship program to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP). SCHEV will maintain the institution and academic aspects of the program.)

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Item 132 #3c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

State Council of Higher Education for  
Virginia

\$500,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 218, line 2, strike "\$34,546,518" and insert "\$35,046,518".

Page 222, after line 50, insert:

"V. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to support a Hunger-Free Campus Food Pantry Grant Program. Funds shall not revert to the general fund at the end of fiscal year and shall be reappropriated for expenditure for the same purpose in the next fiscal year."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund the first year to establish a Hunger-Free Campus Food Pantry grant program administered by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV).)

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Item 132 #4c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

State Council of Higher Education for  
Virginia

\$0

(\$360,000) GF

**Language:**

Page 218, line 3, strike "\$50,037,467" and insert "\$49,677,467".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment redirects funding included in the introduced budget by \$360,000 from the general fund the second year to support other higher education initiatives.)

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Item 136 #1c

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<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Christopher Newport University	\$300,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 223, line 40, strike "\$109,137,716" and insert "\$109,437,716".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to increase transfer opportunities for students enrolled in community college. The funding will be used to increase peer mentors and academic coaching, increase transfer admission staff and provide scholarships.)

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Item 136 #2c

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Christopher Newport University	\$825,000	\$0 GF
	\$540,000	\$0 NGF

**Language:**

Page 223, line 40, strike "\$109,137,716" and insert "\$110,502,716".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding for the operations and maintenance of the Integrated Science Center to include custodial, trades and scientific technical expenses.)

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Item 136 #3c

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Christopher Newport University	\$1,475,800	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 223, line 40, strike "\$109,137,716" and insert "\$110,613,516".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

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Item 136 #4c

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Page 225, line 29, strike "\$283,622,885" and insert "\$283,772,885".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding for the Office of Student Veteran Engagement (OSVE).)

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Item 140 #3c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

The College of William and Mary in Virginia

\$500,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 225, line 29, strike "\$283,622,885" and insert "\$284,122,885".

Page 227, after line 13, insert:

"K. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund is designated to endow the Gamage Democracy Fellowship at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. The Fellowship will provide an international hub for education and advocacy of democracy through the continual, one-year salaried residency at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation of an outstanding William and Mary graduate. Each fellow while in residency at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation will develop international education programs in conjunction with The College of William and Mary and the Presidential Precinct."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding for the Gamage Democracy Fellowship.)

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Item 140 #4c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

The College of William and Mary in Virginia

\$2,077,900

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 225, line 29, strike "\$283,622,885" and insert "\$285,700,785".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

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Item 140 #5c



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**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

The College of William and Mary in Virginia

\$500,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 225, line 29, strike "\$283,622,885" and insert "\$284,122,885".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund the first year to support the William and Mary Community Law Clinic to serve community members in matters of housing, family law, public benefits, consumer protection, and other general litigation issues.)

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Item 140 #6c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

The College of William and Mary in Virginia

\$4,100,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 225, line 29, strike "\$283,622,885" and insert "\$287,722,885".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support IT infrastructure modernization.)

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Item 141 #1c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

The College of William and Mary in Virginia

\$166,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 227, line 15, strike "\$61,423,650" and insert "\$61,589,650".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$166,000 from the general fund the first year to support undergraduate need-based financial aid.)

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Item 142.10 #1c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

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The College of William and Mary in Virginia	\$500,000	\$0 GF
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**Language:**

Page 227, after line 47, insert:

"142.10 James Monroe's Highland	\$500,000	\$0
Fund Sources:                      General	\$500,000	\$0 "

Page 227, after line 47, insert:

"The amounts provides in this appropriation are designated for the support of James Monroe's Highland."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding for ongoing operations and maintenance of the 466 acre Highland property along with furthering research that engages K-12 students and public visitors in the story of discovery, and marketing to help increase visitation levels and share the story of James Monroe and Highland. This amendment will be enrolled to Program 502.)

Item 144 #1c

	FY24-25	FY25-26
<b>Education: Higher Education</b>		
Richard Bland College	\$308,700	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 228, line 21, strike "\$21,280,884" and insert "\$21,589,584".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

Item 145 #1c

	FY24-25	FY25-26
<b>Education: Higher Education</b>		
Richard Bland College	\$52,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 229, line 43, strike "\$2,479,810" and insert "\$2,531,810".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$52,000 from the general fund the first year to support undergraduate need-based financial aid.)

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Item 148 #1c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Virginia Institute of Marine Science

\$585,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 230, line 26, strike "\$32,716,726" and insert "\$33,301,726".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funds for the Virginia Sea Grant program and address Chesapeake Bay restoration goals.)

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Item 148 #2c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Virginia Institute of Marine Science

\$880,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 230, line 26, strike "\$32,716,726" and insert "\$33,596,726".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$880,000 from the general fund the first year to study the cumulative impacts of surface water intakes on aquatic fauna and water quality in the Chesapeake Bay and its major Virginia tributaries. Funds shall not revert and shall remain available for the next fiscal year.)

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Item 151 #1c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

George Mason University

\$700,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 233, line 1, strike "\$797,500,881" and insert "\$798,200,881".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to support the Virginia SBDC network business development program in the Commonwealth to support the critical workforce development

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programs across the Commonwealth, to facilitate current and future innovators and entrepreneurs to address regional, state, national and global economic opportunities. SBDC is a partnership with U.S. Small Business Administration, George Mason University and local host organizations in 26 regional centers throughout Virginia.)

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**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

George Mason University

\$7,432,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 233, line 1, strike "\$797,500,881" and insert "\$804,932,881".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

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**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

George Mason University

\$3,000,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 233, line 1, strike "\$797,500,881" and insert "\$800,500,881".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to support operating costs at George Mason University.)

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Item 152 #1c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

George Mason University

\$1,984,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 234, line 47, strike "\$122,877,744" and insert "\$124,861,744".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1,984,000 from the general fund the first year to support undergraduate need-based financial aid.)

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Item 155 #1c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

James Madison University

\$1,000,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 236, line 19, strike "\$422,492,335" and insert "\$423,492,335".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to increase the number of nursing graduates by 30 each year through the JMU "Fast Flex" Nursing Program. The program will allow students to complete their core nursing course work in one calendar year, as opposed to two academic years, getting nurses in the field quicker. Classes, which will be delivered in a hybrid of on-campus and online formats, as well as clinical placements will take place on nights and weekends. The program will be open to anyone who has earned 36 credit hours, completed certain prerequisite courses, and met other criteria. Resources requested to launch this program will cover expenses related to program faculty, support staff, supplies, technology needs, and student scholarships.)

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Item 155 #2c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

James Madison University

\$3,938,900

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 236, line 19, strike "\$422,492,335" and insert "\$426,431,235".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

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Item 156 #1c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

James Madison University

\$968,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 237, line 33, strike "\$36,710,476" and insert "\$37,678,476".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$968,000 from the general fund the first year to support

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undergraduate need-based financial aid.)

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Item 159 #1c

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Longwood University	\$1,181,900	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 238, line 39, strike "\$96,676,027" and insert "\$97,857,927".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

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Item 160 #1c

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Longwood University	\$351,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 239, line 34, strike "\$12,693,088" and insert "\$13,044,088".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$351,000 from the general fund the first year to support undergraduate need-based financial aid.)

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Item 163 #1c

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Norfolk State University	\$10,000,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 240, line 32, strike "\$144,350,199" and insert "\$154,350,199".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to continue and expand the ongoing HBCU collaboration that includes Norfolk State University, Virginia State University, Hampton University, and Virginia Union University.)

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Item 163 #2c

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Norfolk State University	\$1,316,200	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 240, line 32, strike "\$144,350,199" and insert "\$145,666,399".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

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Item 163 #3c

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Norfolk State University	\$4,100,000	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 240, line 32, strike "\$144,350,199" and insert "\$148,450,199".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support IT infrastructure modernization.)

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Item 164 #1c

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Norfolk State University	\$737,000	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 242, line 37, strike "\$39,769,371" and insert "\$40,506,371".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$737,000 from the general fund the first year to support undergraduate need-based financial aid.)

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Item 167 #1c

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Old Dominion University	\$7,000,000	\$0	GF

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**Language:**

Page 243, line 50, strike "\$386,519,897" and insert "\$393,519,897".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to support increased operating costs.)

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Item 167 #2c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Old Dominion University

\$4,760,200

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 243, line 50, strike "\$386,519,897" and insert "\$391,280,097".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

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Item 168 #1c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Old Dominion University

\$2,135,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 245, line 45, strike "\$68,446,117" and insert "\$70,581,117".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$2,135,000 from the general fund the first year to support undergraduate need-based financial aid.)

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Item 169 #1c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Old Dominion University

(\$5,000,000)

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 246, line 9, strike "\$31,223,883" and insert "\$26,223,883".

**Explanation:**



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(This amendment repurposes funding for a new initiative.)

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Item 172 #1c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Radford University

\$2,083,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 249, line 9, strike "\$182,341,578" and insert "\$184,424,578".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to support the nursing program to educate the significant increase in nursing students at the university.)

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Item 172 #2c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Radford University

\$1,800,100

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 249, line 9, strike "\$182,341,578" and insert "\$184,141,678".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

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Item 173 #1c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Radford University

\$609,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 250, line 21, strike "\$31,763,383" and insert "\$32,372,383".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$609,000 from the general fund the first year to support undergraduate need-based financial aid.)

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Item 176 #1c

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**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

University of Mary Washington

\$740,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 251, line 12, strike "\$104,389,010" and insert "\$105,129,010".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to support a Master's of Science in Nursing (MSN) with tracks for both Nursing Educators and Nurse Practitioners.)

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Item 176 #2c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

University of Mary Washington

\$1,171,300

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 251, line 12, strike "\$104,389,010" and insert "\$105,560,310".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

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Item 176 #3c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

University of Mary Washington

\$3,500,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 251, line 12, strike "\$104,389,010" and insert "\$107,889,010".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support IT infrastructure modernization.)

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Item 177 #1c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

University of Mary Washington

\$234,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

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Page 252, line 24, strike "\$17,299,722" and insert "\$17,533,722".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$234,000 from the general fund the first year to support undergraduate need-based financial aid.)

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Item 183 #1c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

University of Virginia

\$5,976,700

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 253, line 45, strike "\$1,282,901,982" and insert "\$1,288,878,682".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

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Item 184 #1c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

University of Virginia

\$312,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 256, line 19, strike "\$160,626,072" and insert "\$160,938,072".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$312,000 from the general fund the first year to support undergraduate need-based financial aid.)

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Item 190 #1c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

University of Virginia's College at  
Wise

\$500,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 259, line 2, strike "\$45,349,883" and insert "\$45,849,883".

**Explanation:**

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(This amendment provides funding to support cost increases for enrollment growth, retention and tuition moderation.)

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Item 190 #2c

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
University of Virginia's College at Wise	\$481,800	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 259, line 2, strike "\$45,349,883" and insert "\$45,831,683".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

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Item 191 #1c

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
University of Virginia's College at Wise	\$141,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 259, line 42, strike "\$6,385,755" and insert "\$6,526,755".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$141,000 from the general fund the first year to support undergraduate need-based financial aid.)

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Item 194 #1c

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Virginia Commonwealth University	\$7,263,200	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 260, line 49, strike "\$778,096,233" and insert "\$785,359,433".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

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Item 195 #1c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Virginia Commonwealth University

\$2,115,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 264, line 2, strike "\$116,312,595" and insert "\$118,427,595".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$2,115,000 from the general fund the first year to support undergraduate need-based financial aid.)

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Item 196 #1c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Virginia Commonwealth University

(\$4,000,000)

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 264, line 24, strike "\$360,394,910" and insert "\$356,394,910".

Page 264, line 38, strike "\$26,500,000" and unstrike "\$22,500,000".

Page 264, line 42, after "research." strike the remainder of the line.

Page 264, strike line 43.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment repurposes a proposed one-time increase in research funding at VCU.)

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Item 200 #1c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Virginia Community College System

\$1,611,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 266, line 16, strike "\$1,080,055,383" and insert "\$1,081,666,383".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to implement and expand the Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) Program at Blue Ridge (BRCC) and Danville (DCC) Community Colleges. A companion amendment in capital outlay provides \$2.5 million of one-time funding which along with matching funds from the City of Danville will complete the training center

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equipment and infrastructure requirements.)

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Item 200 #2c

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Virginia Community College System	\$250,000	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 266, line 16, strike "\$1,080,055,383" and insert "\$1,080,305,383".

Page 269, line 20, strike the first "\$250,000" and insert "\$500,000".

Page 269, strike line 22 and insert:

"technical assistance for automotive and building maintenance training programs coordinated by the Prince".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding and a technical clarification to the existing skilled-trades workforce program at Northern Virginia Community College.)

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Item 200 #3c

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Virginia Community College System	\$7,642,100	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 266, line 16, strike "\$1,080,055,383" and insert "\$1,087,697,483".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

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Item 201 #1c

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Virginia Community College System	\$2,836,000	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 269, line 36, strike "\$166,169,861" and insert "\$169,005,861".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$2,836,000 from the general fund the first year to support

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undergraduate need-based financial aid.)

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Item 201 #2c

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Virginia Community College System	\$0	(\$15,000,000)	GF

**Language:**

Page 269, line 37, strike "\$182,100,971" and insert "\$167,100,971".

Page 275, strike lines 4 through 45 and insert:

"8. a. No later than May 1, 2025, the Director, Department of Planning and Budget shall transfer \$15,000,000 from G3 Program fund balances to Item 130 G. for use in the New Economy Workforce Credential Grant Program.

b. No later than May 1, 2025, the Director, Department of Planning and Budget shall transfer \$500,000 from G3 Program fund balances to Item 203 B.3. for the A.L. Philpott Manufacturing Extension Partnership, with Patrick and Henry Community College currently acting as fiscal agent, as a match for a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to develop the Virginia Smart Manufacturing Accelerator program, covering all of Virginia."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment repurposes the proposed new workforce initiative and transfers fund balances to specific related programs.)

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Item 203 #1c

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Virginia Community College System	\$500,000	\$0	GF
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**Language:**

Page 276, line 2, strike "\$74,027,341" and insert "\$75,027,341".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$500,000 the first year from the general fund and \$500,000 the first year from nongeneral funds for the A.L. Philpott Manufacturing Extension Partnership, with Patrick and Henry Community College currently acting as fiscal agent, as a match for a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to develop the Virginia Smart Manufacturing Accelerator program, covering all of Virginia.)

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Item 206 #1c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Virginia Military Institute

\$256,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 278, line 40, strike "\$57,906,536" and insert "\$58,162,536".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to enhance academic programs, including (1) a course in Civics titled "American Constitutional History", (2) the Office of Global Education, and (3) a Summer Undergraduate Entrepreneurship Program.)

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Item 206 #2c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Virginia Military Institute

\$580,100

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 278, line 40, strike "\$57,906,536" and insert "\$58,486,636".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

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Item 207 #1c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Virginia Military Institute

\$65,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 280, line 4, strike "\$6,226,568" and insert "\$6,291,568".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$65,000 from the general fund the first year to support undergraduate need-based financial aid.)

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Item 209 #1c



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<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Virginia Military Institute	\$325,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 280, line 24, strike "\$10,764,162" and insert "\$11,089,162".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides one-time funds for the Unique Military Activities (UMA) to fund improve and enhance UMA facilities including (1) the purchase of new laundry equipment, (2) the modification of space in the Infirmary to modify a female ward to expand capabilities, and (3) the purchase of new band instruments for the VMI Regimental Band.)

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Item 211 #1c

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	\$6,500,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 281, line 6, strike "\$1,018,752,882" and insert "\$1,025,252,882".

Page 282, after line 49, insert:

"K. The Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine is hereby authorized to transfer funds to the Department of Medical Assistance Services to fully fund the state share for Medicaid supplemental payments and managed care directed payments to primary teaching hospitals affiliated with Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine. The funds to be transferred must comply with 42 CFR 433.51 and 433.54. Such funds may not be paid from any private agreements with Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine that are in excess of fair market value or that alleviate pre-existing financial burdens of the school. The Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine is authorized to use general fund dollars to accomplish this transfer. As part of interagency agreements, the department shall require the public entities to attest to compliance with applicable CMS criteria."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to support enrollment growth at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine (VTC SOM). The additional general fund will support expansion of faculty and support staff, development of accelerated pathways to completion, and ability to provide for lower tuition for in-state students.)

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Item 211 #2c

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<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	\$6,383,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 281, line 6, strike "\$1,018,752,882" and insert "\$1,025,135,882".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

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Item 212 #1c

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	\$1,337,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 283, line 2, strike "\$51,005,454" and insert "\$52,342,454".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1,337,000 from the general fund the first year to support undergraduate need-based financial aid.)

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Item 214 #1c

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	\$325,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 284, line 29, strike "\$3,649,074" and insert "\$3,974,074".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to address costs specific to the operation of the military system and invest in the programmatic needs of the Corps of Cadets.)

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Item 217 #1c

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
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Virginia State University	\$10,000,000	\$0	GF
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**Language:**

Page 286, line 21, strike "\$122,276,343" and insert "\$132,276,343".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to continue and expand the ongoing HBCU collaboration that includes Norfolk State University, Virginia State University, Hampton University, and Virginia Union University.)

Item 217 #2c

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Virginia State University	\$1,210,100	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 286, line 21, strike "\$122,276,343" and insert "\$123,486,443".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional general fund to support operations at the institution and minimizes potential tuition and fee increases on in-state undergraduate students.)

Item 218 #1c

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Virginia State University	\$628,000	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 288, line 10, strike "\$33,392,448" and insert "\$34,020,448".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$628,000 from the general fund the first year to support undergraduate need-based financial aid.)

Item 223 #1c

<b>Education: Other Education</b>		
Gunston Hall		Language

**Language:**

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Page 291, after line 2, insert:

“A. The Offices of the Secretary of Education and the Secretary of Finance shall perform a programmatic and financial review of Gunston Hall, including a review of their capital projects and their ongoing operations. The Office of the Secretary of Education shall report its findings to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1, 2025.”

**Explanation:**

(This amendment is self-explanatory.)

Item 227 #1c

<b>Education: Other Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
The Library Of Virginia	\$0	\$632,142	GF

**Language:**

Page 292, line 30, strike "\$26,797,584" and insert "\$27,429,726".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$632,142 from the general fund the second year to support state aid to local libraries.)

Item 229 #1c

<b>Education: Other Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
The Science Museum of Virginia	\$0	\$250,000	GF
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**Language:**

Page 293, line 24, strike "\$12,299,708" and insert "\$12,549,708".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$250,000 from the general fund the second year and 3.0 positions to support education and security at the the Science Museum of Virginia.)

Item 230 #1c

<b>Education: Other Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Virginia Museum of Natural History	\$0	\$73,000	GF

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**Language:**

Page 294, line 6, strike "\$4,156,827" and insert "\$4,229,827".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$73,000 the second year from the general fund to provide additional support to the Virginia Museum of Natural History.)

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Item 231 #1c

**Education: Other Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Virginia Commission for the Arts

\$250,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 294, line 24, strike "\$6,180,398" and insert "\$6,430,398".

Page 294, after line 41, insert:

"E. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Richmond for the Elegba Folklore Society to support cultural education and enrichment through the arts."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$250,000 from the general fund the first year to support the programs provided by the Elegba Folklore Society (EFS) in the City of Richmond. EFS provides cultural education and enrichment through the arts. In seeking to promote more interactive cultural communities, EFS gives particular attention to aspects of African world culture intended to re-instill an essential cultural foundation in African Americans and to open the hearts of understanding throughout entire communities.)

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Item 231 #2c

**Education: Other Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Virginia Commission for the Arts

\$2,000,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 294, line 25, strike "\$6,180,398" and insert "\$8,180,398".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$2,000,000 from the general fund the first year to increase investments in the arts through grants provided to arts organizations and businesses of the arts sector, including theatres, studios, museums, and additional venues.)

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Item 234 #1c

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
New College Institute	\$500,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 296, line 3, strike "\$4,686,850" and insert "\$5,186,850".  
Page 296, strike lines 19 through 39.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional funding to support grants to address unmet financial need for students in programs related to fiber optics, global wind, telemental health, law enforcement, electrical, FAA drone operations, and education programs offered by Longwood University. In addition, funding may be used to address staffing needs related to workforce programs, student resource coordination and academic programs.)

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Item 236 #1c

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Roanoke Higher Education Authority	\$73,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 297, line 20, strike "\$3,243,824" and insert "\$3,316,824".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to support a day porter that is needed to properly maintain facilities and provide the best customer service possible for students, staff, and visitors.)

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Item 236 #2c

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Roanoke Higher Education Authority	\$131,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 297, line 20, strike "\$3,243,824" and insert "\$3,374,824".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding to support hiring a security guard as the Center continues to grow and increase programming. In addition, the funding will allow for additional hours for

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contract services from Admiral Security Service.)

Item 238 #1c

**Education: Higher Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Southwest Virginia Higher Education  
Center

(\$200,000)  
-1.00

(\$200,000) GF  
-1.00 FTE

**Language:**

Page 298, line 43, strike "\$5,799,447" and insert "\$5,599,447".

Page 298, line 43, strike "\$5,799,447" and insert "\$5,599,447".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment redirects \$200,000 from the general fund each year provided for a regional health simulation lab to support other higher education initiatives.)

Item 240.10 #1c

**Education: Higher Education**

Maintain Affordable Access

Language

**Language:**

Page 299, strike lines 45 through 48.

Page 300, strike lines 1 through 10.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment eliminates proposed language. Budget actions continue affordability efforts that have been in place for several biennia.)

Item 246 #1c

**Finance**

Department of Accounts

Language

**Language:**

Page 306, after line 16, insert:

"3. The State Comptroller shall report on the plan to upgrade Cardinal Financials with the latest functional updates, including the cost of upgrades, timeline, and opportunities to deactivate other agency stand-alone accounting systems. This report shall also include options and cost estimates for restoring a Business Intelligence application for Cardinal Financials. The State

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Comptroller shall submit this report by no later than October 1, 2025, to the Department of Planning and Budget and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Department of Accounts to provide an update on the functional upgrades to the state's Cardinal accounting system and costs to restore a business intelligence capability to the system.)

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		Item 247 #1c	
<b>Finance</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Accounts	\$0 0.00	(\$664,606) -3.00	GF FTE

**Language:**

Page 306, line 18, strike "\$3,064,161" and insert "\$2,399,555".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes \$664,606 the second year from the general fund and three positions proposed in House Bill 1600, providing a net increase of \$2.0 million general fund the second year and eleven new positions to support key agency operations.)

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		Item 254 #1c	
<b>Finance</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Accounts Transfer Payments	\$500,000	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 308, line 32, strike "\$1,846,151" and insert "\$2,346,151".

Page 308, line 37, before "The", insert "A."

Page 308, after line 39, insert:

"B. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for deposit to the Florence Neal Cooper Smith Sickle Cell Research Endowment Fund, established by House Bill 2500 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly, held on the books of the Commonwealth, as administered by the Commonwealth Health Research Board."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund in the first year for deposit to the



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Florence Neal Cooper Smith Sickle Cell Research Endowment Fund, established by House Bill 2500 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly.)

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Item 255 #1c

<b>Finance</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Accounts Transfer Payments	(\$1,103,000,000)	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 308, line 41, strike "\$2,053,000,000" and insert "\$950,000,000".

Page 309, strike lines 52 through 57.

Page 310, strike lines 1 through 3.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment redirects the \$1.1 billion from the general fund included in the introduced budget pursuant for the Governor's proposal to provide an income tax credit for car tax payments to support the General Assembly Tax reduction package which includes a one-time tax rebate for all Virginian's who pay income tax, an expansion in the earned income tax credit and an adjustment in the standard deduction.)

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Item 257 #1c

**Finance**

Department of Taxation

Language

**Language:**

Page 312, after line 16, insert:

"E. The Department of Taxation shall assess implementing market-based sourcing for sales in the corporate income apportionment formula. The Department shall assess the administrative feasibility, the impact on major classifications of corporations operating in Virginia, the impact on corporate expansion within and into Virginia, and the projected impact on Virginia' tax revenue as a result of adopting market-based sourcing. The Department shall present recommendations to the Joint Subcommittee on Tax Policy for evaluation of the fiscal implications and incorporate any feedback from the Joint Subcommittee prior to the submission of the final report. The Department may establish a work group of stakeholders with the Secretary of Finance and the Chairs of the House Finance, House Appropriations, and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees participating in selecting its members. The Department shall submit a report with recommendations by November 15, 2025 to the Chairs of House Finance, House Appropriations, and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Department of Taxation to study corporate income tax in Virginia, focusing on market-based sourcing for sales. The study will focus on the impacts to Virginia's economy and general fund revenue with the Joint Subcommittee on Tax Policy evaluating any potential fiscal implications. A final report with recommendations is to be submitted by November 15, 2025, to the Money Committees.)

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Item 257 #2c

**Finance**

Department of Taxation

Language

**Language:**

Page 312, after line 16, insert:

"E. The Department of Taxation shall convene a work group composed of tax practitioners experienced in the preparation of corporate tax returns involving net operating losses, including members recommended by the Taxation Section of the Virginia Bar Association and the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants. The work group shall study the treatment of net operating losses in Virginia when compared to other states and shall make recommendations to simplify such treatment in Virginia. The work group shall consider at a minimum: (i) transition rules to the proposed simplified method of determining net operating losses; (ii) the effective date of any such transition; and (iii) what legislative, regulatory, or guideline amendments would be necessary to best effectuate such transition. The work group shall complete its meetings by October 1, 2025, and the Department shall submit a report of the work group's findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the Senate Finance and Appropriations, House Finance, and House Appropriations Committee by November 1, 2025."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Department of Taxation to convene a workgroup to study Virginia's treatment of net operating losses ("NOLs") for corporate tax returns compared to other states and make recommendations.)

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Item 258 #1c

**Finance**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Taxation

\$977,780,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 312, line 17, strike "\$70,323,247" and insert "\$1,048,103,247".

Page 317, after line 10, insert:

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“GG.1. There is hereby established in the state treasury and on the books of the State Comptroller a special nonreverting fund known as the Income Tax Rebate Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall be credited to the general fund.

2. Out of this appropriation, \$977,780,000 the first year from the general fund shall be deposited into the Income Tax Rebate Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used solely for the purpose of providing the tax rebate authorized in subparagraph 3 below. The information statement attached to the tax rebate checks issued pursuant with this item shall state, "the enclosed Tax Relief for Working Virginians was authorized by the 2025 General Assembly."

3. In addition to any refund due pursuant to § 58.1-309 of the Code of Virginia, and for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2024, but before January 1, 2025, an individual filing a return on or before November 3, 2025 or married persons filing a joint return on or before November 3, 2025 shall be issued a refund in an amount up to \$200 for an individual, or \$400 for married persons filing a joint return. An individual shall only be allowed a refund pursuant to this Item up to the amount of such individual's tax liability after the application of any deductions, subtractions, or credits to which the individual is entitled pursuant to Chapter 3 (§ 58.1-300 et seq.) of Title 58.1 of the Code of Virginia. Married persons filing a joint return shall only be allowed a refund pursuant to this Item up to the amount of such married persons tax liability after the application of any deductions, subtractions, or credits to which the married persons are entitled pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 58.1 of the Code of Virginia. Any refund issued pursuant to this Item shall be subject to collection under the provisions of the Setoff Debt Collection Act (§ 58.1-520 et seq. of the Code of Virginia). For taxpayers filing a return before July 1, 2025, refunds due pursuant to this Item shall be issued on or before October 15, 2025. In no case shall any interest be paid on any refund due pursuant to this Item.”

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$977.8 million from the general fund in the first year to effectuate an income tax rebate of \$200 for single files and \$400 for married filers to be paid during fiscal year 2026.)

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Item 258 #2c

**Finance**

Department of Taxation

Language

**Language:**

Page 316, strike lines 34 through 52.

**Explanation:**

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

Item 258 #3c

**Finance**

Department of Taxation

Language

**Language:**

Page 317, after line 10, insert:

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

**Explanation:**

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

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Item 258 #4c

**Finance**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Taxation

\$763,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 312, line 17, strike "\$70,323,247" and insert "\$71,086,247".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$763,000 from the general fund the first year for the administrative costs at the Department of Taxation to provide tax relief for working Virginians by issuing rebate checks or direct deposit.)

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Item 260 #1c

**Finance**

Department of Taxation

Language

**Language:**

Page 318, strike lines 12 through 16, and insert:

"E. Out of this appropriation, \$131,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for

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costs associated with the replacement of the Department of Taxation's (TAX) Integrated Revenue Management System (IRMS). This appropriation is contingent on TAX including in its contract with the selected vendor an electronic filing system for individual income tax that can be used by all Virginians. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget shall unallot any amounts of this appropriation not needed to perform required actions necessary for work prior to, and in support of, the procurement. The remaining funding may be allotted at such time when TAX demonstrates in its final contractual terms for the replacement of IRMS that it contains a provision for an electronic filing system for individual income tax that can be used by all Virginians. After the contingency is met the Director, Department of Planning and Budget shall allot the amount that is needed in each fiscal year based on a reasonable funding schedule provided by TAX for each fiscal year. Any amounts remaining from the general fund appropriation identified in this paragraph that remain unspent at the end of any fiscal year shall be reappropriated in the next fiscal year until the project is completed. TAX shall report by September 1, of each year to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees on the current status of the IRMS replacement, the funding expended in the prior fiscal year, project milestones achieved in the prior fiscal year, and any potential concerns that may impact the project's timeline and success."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment modifies the language regarding the replacement of the Department of Taxation's Integrated Revenue Management System to ensure that the new system will include an electronic filing option for individual income tax that can be used by all Virginians. It also contains an annual report to provide updates on the project.)

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	Item 261 #1c	
<b>Finance</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of the Treasury	\$1,615,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 318, line 31, strike "\$68,012,631" and insert "\$69,627,631".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.6 million from the general fund the first year for the administrative costs at the Department of the Treasury to provide tax relief for working Virginians by issuing rebate checks or direct deposit.)

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	Item 261 #2c	
<b>Finance</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of the Treasury	\$0	\$9,003,762 GF

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**Language:**

Page 318, line 32, strike "\$65,425,113" and insert "\$74,428,875".

Page 319, after line 35, insert:

"I.1. Out of this appropriation, \$9,003,762 the second year from the general fund is provided to make payments to individuals in accordance with § 8.01-195.11, Code of Virginia, and corresponding legislation passed by the 2025 General Assembly. Notwithstanding subsection D. of § 8.01-195.11 of the Code of Virginia, no amounts shall be deducted for transition grants received.

2. Out of the amounts in this paragraph shall be paid \$398,655 the second year from the general fund for the relief of Mr. Keshawn Clarence Duffy pursuant to § 8.01-195.11 of the Code of Virginia.

3. Out of the amounts in this paragraph shall be paid \$5,835,758 the second year from the general fund for the relief of Mr. Marvin Leon Grimm, Jr. pursuant to § 8.01-195.11 of the Code of Virginia.

4. Out of the amounts in this paragraph shall be paid \$134,045 the second year from the general fund for the relief of Mr. Michael Haas pursuant to § 8.01-195.11 of the Code of Virginia.

5. Out of the amounts in this paragraph shall be paid \$2,635,304 the second year from the general fund for the relief of Mr. Gilbert Merritt, III, pursuant to § 8.01-195.11 of the Code of Virginia."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$9.0 million the second year from the general fund in support of legislation authorizing four payments to individuals who were wrongfully incarcerated and awarded claims pursuant to § 8.01-195.11, Code of Virginia.)

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Item 262 #1c

**Finance**

Department of the Treasury

Language

**Language:**

Page 320, after line 36, insert:

"H. The State Treasurer shall transfer funds as set forth in § 10.1-1330(C), Code of Virginia."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Treasurer to transfer funds as required by § 10.1-1330 of the Code of Virginia.)

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Item 262 #2c

<b>Finance</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of the Treasury	\$215,000	\$600,000	NGF

**Language:**

Page 319, line 36, strike "\$16,063,613" and insert "\$16,278,613".  
 Page 319, line 37, strike "\$15,818,648" and insert "\$16,418,648".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$215,000 the first year and \$600,000 the second year in nongeneral fund appropriation to support costs associated with House Bill 1606 and Senate Bill 996 related to unclaimed property.)

Item 264 #1c

**Finance**

Treasury Board

Language

**Language:**

Page 324, strike lines 47 through 50.  
 Page 325, strike lines 1 through 52 and insert:

<b>Institution</b>	<b>"FY 2025</b>		<b>FY 2026</b>	
	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Nongeneral Fund</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Nongeneral Fund</b>
College of William & Mary	\$3,020,288 \$2,957,968	\$259,307	\$3,118,744 \$3,098,080	\$259,307
University of Virginia	\$13,730,800 \$13,447,481	\$1,088,024	\$14,178,399 \$14,084,454	\$1,088,024
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	\$13,564,278 \$13,410,836	\$992,321	\$14,006,448 \$13,913,645	\$992,321
Virginia Military Institute	\$1,163,328 \$1,139,325	\$88,844	\$1,201,251 \$1,193,292	\$88,844
Virginia State University	\$1,762,143 \$1,725,783	\$108,886	\$1,819,586 \$1,807,529	\$108,886
Norfolk State University	\$1,575,607 \$1,543,096	\$108,554	\$1,626,969 \$1,616,188	\$108,554
Longwood University	\$976,044 \$955,904	\$54,746	\$1,007,861 \$1,001,183	\$54,746

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University of Mary Washington	<del>\$860,921</del> \$843,157	\$97,063	<del>\$888,985</del> \$883,095	\$97,063
James Madison University	<del>\$3,032,305</del> \$2,969,737	\$254,504	<del>\$3,131,153</del> \$3,110,406	\$254,504
Radford University	<del>\$2,290,979</del> \$2,243,707	\$135,235	<del>\$2,365,661</del> \$2,349,987	\$135,235
Old Dominion University	<del>\$6,585,695</del> \$6,702,689	\$374,473	<del>\$6,800,377</del> \$6,755,319	\$374,473
Virginia Commonwealth University	<del>\$8,997,781</del> \$8,812,123	\$401,647	<del>\$9,291,093</del> \$9,229,532	\$401,647
Richard Bland College	<del>\$210,258</del> \$205,919	\$2,027	<del>\$217,112</del> \$215,673	\$2,027
Christopher Newport University	<del>\$990,526</del> \$970,088	\$17,899	<del>\$4,022,816</del> \$1,016,039	\$17,899
University of Virginia's College at Wise	<del>\$329,116</del> \$322,325	\$19,750	<del>\$339,844</del> \$337,593	\$19,750
George Mason University	<del>\$5,181,998</del> \$5,327,956	\$205,665	<del>\$5,350,922</del> \$5,315,467	\$205,665
Virginia Community College System	<del>\$23,102,276</del> \$22,625,588	\$633,657	<del>\$23,855,369</del> \$23,697,308	\$633,657
Virginia Institute of Marine Science	<del>\$475,396</del> \$465,587	\$0	<del>\$490,894</del> \$487,641	\$0
Roanoke Higher Education Authority	<del>\$101,910</del> \$99,807	\$0	<del>\$105,232</del> \$104,535	\$0
Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center	<del>\$105,177</del> \$103,007	\$0	<del>\$108,605</del> \$107,886	\$0
Institute for Advanced Learning and Research	<del>\$359,957</del> \$352,530	\$0	<del>\$371,691</del> \$369,228	\$0
Southern Virginia Higher Education Center	<del>\$125,761</del> \$123,167	\$0	<del>\$129,861</del> \$129,001	\$0
New College Institute	<del>\$45,276</del> \$44,342	\$0	<del>\$46,752</del> \$46,442	\$0
Eastern Virginia Medical School	<del>\$688,516</del> \$674,309	\$0	<del>\$710,961</del> \$706,250	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<del>\$89,276,336</del> <b>\$88,066,431</b>	<b>\$4,842,602</b>	<del>\$91,575,773</del> <b>\$91,575,773</b>	<b>\$4,842,602".</b>

**Explanation:**

(This technical amendment restores the nongeneral fund amounts in the table that sets-out amounts for debt service payments of Virginia College Building Authority (VCBA) bonds to



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the amounts authorized in the current Appropriation Act, Chapter 2, 2024 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I. This amendment is entirely technical in nature as the nongeneral fund amounts have historically remained the same for a single biennium.)

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Item 264 #2c

**Finance**

Treasury Board

Language

**Language:**

Page 323, after line 13, insert:

"3.a. Funding is included in this item for the Commonwealth's reimbursement of a portion of the approved capital costs as determined by the State Board of Local and Regional Jails and other interest costs as provided in §§ 53.1-80 through 53.1-82.2, Code of Virginia, for the following:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Maximum Capital Costs</b>
Chesapeake Correctional Center	\$437,603
Chesterfield County Jail - Resubmittal	\$340,320
Montgomery County Jail	\$221,051
New River Valley Regional Jail	\$144,022
New River Valley Regional Jail - Resubmittal	\$321,177
Norfolk City Jail	\$843,243
Piedmont Regional Jail	\$411,855
Pittsylvania County Jail	\$15,076,753
Portsmouth City Jail	\$26,420,944
Prince William-Manassas Regional ADC	\$541,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$44,758,218</b>

b.i. The Commonwealth's share of the total construction cost of the projects listed in the table in paragraph C.3.a. shall not exceed the amount listed for each project.

ii. Projects with a total cost less than \$12,000,000, shall have reimbursement of the Commonwealth's portion of the construction costs of these projects be subject to the approval of the Department of Corrections (DOC) of the final expenditures.

iii. Projects with a total cost equal to or exceeding \$12,000,000 shall undergo a cost and design review by the Department of General Services (DGS) in accordance with Item 385 of this act. The cost target set by DGS shall include capital project costs as defined in § 53.1-82.2. Upon completion of the cost review, DGS shall inform the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB), Department of Corrections (DOC), and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees of the outcome of its review. Based on the DGS

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review and allowable costs pursuant to §§ 53.1-80 through 53.1-82.2, DPB shall set a maximum reimbursement of the Commonwealth's portion of the construction costs amount, not to exceed the amount set forth in the above table and communicate such amount to DOC. Such reimbursement shall then be subject to the approval of DOC of the final expenditures. Notwithstanding any other approval provisions in § 53.1-80, Code of Virginia, these projects are hereby authorized for reimbursement in accordance with the provisions of C.3.a. and b. of this item.

d. This paragraph shall constitute the authority for the Virginia Public Building Authority to issue bonds for the foregoing projects pursuant to § 2.2-2261, Code of Virginia."

**Explanation:**

(This language amendment adds 10 local and regional jail projects as eligible to receive reimbursement for the state's share of 25.0 percent as established by §§ 53.1-80 through 53.1-82.2, Code of Virginia. These projects are eligible to receive up to the maximum amounts listed. Such amounts are subject to Department of Corrections approval and, for those projects with a total cost exceeding \$12.0 million, to a cost review performed by the Department of General Services and approval by the Department of Planning and Budget in accordance with specified criteria. Reimbursement of these amounts would be supported by Virginia Public Bond Authority bonds.)

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Item 267 #1c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Secretary of Health and Human Resources	(\$600,000)	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 328, line 4, strike "\$1,564,759" and insert "\$964,759".  
 Page 329, strike lines 30 through 45.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment eliminates \$600,000 from the general fund the first year for two new initiatives in the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources related to developing a plan and a media campaign.)

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Item 268 #1c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Children's Services Act	\$0	(\$5,000,000)	GF

**Language:**

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Page 330, line 2, strike "\$503,650,250" and insert "\$498,650,250".

Page 333, line 49, strike "2.5", insert "5.0".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reflects general fund savings from a 5.0 percent limit on the growth rate in state reimbursement to localities for private day special education services in the second year. The introduced budget included the language imposing a limit, but did not reflect any savings in the Children's Services Act budget. This one-time action redirects the savings to fund special education services in public schools to help support children in the least restrictive environment.)

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**Health and Human Resources**

Children's Services Act

Language

**Language:**

Page 334, line 8, after "B." insert "1."

Page 334, after line 16, insert:

"2. The Office of Comprehensive Services, in coordination with the Virginia Department of Education's Office of Special Education, shall report to the General Assembly by October 1 of each year: (i) recommendations made to each LEA and progress made in improving the LEA's ability to serve students; (ii) an assessment of barriers to students returning to a LEA from a private day placement including instances when the LEA refuses or is unable to provide a less restrictive environment due to a lack of available transition services and recommendations for returning students to public school who are deemed eligible; and (iii) trends in behavioral and emotional diagnoses including students on home-based instruction that may require private day placements."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds reporting requirements for the Office of Comprehensive Services, in coordination with the Department of Education, regarding the transition of students from private day education services to local education agencies.)

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Item 271 #1c

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Department of Health

Language

**Language:**

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Page 337, after line 55, insert:

"4. Of the appropriation in paragraph F.1., \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the second year from the general fund may be provided to create a scholarship to support licensed practical nurses serving as a school nurse or school nurse assistant to become a registered nurse, as funds are available. The department shall collaborate with the Department of Education in developing the scholarship program in accordance with the recommendations from the 2021 "Report of the Department of Education on School Health Personnel in Virginia Public Schools: Recommendations for Qualifications and Training". The program shall offer a scholarship, not greater than \$10,000, for any licensed practical nurse currently serving as a Virginia school nurse to complete the training and education requirements to become a registered nurse in an approved education program in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For each year of the scholarship money received, the student must maintain employment as a school nurse and agree to engage in the equivalent of one year of full-time employment as a school nurse after graduation. Full-time employment during school is not required and does not count towards the required one-year service obligation."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment allows \$300,000 from the general fund each year of existing nursing scholarship funds to be used for school nurse scholarships to address the lack of access to Registered Nurses (RNs) in schools. The scholarship would help school-employed License Practical Nurses to become RNs and keep working as a school nurse who would then be able to provide a higher level of care and treatment after receiving additional training and education.)

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Item 271 #2c

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Department of Health

\$0

\$100,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 336, line 16, strike "\$20,457,021" and insert "\$20,557,021".

Page 337, line 14, strike the second "3,500,000" and insert "3,600,000".

Page 337, line 27, after "psychiatry" insert "and anesthesiology".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds \$100,000 the second year from the general fund to increase funding for the Nurse Preceptor Incentive Program to increase the number of registered nurse clinical education opportunities in the field of anesthesiology. Language modifies the funding and adds anesthesiology as a specific area in which to establish new preceptor rotations for nursing students.)

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Item 271 #3c

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Health

Language

**Language:**

Page 338, after line 24, insert:

"J. The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) shall expand the Mary Marshall Scholarship Program to include humanitarian parolees as eligible participants. In addition, VDH shall expand the program to provide scholarships of up to 100 percent of the fees required to obtain a Credential Service Evaluation Profession Report and the English Language Proficiency Report for those individuals who graduated from a nursing education program in a foreign country as required by VDH prior to admission for licensure."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Virginia Department of Health to expand the Mary Marshall Scholarship Program to increase the number of nurses coming into the profession to address significant shortages, including allowing humanitarian parolees (foreign nationals who are allowed to enter the United States for urgent humanitarian reasons) as eligible participants and paying the fees for Virginians with a nursing degree from an international educational institution to be credentialed in order to practice.)

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Item 271 #4c

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Department of Health

\$0

(\$450,000) GF

**Language:**

Page 336, line 16, strike "\$20,457,021" and insert "\$20,007,021".

Page 338, strike lines 21 through 24.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment eliminates and redirects funding of \$450,000 from the general fund the second year proposed to create the Large Animal Veterinary Loan Repayment Program in Department of Health. Instead, this funding is provided in a companion amendment under the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for a large animal veterinary grant program.)

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Item 272 #1c

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Health

Language

**Language:**

Page 339, after line 12, insert:

"D1.1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Board of Health shall not modify the geographic or designated service areas of designated regional emergency medical services councils without consulting relevant stakeholders, including existing regional councils, the Director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Medical Services personnel, community leaders, and any other public, private, and volunteer agency relevant to the decision.

2. Prior to making any change to the boundaries of existing regional emergency medical services councils, the Board of Health shall notify the existing councils of the changes it seeks to make.

3. The Board of Health shall report annually by September 1 to the General Assembly on (i) the status of existing regional emergency medical services councils; (ii) any changes it plans on making to regional council boundaries; and (iii) the actions it has taken to gather stakeholder input before implementing any changes."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides language directing the Board of Health to consult with relevant stakeholders when deciding to modify the number of regional emergency medical services councils.)

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**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Health

Language

**Language:**

Page 339, line 36, after "program." insert:

"Any balances for the purposes specified in this paragraph which are unexpended on June 30, 2025, shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides authority to carryover funding for the Northern Virginia Firefighter Occupational Cancer Screening Pilot Program from fiscal year 2025 to fiscal year 2026 in the event the funds are not expended in the first year.)

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Item 276 #1c

**Health and Human Resources**

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Department of Health

Language

**Language:**

Page 343, after line 41, insert:

"J. Prior to the Board of Health establishment of or changes to the fees for the issuance, change or renewal of a nursing home license to cover the cost of operating the hospital and nursing home licensure and inspection program, the Commissioner of Health shall convene a stakeholder meeting to examine options for phasing in changes in fees to mitigate the impact on nursing homes, including options which would include state support."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds language in the Department of Health to require the Commissioner of Health to convene a stakeholder meeting to examine options for phasing in changes in nursing home licensure fees to cover the cost of operating the hospital and nursing home licensure and inspection program, prior to the establishment of or changes to licensure fees.)

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Item 277 #1c

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Health

\$0

\$2,500,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 343, line 43, strike "\$169,601,819" and insert "\$172,101,819".

Page 345, after line 14, insert:

"J. Out of this appropriation, \$2,500,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the Virginia Department of Health, in consultation with Virginia universities and private businesses, to create a pilot program for mobile clinics within maternal health deserts in Virginia, as well as funding for data collection to measure the effectiveness of the program."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provide \$2.5 million from the general fund the second year to the Virginia Department of Health, working with Virginia universities and private businesses, to create a pilot program for mobile clinics within maternal health deserts in Virginia, as well as funding for data collection to measure the effectiveness of the program. The goal of the program is to improve access in underserved communities and reduce transportation and geographic barriers to care.)

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Item 277 #2c

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Health

\$0

\$553,200 GF

**Language:**

Page 343, line 43, strike "\$169,601,819" and insert "\$170,155,019".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$553,200 the second year from the general fund to implement the provisions of House Bill 2446, passed during the 2025 Session, which directs the Department of Health to establish a public awareness campaign, develop and distribute educational materials, and create an online resource hub focused on perinatal and postpartum depression.)

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Item 277 #3c

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Health

Language

**Language:**

Page 345, after line 14, insert:

"J. The Virginia Department of Health shall maintain a list of all agencies and organizations that submit requests for and receive opioid antagonists through its distribution program. At least quarterly, the department shall submit a report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Resources, House Health and Human Services Committee, Senate Finance and Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Resources, and Senate Subcommittee on Health, and the Chair of the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority with the following information: (i) name of the agency or organization; (ii) county or town/city service area; (iii) quantity, along with the specific formulation and dosage of opioid antagonist, requested by the agency or organization in its most recent order, and the date the request was made; and (iv) quantity, along with the specific formulation and dosage of opioid antagonist, received by the agency or organization in response to its most recent order, and the date the request was fulfilled."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds language requiring the Virginia Department of Health to report on the distribution of opioid antagonists through its distribution program.)

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Item 277 #4c

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Health

Language

**Language:**



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Page 344, line 48, after "Health", insert:

", in collaboration with the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative,".

Page 344, line 51, after "Health," insert:

"in collaboration with the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative and".

Page 345, line 1, strike "(iv) an evaluation of".

Page 345, strike line 2, and insert:

"(iv) a required physical presence in the region in which a hub will be located, (v) a contractual collaboration with a regional birthing hospital and/or obstetrical clinic to pregnant and postpartum families in the region which the hub is located, (vi) partnerships and/or contracts with Medicaid managed care organizations for the purpose of sharing data and collaboration, (vii) the use of evidence based quality standards as defined by the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative and the Health Resources Services Administration, (viii) an evaluation of program impact on populations served, and (ix) a plan for future sustainability."

Page 345, line 3, after "Health", insert:

", in collaboration with the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative,".

Page 345, line 9, strike "2025", and insert "2026".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment updates language in the introduced budget on pilot perinatal health hub programs throughout the Commonwealth. The proposed language change directs the Virginia Department of Health to collaborate closely with the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative. The proposed language also adds requirements for potential pilot hub locations.)

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Item 277 #5c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Health	\$0	\$126,188	GF
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**Language:**

Page 343, line 43, strike "\$169,601,819" and insert "\$169,728,007".

Page 345, after line 14, insert:

"J. Out of this appropriation, \$126,188 the second year from the general fund is to support the provisions of House Bill 2088 and Senate Bill 2041, as passed during the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$128,188 from the general fund the second year to support the establishment of a Virginia Forensic Nursing Advisory Council to make recommendations on issues related to forensic examinations and sexual assault and domestic violence services, pursuant to the passage of Senate Bill 1041 and House Bill 2088, 2025 Regular Session.)

Item 278 #1c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Health	\$0	(\$1,000,000)	GF

**Language:**

Page 345, line 16, strike "\$331,778,122" and insert "\$330,778,122".

Page 348, line 26, strike "\$4,200,000" and insert "\$3,200,000".

Page 348, line 28, strike "and doulas".

Page 348, line 29, strike "and doulas".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes language and redirects \$1.0 million from the general fund the second year provided in the introduced budget for community health workers and doulas at local health districts. During the 2024 session, \$3.2 million from the general fund each year was provided to support community health workers in local health districts. The introduced budget proposed adding \$1.0 million from the general fund the second year and making existing funding available for doulas, as well as community health workers.)

Item 279 #1c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Health	\$1,250,000	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 348, line 34, strike "\$37,479,983" and insert "\$38,729,983".

Page 353, after line 32, insert:

"DD. Out of this appropriation, \$1,250,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided to Greenville County to improve emergency response time for the Liberty Road community. Any unexpended balances in this paragraph at the close of business on June 30, 2025, shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated to fiscal year 2026."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.3 million from the general fund the first year to Greenville County to improve emergency response times for the Liberty Road community.)

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<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Health	\$0	\$500,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 348, line 35, strike "\$31,479,983" and insert "\$31,979,983".

Page 349, after line 56, insert:

"4. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to contract with the Virginia Community Healthcare Association (VCHA). The contract with VCHA shall require that the association use additional funding to enable Federally Qualified Health Centers to continue providing comprehensive medical, dental, maternal, and mental health services to the most vulnerable and uninsured Virginians, primarily in rural and urban settings."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund the second year to the Virginia Community Healthcare Association (VCHA). VCHA plans to use the additional funding to enable Federally Qualified Health Centers to continue providing comprehensive medical, dental, maternal, and mental health services to the most vulnerable and uninsured Virginians, primarily in rural and urban settings.)

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Item 279 #3c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Health	\$450,000	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 348, line 35, strike "\$37,479,983" and insert "\$37,929,983".

Page 353, after line 32, insert:

"DD. Out of this appropriation, \$450,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided to contract with the Free Clinic of Central Virginia in Lynchburg. The contract with the Free Clinic of Central Virginia shall require that the clinic establish an emergency dental location and provide comprehensive dental treatment. Any unexpended balances in this paragraph at the close of business on June 30, 2025, shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated in fiscal year 2026. The funds shall be used solely for costs not covered by insurance."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$450,000 from the general fund the first year to contract with the Free Clinic of Central Virginia to allow them to restore operations and continue providing dental care to the community following a fire at their existing location. The one-time funding will be allocated to staff the dental clinic for 12 months, equipment and supplies, Virginia

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Commonwealth University dental students' housing, and the E.C. Glass High School externship program. The funding may only be used for costs that are not covered by the Clinic's insurance.)

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Item 279 #4c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Health	\$0	\$500,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 348, line 34, strike "\$31,479,983" and insert "\$31,979,983".

Page 350, line 52, strike the second "\$4,680,571" and insert "\$5,180,571".

Page 351, after line 38, insert:

"6. Of this appropriation, from the amounts in paragraph L.1., \$500,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the Virginia Health Care Foundation (VHCF) for community grants to expand access to maternal mental health services through (i) community organizations serving individuals residing in health care deserts or low income communities, and (ii) community organizations with less than \$5,000,000 in annual revenue."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 for a contract with the Virginia Health Care Foundation to administer a grant program for community organizations to expand access to maternal mental health services.)

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Item 279 #5c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Health	\$0	\$1,000,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 348, line 34, strike "\$31,479,983" and insert "\$32,479,983".

Page 349, after line 56, insert:

"4. Out of this appropriation \$1,000,000 from the general fund the second year shall be provided for a pilot program to provide non-emergency medical transportation services for uninsured Virginians living in medically underserved or unserved areas in the catchment area of a federally qualified health center. Priority shall be given to serving persons living in rural localities."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to the Virginia Community Healthcare Association for a pilot non-emergency transportation program for uninsured Virginians, living in medically underserved or unserved areas in the catchment area

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of a federally qualified health center. Funding priority will be given to serving individuals in rural localities.)

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Item 279 #6c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Health	\$0	\$110,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 348, line 34, strike "\$31,479,983" and insert "\$31,589,983".

Page 351, line 39, strike the second "\$1,272,313" and insert "\$1,382,313".

Page 351, after line 55, insert:

"4. Out of this appropriation, \$110,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with Virginia Health Information to allow for a data sharing agreement with the Prescription Monitoring Program to use data from the Virginia All Payer Claims Database to display patient non-fatal overdose information, pursuant to the passage of House Bill 1902 in the 2025 Session. The Department of Health shall include in its budget submissions to the Governor for the 2026-28 budget any necessary general fund requirements for ongoing support for the data sharing agreement."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$110,000 the second year from the general fund for the fiscal impact of House Bill 1902 in the 2025 Session, which requires data sharing from the All Payer Claims Database with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to allow for the display of patient non-fatal overdose information in near real time at the point of prescribing. A companion amendment in Item 285 provides funding for systems changes to the Department of Health Professions Prescription Monitoring Program through funding from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation (COAR) opioid settlement funds. Language requires the Department of Health to include in its budget submission for the 2026-28 budget, any necessary general fund amounts needed to continue the data sharing agreement.)

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Item 279 #7c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Health	\$0	\$500,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 348, line 35, strike "\$31,479,983" and insert "\$31,979,983".

Page 350, line 15, strike the second "\$6,800,000" and insert "\$7,300,000".

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**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 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.)

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Item 279 #8c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Health	\$0	\$150,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 348, line 34, strike "\$31,479,983" and insert "\$31,629,983".

Page 353, after line 32, insert:

"J. Out of this appropriation, \$150,000 from the general fund the second year shall be provided to Birmingham Green to establish the Birmingham Green Workforce Development Training Center to improve the Certified Nurses Assistant (CNA) program, introduce new career training opportunities for its workforce and to further health care career opportunities for staff from other health care operations."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$150,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to establish the Birmingham Green Workforce Development Training Center. Birmingham Green offers the only CNA training program in Northern Virginia and is a crucial resource for individuals from underserved communities. The Workforce Development Training Center will be an expansion of their current workforce development efforts to train CNAs, with new career training opportunities for its workforce and for staff from other health care operations.)

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Item 280 #1c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Health	\$25,000,000	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 353, line 33, strike "\$139,436,004" and insert "\$164,436,004".

Page 354, after line 29, insert:

"I.1. Out of this appropriation, \$25,000,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided for the Virginia Department of Health to provide one-time grants to localities to upgrade or replace existing drinking water infrastructure. The Department shall develop

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guidelines establishing: (i) criteria for grant eligibility; (ii) conditions to be included in the grants; and (iii) grant distribution priorities. Among the factors that shall be included in criteria for grant eligibility and in the grant distribution priorities shall be the financial condition of the locality wherein a grant is sought and a locality's effort to access additional funding for the proposed drinking water infrastructure project from other sources. Localities must be able to provide evidence of critical drinking water needs, such as occurrences of boil advisories, systems failures, or evidence of contaminants, such as polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and gross alpha reactivity, in the drinking water.

2. To receive a grant, localities must provide proof of at least a 25.0 percent match for the cost of a project. No grant to a locality shall fully fund a drinking water project.

3. The Department shall report to the Chairs of the Senate Finance and Appropriations and House Appropriations Committees on the number of applications received for grants, the total grants and grant amounts awarded, the localities to which grants will be awarded, and the description of drinking water infrastructure projects for which the grants will be used no later than December 1, 2025.

4. The Department shall give priority consideration for grants to Greene County and the Town of Bowling Green, as both localities have demonstrated outstanding critical drinking water needs.

5. The Department may use up to \$250,000 of the funds in paragraph I.1. for administration costs of providing drinking water infrastructure grants to localities.

6. Any unexpended balances in paragraph I.1. at the close of business on June 30, 2025, shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated to fiscal year 2026."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$25.0 million from the general fund the first year for the Virginia Department of Health to provide grants to localities for drinking water projects.)

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	Item 283 #1c	
<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Health	\$0	\$300,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 355, line 13, strike "\$36,139,586" and insert "\$36,439,586".

Page 356, after line 49, insert:

"I. The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) shall report on progress made on implementing the recommendations based on the Department of Planning and Budget's evaluation of VDH's grant management practices to improve its grants management capabilities to the Joint

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Subcommittee on Health and Human Resources Oversight no later than September 1, 2025.

J. VDH shall (i) identify the causes for problems related to late payments and funding underutilization for VDH-administered nursing incentive programs; (ii) develop and implement a plan to address the causes; and (iii) report to the Joint Subcommittee on Health and Human Resources Oversight on its progress in addressing identified problems, including the percentage of payments made within 30 days and the proportion of available funding that VDH has utilized.

K. The State Health Commissioner shall provide semi-annual written and in-person reports on the agency's progress implementing the recommendations from the Joint Legislative and Audit Review Commission to the Joint Subcommittee on Health and Human Resources Oversight through at least December 2026 and each year thereafter, until the Joint Subcommittee is satisfied with the implementation of the recommendations.

L. Out of this appropriation, \$300,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the Virginia Department of Health to hire at least two full-time positions to support internal audit and information security audit functions."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$300,000 from the general fund the second year for the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) to implement recommendations from the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC). Language would require VDH to report on its progress implementing recommendation made by the Department of Planning and Budget, the causes of issues with VDH-administered nursing incentive programs, and its progress on implementing recommendations made by JLARC. Funding is provided for VDH to hire 2.0 positions to support internal audit and information security audit functions.)

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Item 285 #1c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Health Professions	\$0	\$600,000	NGF

**Language:**

Page 357, line 15, strike "\$50,476,385" and insert "\$51,076,385".

Page 357, after line 43, insert:

"D.1. Out of this appropriation, up to \$600,000 the second year from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation (COAR) opioid settlement funds shall be provided to the Department of Health Professions for systems changes to the Prescription Monitoring Program to implement the provisions of House Bill 1902, passed by the 2025 General Assembly. These funds shall remain unallotted until the cost estimates for such systems changes are reviewed and approved by the Director, Department of Planning and Budget.



2.The Department of Health Professions shall include in its budget submissions to the Governor for the 2026-28 budget any necessary general fund requirements for ongoing support for the data sharing agreement."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides one-time funding of \$600,000 the second year from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation (COAR) opioid settlement funds to support the cost of systems changes to the Prescription Monitoring Program pursuant to the passage of House Bill 1902 by the 2025 General Assembly, which requires data sharing from the Emergency Department Smartchart with the Prescription Monitoring Program to allow for the display of patient non-fatal overdose information in near real time at the point of prescribing. Language requires the Department of Health Professions to include in its budget submission for the 2026-28 budget any necessary general fund amounts needed to continue the data sharing agreement.)

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Department of Health Professions

Language

**Language:**

Page 357, strike lines 26 through 38 and insert:

"B. The Board of Medicine and the Board of Nursing shall convene a workgroup to study best practices regarding patient medication management for behavioral health medications to children and adolescents, provider-patient communication with respect to medication management, and provider availability when a child or adolescent is prescribed a behavioral health medication. The workgroup shall include representatives from relevant professional organizations, healthcare stakeholders, subject matter experts, and parents of children receiving behavioral health medications. The workgroup shall report its findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the House Committee of Health and Human Services and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by December 1, 2025."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment strikes language contained in Chapter 2, 2024 Special Session I, which required as a condition of licensure, all practitioners with authority to prescribe behavioral health medications to children and adolescents to provide families with a plan for medication management and access after hours, on weekends, and holidays or in emergencies, a working means of contacting the prescriber either telephonically or electronically, and guidance documents on how to obtain help related to medication management prescription refills or medication overdose after hours. Concerns were raised about the ability of the agency to enforce the requirements of the language. The amendment establishes a workgroup to examine best

practices for patient behavioral health medication management, provider availability, and provider-patient communication.)

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Item 285 #3c

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Health Professions

Language

**Language:**

Page 357, after line 43, insert:

"D.1. By June 30, 2026, the Department of Health Professions (DHP) shall provide the Virginia Health Care Foundation (VHCF) a useable electronic file (CSV, Excel spreadsheet) with record-level, de-identified data collected via the most recent license renewal period for each individual licensed behavioral health (BH) professional practicing in Virginia as a psychiatrist, child and adolescent psychiatrist, psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner, psychiatric physician assistant, licensed clinical social worker, licensed professional counselor, licensed clinical psychologist and, if available, licensed marriage and family therapist.

2. The following specific data fields shall be provided to VHCF for each licensee: unique record identifier; birthyear; race and ethnicity; gender; practice site information (each locality of practice; number of hours worked/week at each site; hours/week worked virtually at each Virginia work site); forms of payment accepted (with ability to identify the proportion of each type of BH profession accepting only cash, and the proportion of each type of BH profession accepting only Medicaid as a payment source, as well as Medicaid in combination with each other payer source option available to licensees – e.g., Medicaid + Medicare, Medicaid + Medicare + Private Insurance); plans to reduce clinical hours in next two years; and anticipated time to retirement.

3. DHP shall also provide VHCF a code book, data definitions and/or user guides in an electronic format (Word, Excel, PDF) so it can clearly understand the data elements and their structure (alphanumeric, multiple responses – to include all possible options a licensee may select, open/free response). This code book shall also include record length and record count; known data quality issues and related documentation regarding resolution and, to the extent possible, impact on the data set and/or data functionality; and changes to policy and/or administrative practices that may have impacted the data set and implementation date.

4. VHCF shall protect the confidentiality and security of record-level data provided by the DHP and interim or working documents and/or data files consistent with state and federal law."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment sets out a process for data sharing of workforce information at the Department of Health Professions to the Virginia Health Care Foundation.)

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Item 288 #1c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$0	\$6,858,938	GF
	\$0	\$39,829,380	NGF

**Language:**

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,314,970,192".

Page 390, strike lines 21 through 33 and insert:

"TTTT. Effective July 1, 2025, 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 cover weight loss medication when prescribed for weight loss (i) in those instances where an individual has a body mass index (BMI) of 35 or greater at the time at the time of being prescribed the requested weight loss drug; or (ii) in those instances where an individual has a BMI greater than 30 at the time of being prescribed the requested weight loss drug and has at least one of the following weight-related comorbid conditions: hypertension, Type II Diabetes Mellitus, or Dyslipidemia; and the individual has tried but was unsuccessful losing weight through a comprehensive lifestyle program for at least six months prior to the request for drug therapy, that included a calorie deficit of approximately 30 percent for at least six months, and an exercise goal of completing 150 minutes of exercise per week has been achieved for at least six months (or exercise requirements can't be met due to clinical limitations); and the individual was unable to achieve at least a five percent weight reduction with calorie deficit goals, exercise goals, and behavior therapy. 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."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds \$6.9 million from the general fund and \$39.8 million from nongeneral funds the second year and language to provide Medicaid coverage for weight loss medications in the Medicaid program under certain instances.)

Item 288 #2c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$0	\$491,638	GF
	\$0	\$1,507,096	NGF

**Language:**

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,270,280,608".

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Page 393, after line 55, insert:

"OOOOO.1. Effective July 1, 2025, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall amend the State Plan for Medical Assistance to authorize coverage for a Continuous Glucose Monitor (CGM) and related supplies for the treatment of a Medicaid enrollee under the Medicaid medical and pharmacy benefit if the enrollee: (i) has been diagnosed with diabetes by his or her primary care physician, or another licensed health care practitioner authorized to make such a diagnosis; (ii) is being treated with insulin; and/or (iii) has a history of problematic hypoglycemia; (iv) the enrollee's treating practitioner has concluded that the enrollee (or enrollee's caregiver) has sufficient training using the CGM prescribed as evidenced by providing a prescription; and (v) the CGM is prescribed in accordance with the Food and Drug Administration indications for use.

2. Coverage shall include the cost of any necessary repairs or replacement parts for the continuous glucose monitor.

3. To qualify for continued coverage under this section, the Medicaid enrollee must participate in follow-up care with his or her treating health care practitioner, in-person or through telehealth at least once every six months during the first 18 months after the first prescription of the continuous glucose monitor for the recipient has been issued under this section, to assess the efficacy of using the monitor for treatment of diabetes. After the first 18 months, such follow-up care must occur at least once every 12 months."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$491,638 from the general fund and \$1.5 million from nongeneral funds the second year to fund Medicaid coverage for a Continuous Glucose Monitor (CGM) and related supplies for the treatment of a Medicaid enrollee under the Medicaid medical and pharmacy benefit.)

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Item 288 #3c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$0	\$550,322	GF
	\$0	\$782,108	NGF

**Language:**

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,269,614,304".

Page 393, after line 55, insert:

"OOOOO. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall ensure the reimbursement for a service provided by a licensed certified midwife or licensed midwife shall be in the same amount as the Medicaid reimbursement paid a licensed physician or certified nurse midwife, whichever is higher, for performing such service in the area served."

**Explanation:**

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(This amendment provides \$550,322 from the general fund and \$782,108 from nongeneral funds the second year to fund the fiscal impact of legislation to reimburse all licensed midwives at the same rate at 100.0 percent of the physician fee schedule for covered services.)

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Item 288 #4c

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 393, after line 55, insert:

"OOOOO.1. Effective, January 1, 2026, the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) is authorized to establish objective and measurable performance measures for acute care hospitals that are receiving private acute care hospital enhanced payments authorized in § 3-5.15 of this act. These measures shall assess whether the additional payments improve services for Medicaid members. Specifically, DMAS shall include requirements to ensure access to care by Medicaid members through network adequacy requirements to prevent a hospital from reducing its service offerings in a manner that would have an adverse impact on Medicaid members in the community. In addition, DMAS shall include requirements to ensure improved coordination of care for behavioral health patients, including continued participation by hospitals in the acute bed registry. DMAS shall establish a process for measuring progress and may include a process to allow for corrective actions required for hospitals that do not achieve the specific performance measures established by DMAS. DMAS is authorized to measure progress toward these performance measures on a quarterly basis, unless DMAS determines that a specific measure is more appropriately measured on a longer timeframe. DMAS shall consult with impacted stakeholders in developing the performance measures and associated processes. A hospital that does not achieve the specific performance measures established by DMAS and is not able to fulfill the necessary corrective actions in the timeframe required by DMAS, shall lose eligibility for private acute care hospital enhanced payments for the associated period as determined by DMAS. DMAS shall submit a report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees on the measures established and associated processes by November 15, 2025.

2. DMAS shall have the authority to seek necessary federal approval for state plan amendments and changes to the preprint to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to effectuate the provisions of paragraph OOOOO.1."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to establish objective and measurable performance measures for acute care hospitals that are receiving private acute care hospital enhanced payments. These measures shall assess whether the additional payments improve services for Medicaid members.)

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Item 288 #5c

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 366, after line 36, insert:

"7. Effective for the July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, contract year, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall amend its contracts with managed care organizations (MCOs) to suspend the requirements for the Performance Withhold Program and the Clinical Efficiencies program, such that the withhold amounts shall be fully paid to the MCO's for this period; however any data reporting required under these programs shall be submitted in accordance with contractual requirements."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides that the amounts withheld from the managed care rates for the Performance Withhold Program and the Clinical Efficiencies program shall be fully paid in fiscal year 2025 to the Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs). This is a one year suspension to provide financial relief to the MCOs that are experiencing higher costs from increased acuity in the Medicaid population.)

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Item 288 #6c

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 392, line 36, after "hourly rate", insert:

", however, such reimbursement is limited to no more than six hours per day".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment clarifies that in the conversion from a daily rate to an hourly rate, the hourly rate for adult day care services is limited to no more than six hours per day.)

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Item 288 #7c

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Medical Assistance Services

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\$0

**FY25-26**

(\$972,941)

GF

**Language:**

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,267,308,933".

Page 393, strike lines 26 through 55, and insert:

"NNNNN. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall convene a workgroup with staff designees from the Department of Planning and Budget and the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees to evaluate options for developing a process that recognizes the true costs of policy changes to the Medicaid program and how to integrate such process as part of the development of the state budget."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment eliminates the funding associated with the proposed Medicaid Reserve for Medicaid Initiatives in the introduced budget. The purpose of the initiative was to address the issue that, when initially funded, the full cost of policy changes to the Medicaid program are not recognized and that a reserve based on the projected incremental cost of the fully implemented policy change ensures that the base appropriation for the Medicaid program, the largest budget driver in the state budget, would better reflect past actions and reduce the future budget need that otherwise would be reflected in future Medicaid forecasts. While this amendment does remove the initiative, it also creates a workgroup to further evaluate the concept.)

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Item 288 #8c

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 376, after line 47, insert:

"d. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, due to the complexities of federal Medicaid financial support policies, public entities, including Virginia public institutions, Virginia public institutions of higher education and Virginia community colleges, that wish to participate in the program referenced in Item 288, paragraph OO.9., may employ or retain private legal counsel, in consultation with the Division of Risk Management, to advise or represent the public entity in such participation. Costs for such legal counsel shall be borne by program participants."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment allows public institutions participating in the private hospital supplemental payment program to hire legal counsel to assist in the complex legal arrangements necessary to participate in the program.)

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Item 288 #9c

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 386, after line 25, insert:

"e. The department shall work with stakeholders to develop recommendations on modifying the timing and structure of the value-based payment (VBP) program's metric-based payment methodology. Recommendations will consider alternatives to the existing annual retrospective lump sum payment arrangement. These will include, but are not limited to, the structure and frequency of payments to ensure that the annual appropriation to the VBP program will not be overspent. The department's work with stakeholders shall be completed by November 1, 2025, and the department shall report its findings to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by December 15, 2025."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds language directing the Department of Medical Assistance Services to work with stakeholders to develop recommendations on modifying the timing and structure of the value-based payments that are made to nursing facilities based on the achievement of certain performance metrics.)

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Item 288 #10c

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 393, after line 55, insert:

"OOOOO. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall have the authority to amend the State Plan for Medical Assistance to make supplemental payments through an adjustment to the formula for indirect medical education (IME) reimbursement, using managed care discharge days, not to exceed \$30,000,000 total computable for teaching hospitals affiliated with Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine. The public entity shall transfer the non-federal share of the authorized supplemental payments. The funds to be transferred must comply with 42 CFR 433.51 and 433.54. Such funds may not be paid from any private agreements with Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine that are in excess of fair market value or that alleviate pre-existing financial burdens of the school. The Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine is authorized to use general fund dollars to accomplish this transfer. The Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine would enter into an Interagency Agreement with the department for this purpose and must attest to compliance with applicable CMS criteria. 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 the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) with the authority to implement supplemental Medicaid payments to teaching hospitals affiliated with the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine based on the department's reimbursement methodology established for such payments and/or its contracts with managed care organizations. The state's share of funding for the supplemental payments shall be provided by the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine. A companion amendment in Item 211 authorizes the transfer of funds from this school to DMAS for this purpose.)

Item 288 #11c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$0	\$3,522,726	NGF

**Language:**

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,271,804,600".

Page 380, after line 38, insert:

"VV. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall amend the Medicaid State Plan for Medical Assistance and regulations to provide supplemental payments for dentists employed by or contracted with Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Dentistry. The total supplemental payment shall be based on the average commercial rate as approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) and all other Medicaid payments subject to such limit made to such dentists. DMAS shall enter into a transfer agreement with Virginia Commonwealth University for such supplemental payments, in which the University shall provide the non-federal share in order to match federal Medicaid funds for the supplemental payments. The department shall have the authority to implement these reimbursement changes consistent with the effective date in the State Plan amendment approved by CMS and prior to completion of any regulatory process in order to effect such changes."

Page 380 through 393, renumber succeeding paragraphs.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$3.5 million from nongeneral funds the second year to provide Medicaid supplemental payments to the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) School of Dentistry for services provided by dentists it employs or with whom it contracts. VCU shall provide the non-federal share in order to match federal Medicaid funds for the supplemental payments.)

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Item 288 #12c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Medical Assistance	\$0	\$142,593	GF
Services	\$0	\$428,713	NGF

**Language:**

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,268,853,180".  
 Page 393, line 23, after "illness", insert:  
 "or substance use disorder".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds \$142,593 from the general fund and \$428,713 from nongeneral funds the second year to modify Medicaid reimbursement for long-acting injectable or extended release medications administered in an any hospital emergency department or hospital inpatient setting for substance use disorder. The payment will be unbundled from the hospital daily rate. The introduced budget provides funding and language to unbundle these payments only when administered for a serious mental illness. This language extends this provision for cases of substance use disorder.)

Item 288 #13c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Medical Assistance	\$0	\$1,589,297	GF
Services	\$0	\$3,080,226	NGF

**Language:**

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,272,951,397".  
 Page 393, after line 55, insert:

"OOOOO. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall seek the appropriate waiver authority for a demonstration project to add neurobehavioral and neurorehabilitation facilities to support 20 individuals with traumatic brain injuries and neurocognitive disorders by January 1, 2026. The neurobehavioral and neurorehabilitation facilities shall be considered as a specialized institutional placement for individuals with a traumatic brain injury diagnosis. The department shall set service definitions, administrative structure, eligibility criteria, eligibility and enrollment processes, and reimbursement rates required for administration of a program for such facilities. The department shall have authority to implement these changes prior to the completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.6 million from the general fund and \$3.1 million from nongeneral funds the second year to provide Medicaid coverage for neurobehavioral and neurorehabilitation facilities to support 20 individuals with traumatic brain injuries and neurocognitive disorders by January 1, 2026. Language provides for the adoption of emergency regulations to effect such change.)

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Item 288 #14c

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 368, line 31, strike "12", insert "16".

Page 368, line 33, after "department", insert:

"and shall include one physician or pharmacist from each contracted managed care organization"

Page 369, after line 37, insert:

"9. The Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee shall ensure that when making recommendations to the Department of Medical Assistance Services related to any non opioid drug approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the treatment or management of pain, the drug shall be considered for safety and clinical efficacy, as supported by available clinical data, and cost effectiveness pursuant to 12VAC30-13-1000 of the Virginia Administrative Code.

10. Recommendations made by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee that result in changes to the Common Core Formulary shall not be implemented by the Department of Medical Assistance Services until a fiscal impact review is conducted by the agency's fiscal division and is reviewed by the Chief Financial Officer and the Director."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds language requiring the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee to ensure that any non opioid drug approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration shall be considered for safety and clinical efficacy and cost effectiveness pursuant to requirements set forth in the Virginia Administrative Code. Language is also added requiring the Department of Medical Assistance Services to conduct a fiscal impact review on recommendations from the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee that would result in changes to the program's Common Core Formulary. In addition, it requires that the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee include as part of its membership one physician or pharmacist from each contracted managed care organization.)

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Item 288 #15c

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 380, line 19, strike "fellowships" and insert "residencies".

Page 380, line 20, strike "&".

Page 380, line 20, strike "residencies" and insert "fellowships".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment makes technical changes to language in the introduced budget related to Medicaid Graduate Medical Education residency and fellowship slots funded by the state at the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters to accurately reflect the number of residency and fellowship slots funded through the program.)

Item 288 #16c

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Medical Assistance  
Services

\$0  
\$0

(\$30,411,804) GF  
(\$6,957,850) NGF

**Language:**

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,230,912,220".

Page 393, after line 55, insert:

"OOOOO. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) is authorized to reimburse at the applicable Indian Health Services (IDS) outpatient all-inclusive rate published annually in the Federal Register for clinic services or federally qualified health center (FQHC) services provided to Medicaid-eligible American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) by facilities operated by Tribal Health Clinics and tribal FQHCs funded by Title I or V of the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act, also known as Tribal 638 facilities, provided such payments are eligible for reimbursement at a federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) of 100 percent. Any services provided by IHS or Tribal 638 facilities that are not eligible for reimbursement at a 100 percent FMAP shall be reimbursed at standard Medicaid rates (the rates otherwise paid to non-tribal facilities for the same services) and not at the IHS outpatient all-inclusive rate. DMAS is authorized to make any necessary managed care contract changes and seek all necessary federal authority through state plan or waiver amendments submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under Titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to implement the provisions of this paragraph. The department shall implement this reimbursement change consistent with the effective date of the appropriate federal authority, and prior to the completion of any regulatory process."

**Explanation:**

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(This amendment clarifies Medicaid reimbursement policies related to payment for services provided to tribal and non-tribal members through Tribal Health Clinics.)

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Item 288 #17c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Medical Assistance	\$0	\$1,112,831	GF
Services	\$0	\$7,041,468	NGF

**Language:**

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,276,436,173".

Page 393, after line 55, insert:

"OOOOO. Effective July 1, 2025, the Department of Medical Assistance services shall increase the rates by 6.5 percent for Office Based Addiction Treatment, Opioid Treatment Services, Partial Hospitalization Services, and Intensive Outpatient Services."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.1 million from the general fund and \$7.0 million from nongeneral funds the second year to support a 6.5 percent rate increase for Substance Use Disorder services. These services are Office Based Addiction Treatment, Opioid Treatment Services, Partial Hospitalization Services, and Intensive Outpatient Services.)

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Item 288 #18c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Medical Assistance	\$0	\$10,000,000	GF
Services	\$0	\$11,650,000	NGF

**Language:**

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,289,931,874".

Page 393, after line 55, insert:

"OOOOO. Effective July 1, 2025, the department shall modify nursing facility direct care base rates by redetermining each of the regional peer group prices under the existing methodology, except by using the cost of the relevant facility with the 59th percentile day in place of the cost of the currently mandated facility with the 50th percentile day, or "day-weighted median," cost. This shall be applied using the rebasing model implemented for fiscal year 2025 rates, with resulting direct care rates adjusted for this change and inflated to fiscal year 2026 per existing policy. This methodology change shall be maintained until the next rebasing. The department shall have the authority to implement these changes upon federal approval and prior to the completion of any regulatory process."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$10.0 million from the general fund and \$11.7 million from the nongeneral fund the second year to increase Medicaid rates for nursing facilities. Currently, the Medicaid rate setting process assumes full direct care cost coverage for approximately 50 percent of the days for which Medicaid covers, with the remaining Medicaid days reimbursed below cost; this increase would move that to approximately 59 percent of Medicaid days reimbursed at full cost for direct care.)

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Item 292 #1c

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 400, line 4, strike "three" and insert "two".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment redistributes funding for poison control center services from three centers to two. The National Capitol Poison Control Center is ceasing operations as of March 31, 2025, and the poison control centers operated by the two state teaching hospitals will provide poison control services to the Northern Virginia region.)

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Item 292 #2c

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Medical Assistance Services

\$0

\$159,500

GF

**Language:**

Page 395, line 2, strike "\$352,158,338" and insert "\$352,317,838".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$159,500 from the general fund the second year for the implementation of House Bill 1929 and Senate Bill 1393 passed during the 2025 Session, which directs the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services to create a membership-based mobile application available to prenatal, pregnant, and postpartum individuals who are eligible for Medicaid.)

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Item 292 #3c

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 396, line 6, after "Session." insert:

"In addition, the department shall include information on service level detail, including explanations of budget and expenditure variances."

Page 396, line 16, after "Committees.", insert:

"The department shall include in such notification information on unexpected trends that may have a significant budgetary impact."

Page 396, after line 44, insert:

"5. DMAS shall monitor the Medicaid and children's health insurance programs to ensure cost-effectiveness of these programs in the delivery of health care services and develop strategies to achieve such cost-effectiveness and report on such strategies to the Governor and the General Assembly on an annual basis, by no later than September 1 of each year.

6. DMAS may only implement policy or programmatic changes to the Medicaid or children's health insurance programs after performing an analysis of potential costs to the Commonwealth. Any policy or programmatic change with a fiscal impact, for which no appropriation has been provided, shall only be implemented if it has been specifically authorized by the General Assembly through a general appropriation act, a statutory requirement, or is otherwise required by federal law. At least 15 days prior to the implementation of any change that may have a cost for which the agency does not have legislative appropriation, DMAS shall notify the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees."

Page 397, line 5, after "include", insert ": (i)".

Page 397, line 6, after "enrollment data" strike "," and insert "; (ii)".

Page 397, line 6, after "by service", strike "," and insert:

"; (iii) policy changes authorized by the General Assembly in the prior fiscal year, including the amount appropriated to address the fiscal impact and a 6-year projection of costs; and (iv) a list of programmatic and policy changes, including but not limited to, state plan amendments, federal waiver renewals and amendments, regulatory changes, guidance document changes, provider manuals and memos, managed care contract changes, technical assistance manual changes, or any other communication of official policy proposed by DMAS. The list shall include a brief description of the change, the authority for the change, and an assessment of potential costs or savings; and (v)".

Page 397, strike lines 17 through 19.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds language requiring more detailed reporting of Medicaid expenditures on a monthly basis to the Department of Planning and Budget and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees. Current language in

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Chapter 2, 2024 Special Session I, requires monthly expenditure reports on the Medicaid program. This language would require service level detail to be included. Language directs DMAS to report on cost-effectiveness strategies for the Medicaid and the children's health insurance programs. Language also requires a fiscal analysis of policy or programmatic changes to the Medicaid and children's health insurance programs and restricts implementation unless funding is authorized through an appropriation by the General Assembly, a statutory requirement or federal law. In addition, language is added to provide greater transparency of Medicaid policy and programmatic changes on the Department of Medical Assistance Services' website.)

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Item 292 #4c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$235,000	\$0	GF
	\$235,000	\$0	NGF

**Language:**

Page 395, line 2, strike "\$322,845,151" and insert "\$323,315,151".

Page 402, after line 29, insert:

"MM. Out of this appropriation, \$235,000 from the general fund and \$235,000 from nongeneral funds the first year shall be provided to implement the provisions of House Bill 1804, as passed during the 2025 Regular Session. Any unexpended balances for the purposes specified in this paragraph which are unexpended on June 30, 2025, shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated in fiscal year 2026."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds \$235,000 from the general fund and \$235,000 from nongeneral funds the first year to amend the Medicaid application across all eligibility modalities to gather all necessary information to determine an applicant's eligibility for the Medicaid Works program, pursuant to the passage of House Bill 1804, during the 2025 Regular Session. Funding is provided in the first year to allow systems changes to begin in order to implement the legislation on time. Language provides authority to carryover funding from fiscal year 2025 to fiscal year 2026 in the event the funds are not fully expended in the first year.)

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Item 292 #5c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$500,000	\$0	GF
	\$500,000	\$0	NGF

**Language:**



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Page 395, line 2, strike "\$322,845,151" and insert "\$323,845,151".

Page 402, after line 29, insert:

"MM.1. Out of this appropriations, \$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 conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the potential benefits, cost savings, and implementation considerations associated with utilizing a single third-party administrator to serve as the pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) for all Medicaid pharmacy benefits. This evaluation shall include an analysis of financial efficiencies, improved transparency, and the impact on patient access to pharmacy services, including community critical access pharmacies, along with timelines and cost for both implementation and ongoing operation and maintenance. As part of this process, DMAS shall engage an independent consultant with direct experience: (i) advising Medicaid fraud control units; and (ii) working with states that have transitioned to a single PBM model, to assess best practices and provide guidance on structuring a model that maximizes cost savings and operational effectiveness. The consultant shall not be currently engaged by any managed care organization or by any PBM contracted with a managed care organization.

2. The evaluation shall also include a detailed assessment of the implementation costs associated with transitioning to a single PBM model. Any such implementation costs shall be analyzed in comparison to the projected cost savings identified in the independent evaluation to ensure fiscal accountability. Additionally, the evaluation shall include a review of fee-for-service and managed care pharmacy dispensing fees and provide recommendations for adjustments necessary to maintain adequate pharmacy participation and patient access. DMAS shall report its findings, including projected implementation and ongoing costs, anticipated cost savings, recommended pharmacy dispensing fees, timeline for implementation, and any other recommendations for improving the administration of Medicaid pharmacy benefits, to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2025. Any unexpended balances for the purposes specified in paragraph MM.1. and MM.2. which are unexpended on June 30, 2025, shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated in fiscal year 2026."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund and \$500,000 from nongeneral funds the first year and language directing the Department of Medical Assistance Services to engage an independent consultant to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the costs and benefits and other considerations associated with the implementation of a single third-party administrator to serve as the pharmacy benefit manager for all Medicaid pharmacy benefits. Language provides authority to carryover funding for the analysis from fiscal year 2025 to fiscal year 2026 in the event the funds are not expended in the first year.)

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Department of Medical Assistance Services	(\$865,000)	\$0 GF
	(\$2,815,000)	\$0 NGF

**Language:**

Page 395, line 2, strike "\$322,845,151" and insert "\$319,165,151".  
Page 402, strike lines 10 through 15.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment redirects \$865,000 from the general fund and \$2.8 million from the nongeneral fund the first year provided in the introduced budget.)

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**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Medical Assistance Services Language

**Language:**

Page 396, line 27, after "4.", strike the remainder of the line.  
Page 396, strike lines 28 through 44, and insert:  
"The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall convene a meeting three times each fiscal year with the Secretary of Finance, Secretary of Health and Human Resources, or their designees, and appropriate staff from the Department of Planning and Budget, House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, and Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, to monitor Medicaid expenditures and enrollment growth to determine the program's financial status. At each meeting, DMAS shall report on expenditures (at the service level of detail) and enrollment in the Medicaid and children's health insurance programs to explain any material differences in expenditures compared to the official Medicaid forecast or children's health insurance programs forecasts, adjusted to reflect budget actions from each General Assembly Session. In addition, DMAS shall report on enrollment trends by eligibility category and indicate differences in actual enrollment as compared to the most recent forecast of enrollment. If expenditures are exceeding the budget for Medicaid or the children's health insurance programs, the department shall provide options to bring expenditures in line with available resources. At each meeting, DMAS shall provide an update on any changes to the managed care programs, or contracts with managed care organizations, that includes detailed information and analysis on any such changes that may have an impact on the capitation rates or overall fiscal impact of the programs, including changes that may result in savings. In addition, DMAS shall provide an analysis at each meeting on spending and utilization trends within the the managed care programs with a focus on trends that indicate higher growth than was anticipated in the capitation rates. During each fiscal year, the meetings 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 for Medicaid to enhance monitoring of expenditures and enrollment growth to determine the program's financial status on a comprehensive and regular basis.)

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Item 292 #8c

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 402, after line 29, insert:

"MM. No appropriation in this item shall be used to fund any study of medical assistance provider rates unless the General Assembly has provided specific authorization for such study. This provision shall not apply to routine rate work that is necessary to administer medical assistance programs under existing state and federal law.

NN. The Department of Medical Assistance Services is authorized to conduct a rate study of Developmental Disabilities Services required pursuant to the Permanent Injunction (Civil Action No. 3:12CV59-JAG). The department shall include stakeholders as part of the rate development process and consider their feedback in the process. The department shall submit a report with the recommended rates and associated fiscal impact to the Governor, the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget, and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by October 1, 2025."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment clarifies that provider rate studies may only be conducted after specific authorization by the General Assembly. In addition, it authorizes a rate study of certain Developmental Disabilities Services.)

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Item 292 #9c

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 402, after line 29, insert:

"MM. Out of this appropriation, \$206,889 the first year and \$3,094,795 the second year from the general fund and \$2,832,111 the first year and \$16,216,115 the second year from nongeneral funds shall be provided for the Department of Medical Assistance Services to contract with a

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vendor to implement identified solutions to assist in timely and accurate Medicaid eligibility determinations and redeterminations. Solutions may include additional data checks to verify financial 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 may be used to make enhancements to the Medicaid Management Information System and the Virginia Case Management System to implement the identified solutions. The Director of the 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 contracted for with such vendor."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment is a technical language change that sets the purpose of the appropriation provided in last year's adopted budget related to improving processes for timely and accurate Medicaid eligibility determinations and redeterminations.)

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Item 292 #10c

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 402, after line 29, insert:

"MM. Effective upon enactment of this act, the Department of Medical Assistance Services, related to appeals administered by and for the department, shall have authority to amend regulations to require provider appeals to be filed only online through the department's appeal portal. Exceptions may be requested before a filing deadline by a provider for good cause for situations, such as lack of internet access in rural areas or other extenuating circumstances explained by the filing provider. The department shall have authority to promulgate regulations to implement these changes within 280 days or less from the enactment date of this act."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides authority for the Department of Medical Assistance Services to require provider appeals to be filed only online through the department's appeal portal).

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**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 402, after line 29, insert:

"MM. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall make efforts to ensure that pregnant women that apply for Medicaid coverage utilize the Cover Virginia call center, to the maximum extent possible, in order to reduce the processing time of the application and expedite the applicant into coverage. The department shall collaborate with the Department of Social Services to ensure that local departments of social services have in place procedures and processes to connect pregnant women to the Cover Virginia call center to apply for coverage, unless such person is required to apply through a local department due to eligibility for other benefits programs."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to make efforts to ensure that pregnant women that apply for Medicaid coverage utilize the Cover Virginia call center, to the maximum extent possible, in order to reduce the processing time of the application and expedite the applicant into coverage.)

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Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 402, after line 29, insert:

"MM. The Department of Medical Assistance Services, in collaboration with the Department of Social Services, shall develop cost estimates for the options proposed in the "Evaluation of Medicaid Eligibility Determination" report to the General Assembly in December 2024 and report back to the Governor, the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget, and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by September 15, 2025.

NN. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) and the Department of Social Services (DSS) shall design and institutionalize a joint Steering Committee on Medicaid Eligibility. The Steering Committee shall: (i) document the areas in which DMAS and VDSS need to collaborate; (ii) develop and agree upon a charter for the committee that outlines the types of decision rights each agency has independently versus what the Steering Committee oversees, membership, meeting schedule, topics leadership needs routine visibility on, a process for escalating issues to the Steering Committee, process for the staff to brief the Steering Committee, and process for coordinating and briefing the Secretary of Health and Human Resources or other state leaders as needed; (iii) determine when special initiatives or task forces are required to ensure focused collaboration on key issues; (iv) have oversight over Medicaid eligibility improvement efforts; and (v) may establish a stakeholder advisory forum to inform improvement efforts."

**Explanation:**

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(This amendment requires the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) to develop cost estimates for the options proposed in the "Evaluation of Medicaid Eligibility Determination" report. In addition, DMAS and the Department of Social Services are directed to establish a formal joint Steering Committee on Medicaid Eligibility.)

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Item 294 #1c

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 404, after line 6, insert:

"4. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services may use the Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Trust Fund appropriation for community-based housing for any population currently served by the department."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment allows the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) to use the Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Trust Fund appropriation for community-based housing for any population currently served by DBHDS.)

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Item 295 #1c

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

\$0

\$1,100,000

GF

**Language:**

Page 404, line 32, strike "\$167,136,531" and insert "\$168,236,531".

Page 408, line 21, strike the second "\$575,000" and insert:

"\$1,675,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.1 million the second year from the general fund for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to contract with the Virginia Health Care Foundation to expand the Boost! program, formerly known as Boost 200. Boost! pays for supervisory hours and licensure exam preparation for individuals obtaining their masters of social work and masters of counseling. This funding will add 60 more slots to the program, bringing the total to 383 slots.)

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Item 295 #2c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	(\$1,000,000)	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 404, line 32, strike "\$162,365,802" and insert "\$161,365,802".  
Page 410, strike lines 50 through 52.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment redirects \$1.0 million the first year from the general fund for the Youth Mental Health Matters campaign to fund other behavioral health initiatives.)

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Item 295 #3c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$0	\$500,000	NGF

**Language:**

Page 404, line 32, strike "\$167,136,531" and insert "\$167,636,531".  
Page 410, after line 52, insert:

"TT. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall report annually, by September 1, on the expenditure of funding from the Problem Gambling Treatment Fund, including allocations to the Community Services Boards, and include a description of the purposes for which the funding is being used. The department shall evaluate best practices in treating program gambling that may include statewide initiatives to address the negative effects of problem gambling. The department shall report back any findings on best practices and potential statewide initiatives to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by October 1, 2025."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment appropriates an additional \$500,000 the second year from the Problem Gambling and Support Fund to provide support and services for problem gambling recovery and treatment. Language also adds a reporting requirement for the Problem Gambling Treatment Fund and a review of best practices in addressing problem gambling.)

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Item 295 #4c

**Health and Human Resources**

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Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 410, after line 52, insert:

"TT. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the Department of Planning and Budget may direct a portion of the funding up to \$75,000 in the Crisis Call Center Fund to Mental Health Virginia Warmline, a peer support line that reduces the 988 crisis call center volume."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs up to \$75,000 from the Crisis Call Center Fund to support the Mental Health Virginia Warmline.)

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Item 295 #5c

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 408, line 42, after "clinics", insert ", including mobile clinics,".

Page 408, line 44, strike:

"to provide technical assistance to school divisions" and insert:

"to allow school districts to contract with a mental telehealth provider."

Page 408, strike lines 45 through 46.

Page 408, line 47, strike "providers."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds language to enable the use of mobile clinics in providing school-based care and allows school divisions to contract with a mental telehealth provider to provide mental health services to students. This amendment also ensures that funding appropriated for the school-based clinic grant program is used for such purpose.)

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Item 295 #6c

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Behavioral Health and  
Developmental Services

(\$211,692)  
(\$211,692)

\$0 GF  
\$0 NGF

**Language:**

Page 404, line 32, strike "\$162,365,802" and insert "\$161,942,418".



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**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes \$211,692 from the general fund and \$211,692 from the nongeneral fund the first year in administrative funding provided in the introduced budget.)

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Item 295 #7c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$0 0.00	\$115,846 1.00	GF FTE

**Language:**

Page 404, line 32, strike "\$167,136,531" and insert "\$167,252,377".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$115,846 from the general fund and 1.0 position the second year to support the workgroup, pursuant to Senate Bill 838, that requires the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to convene and to make recommendations regarding the creation of an oversight process of residential recovery homes and transparency in the credentialing process pursuant to the bill.)

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Item 295 #8c

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	Language
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**Language:**

Page 410, after line 52, insert:

"TT. By no later than June 30, 2026, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) shall align and monitor the Commonwealth of Virginia's recovery support services, including services offered by recovery residences and other similar providers, with the nationally recognized American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) 4th Edition criteria to ensure quality and consistency in care. This criteria shall be made publicly available to all consumers and accessible on the DBHDS website."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) to align and monitor the Commonwealth of Virginia's recovery support services, including services offered by recovery residences, and other similar providers with the nationally recognized American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) 4th Edition criteria to ensure quality and consistency in care by June 30, 2026. This criteria would be made publicly

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available to all consumers and accessible on the DBHDS website.)

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Item 296 #1c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$0	\$750,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 410, line 55, strike "\$185,618,002" and insert "\$186,368,002".

Page 414, line 54, strike "\$1,534,100" and insert "\$2,284,100".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$750,000 the second year from the general fund to expand the Adult Psychiatric Access Line, bringing the fiscal year 2026 total to \$2.3 million. This program provides psychiatric consultation and care navigation for primary care physicians to better treat adults with mental health and substance use disorders.)

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Item 296 #2c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$0	\$100,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 410, line 55, strike "\$185,618,002" and insert "\$185,718,002".

Page 413, line 4, strike the second "\$3,547,000" and insert "\$3,647,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$100,000 the second year from the general fund to support the Regional Older Adults Facility Team (RAFT) in Northern Virginia to provide services to older adults with mental illness and dementia.)

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Item 296 #3c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$0	\$1,500,000	GF

**Language:**

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Page 410, line 54, strike "\$185,618,002" and insert "\$187,118,002".

Page 415, after line 1, insert:

"Z. Out of this appropriation, \$1,500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to reimburse Community Services Boards for the restoration of competency to stand trial evaluations, services, and supports in an outpatient setting and to provide training to clinicians."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.5 million the second year from the general fund to reimburse Community Services Boards for the evaluations and restoration services, as well as clinician training to perform these services. This funding would cover the cost of 800 outpatient restorations at a cost of \$1,668 per case as well as training for six clinicians in every Community Services Board at \$55/hour for eight hours.)

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	Item 296 #4c		
<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$0	\$1,000,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 410, line 55, strike "\$185,618,002" and insert "\$186,618,002".

Page 413, line 13, strike the second "\$1,650,000" and insert "\$2,650,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million the second year from the general fund to support pilot programs for individuals with dementia or geriatric individuals who may otherwise be admitted to a state facility.)

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	Item 296 #5c		
<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$0	(\$31,063,751)	GF

**Language:**

Page 410, line 55, strike "\$185,618,002" and insert "\$154,554,251".

Page 411, line 40, strike "\$49,737,458", insert "\$18,673,707".

Page 411, line 56, strike "\$41,152,858", and insert: "\$10,089,107".

Page 412, line 5, after "released." insert:

"The department shall prioritize this funding to fund contracts that provide coverage for all of

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Region Three and Region One and, to the extent that any funding is available after needs are met in Regions Three and One, the department may expand the program into Region Five."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment redirects \$31.1 million from the general fund for the Special Conservators of the Peace program to other initiatives.)

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	FY24-25	FY25-26	
<b>Health and Human Resources</b>			
Grants to Localities	\$0	\$8,700,000	GF

Item 297 #1c

**Language:**

Page 415, line 19, strike "\$787,892,721" and insert "\$796,592,721".

Page 421, after line 23, insert:

"VV. Out of this appropriation, \$8,700,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for Community Services Boards to hire additional support coordinators."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$8.7 million the second year from the general fund for Community Services Boards (CSBs) to hire additional support coordinators. CSBs are the single point of entry for waiver services and are the sole providers of waiver support coordination. Additional support coordinators are needed to handle the increased caseload due to the significant addition of DD waiver slots in the 2024-2026 biennium. This funding would support 96 additional support coordinators between the time they are hired and when they can carry a full caseload and begin billing Medicaid.)

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	FY24-25	FY25-26	
<b>Health and Human Resources</b>			
Grants to Localities	\$0	\$4,800,000	GF

Item 297 #2c

**Language:**

Page 415, line 19, strike "\$787,892,721" and insert "\$792,692,721".

Page 420, line 17, strike "\$11,400,000" and insert "\$16,200,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$4.8 million the second year from the general fund to support eight additional Marcus Alert sites to develop co-response programs between law enforcement officers and clinicians.)

**Health and Human Resources**

Grants to Localities

Language

**Language:**

Page 421 after line 23, insert:

"VV. It is the intent of the General Assembly that for any additional state funding provided to Community Services Boards (CSBs) or Behavioral Health Authorities (BHAs) that existing contributions from local governments shall not be supplanted by such additional state funding. The Commissioner, Department of the Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS), shall ensure, by monitoring local contributions to CSBs and BHAs, that if local contributions are reduced subsequent to new funding being awarded or provided, that such new funding shall thereafter be forfeited by the CSB or BHA by the amount of the reduced local contribution. The Commissioner may waive this requirement if the locality can prove extreme hardship. Notwithstanding § 37.2-509, Code of Virginia, DBHDS shall not grant a waiver for the operating expense requirement unless the locality can demonstrate hardship in terms of reduced employment, per capita income, or property values (excluding changes in land use taxation)."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment requires local governments to maintain local contributions to the community services board year-to-year, absent an extreme hardship, unless a state appropriation is intended to supplant local funding. In order to fall below the 10.0 percent match requirement, a locality must demonstrate hardship in terms of reduced employment, per capita income, or property values (outside of changes in land use taxation.)

**Health and Human Resources**

Mental Health Treatment Centers

Language

**Language:**

Page 422, after line 48, insert:

"H. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) shall develop a plan for the closure of Hiram W. Davis Medical Center, including an analysis for the development of skilled nursing beds at Southeastern Virginia Training Center to care for the patients at Hiram W. Davis Medical Center or in other facilities operated by DBHDS in need of that level of care. DBHDS shall assess the potential number of skilled nursing beds needed based on an assessment of patient needs at its facilities and shall also develop an estimate of skilled nursing beds that may be necessary to address future needs. DBHDS shall solicit

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stakeholder input as part of its skilled nursing bed assessment. DBHDS shall report the plan and assessment to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1, 2025."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment requires the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to develop a plan for the closure of Hiram W. Davis Medical Center, including an analysis for the development of skilled nursing beds at Southeastern Virginia Training Center to care for the patients at Hiram W. Davis Medical Center or in other facilities operated by DBHDS in need of that level of care.)

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Item 302 #1c

**Health and Human Resources**

Mental Health Treatment Centers

Language

**Language:**

Page 423, after line 48, insert:

"K. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall: (i) identify a suitable building on the Central State Hospital (CSH) campus for storage of historical patient records for patients at CSH; (ii) the costs associated to renovate the identified building(s) to meet archival standards for humidity, light, heat, and air conditioning; and (iii) the costs for a repository for historical records from all mental health institutions in the Commonwealth."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to: (i) identify a suitable building on the Central State Hospital (CSH) campus for storage of historical patient records for patients at CSH; (ii) determine the costs associated to renovate the identified building(s) to meet archival standards for humidity, light, heat, and air conditioning; and (iii) identify the costs for a repository for historical records from all mental health institutions in the Commonwealth.)

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Item 314 #1c

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department for Aging and  
Rehabilitative Services

\$0

\$600,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 427, line 24, strike "\$116,760,793" and insert "\$117,360,793".

Page 429, line 26. strike the second "\$775,000" and insert "\$1,375,000".

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**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds \$600,000 from the general fund the second year for workforce retention for brain injury service provider, bringing the total to \$1,375,000 in fiscal year 2026. Chapter 2, 2024 Special Session I provided \$775,000 in each year of the 2024-26 biennium for this purpose. State contracted brain injury providers report high attrition and difficulty filling open positions because of non-competitive salaries and benefits, resulting in negative impacts on the delivery of programs and services and meeting client needs.)

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Item 314 #2c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$0	\$750,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 427, line 24, strike "\$116,760,793" and insert "\$117,510,793".  
Page 429, line 9, strike the second "\$10,396,719" and insert "\$11,146,719".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$750,000 from the general fund the second year for community service for individuals with brain injury. Community service providers continue to have waiting lists for services and struggle to meet existing service needs of this population that requires specialized supports. This funding would support the existing state-contracted safety net brain injury services system to provide for increased statewide coverage of critical services and strengthen existing programs to include: hiring additional case managers and clinical professional staff, equipment and information technology modernization, statewide awareness/education efforts, and other critical supports to meet the growing demands for brain injury services across the state.)

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Item 314 #3c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$0	\$300,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 427, line 24, strike "\$116,760,793" and insert "\$117,060,793".  
Page 428, line 48, strike "\$8,063,722", insert "\$8,363,722".

**Explanation:**

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(This amendment provides \$300,000 from the general fund the second year to provide independent living skills training, peer mentoring, information and referral, advocacy, and transition services to people with significant disabilities. Funds are needed to provide for increasing requests for these services and increases in the cost of doing business. Each of the 17 Centers for Independent Living would receive an increase of \$17,647.)

Item 315 #1c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$0	\$750,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 430, line 4, strike "\$40,439,449" and insert "\$41,189,449".

Page 431, after line 44, insert:

"N. Out of this appropriation, \$750,000 from the general fund the second year shall be provided to increase support to Area Agencies on Aging."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$750,000 from the general fund the second year to cover increased costs for providing current services for the Area Agencies on Aging and meeting the increased demand for services such as home care and transportation.)

Item 315 #2c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$1,300,000	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 430, line 4, strike "\$40,439,449" and insert "\$41,739,449".

Page 431, after line 44, insert:

"N. Out of this appropriation, \$1,300,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging/Community Action Agency Inc. to replace the roof on Hare Valley School and make other critical building improvements. Any balances for the purposes specified in this paragraph which are unexpended on June 30, 2025, shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated in fiscal year 2026."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.3 million in fiscal year 2025 for a new metal roofing system for Hare Valley School in Northampton County and other building improvements such as, window



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replacement or replacement of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. The building houses the Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging/Community Action Agency Inc. and other human services organizations. Language provides authority to carryover funding from fiscal year 2025 to fiscal year 2026 in the event the funds are not fully expended in the first year.)

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Item 315 #3c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$0	\$400,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 430, line 4, strike "\$40,439,449" and insert "\$40,839,449".

Page 431, after line 44, insert:

"N. Out of this appropriation, \$400,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the County of Fairfax to support the Washington Area Villages Exchange for the creation of a pilot program to reduce the public health risk of social isolation among older Virginians by expanding the availability of Villages to additional sites."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$400,000 the second year from the general fund to the County of Fairfax to support the Washington Area Villages Exchange in the creation of a pilot program to reduce the public health risk of social isolation among older Virginians by expanding the availability of Villages to additional sites. Villages are a proven means of combatting isolation while enabling older adults to age in place and live safely and independently in their homes.)

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Item 315 #4c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$0	\$400,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 430, line 4, strike "\$40,439,449" and insert "\$40,839,449".

Page 431, after line 44, insert:

"N. Out of this appropriation, \$400,000 from the general fund the second year shall be provided to the Capitol Area Agency on Aging and Local Office on Aging, Inc. for an interdisciplinary plan of care and dementia case management for 200 individuals diagnosed with dementia. Funding shall be allocated evenly between the two Area Agencies on Aging. The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services shall report the status of the program and provide an update on the results of the dementia case management program to the Chairs of the House

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Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1 of each year.)

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds \$400,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to expand the interdisciplinary plan of care and dementia case management to two Area Agencies on Aging located in Richmond and Roanoke to serve 200 individuals diagnosed with dementia. Language provides for an annual report on the status of the programs and results. This is a recommendation of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission and the Council on Aging.)

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Item 324 #1c

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Social Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 437, after line 11, insert:

"K. The Department of Social Services shall develop a strategic plan that includes: (i) a review of best practices for providing treatment and services to trafficking victims; (ii) analysis of data gaps and recommendations for addressing them; (iii) recommendations to improve and establish additional long-term support services for trafficking victims; and (iv) training policies for mandatory reporters of suspected trafficking cases. The Department shall provide the plan to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1, 2025."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Department of Social Services (DSS) to develop a plan to help victims of trafficking. DSS will provide the plan to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1, 2025.)

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Item 325 #1c

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Social Services

\$0

(\$440,000) NGF

**Language:**

Page 437, line 14, strike "\$250,160,830" and insert "\$249,720,830".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes \$440,000 from the nongeneral fund the second year for the

expansion of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Full Employment Program to be redirected to other initiatives.)

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Item 328 #1c

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Social Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 442, after line 32, insert:

"F. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall, on or before June 30, 2025, unallot \$1,000,000 from the general fund in this item, which reflects unused balances in the auxiliary grants program."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment captures \$1.0 million in balances the first year in the Auxiliary Grant program within the Department of Social Services.)

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Item 329 #1c

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Social Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 445, after line 40, insert:

"W. The Department of Social Services, in consultation with stakeholders, shall develop a process for Virginia localities to enter into memorandums of understanding with localities in surrounding states for the purposes of kinship care."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Department of Social Services, in consultation with stakeholders, to develop a process for Virginia localities to enter into memorandums of understanding with localities in surrounding states for the purposes of kinship care.)

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Item 329 #2c

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Social Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 445, after line 40, insert:

"W. The Department of Social Services shall assess the feasibility of requiring local departments to apply for benefits administered by the Social Security Administration or the Department of Veterans Affairs on behalf of eligible children in foster care and require local departments that are representative payees for children in foster care to conserve such federal benefits in an appropriate trust instrument. The Department shall report its findings to the Chairs of the House Appropriations, House Finance, and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1, 2025."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to assess the feasibility of requiring local departments to apply for benefits federal benefits for foster children. DSS is required to report its findings to the Chairs of the House Appropriations, House Finance, and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1, 2025.)

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Item 329 #3c

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Social Services

\$0

\$300,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 442, line 34, strike "\$293,034,091" and insert "\$293,334,091".

Page 445, after line 40, insert:

"W. Out of this appropriation, \$300,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the Department of Social Services to expand the existing program to find relative and fictive kin for youth in foster care. Any unexpended balance in this paragraph at the close of business on June 30, 2026, shall not revert back to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated for this purpose."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$300,000 the second year from the general fund for the Department of Social Services to expand the existing program with current providers to find relative and fictive kin at the time of entry into foster care or when an out-of-home placement is needed before entry into foster care. The current program eligibility is for youth who are placed in congregate care or who have been in foster care for twelve months or more and are not placed with kinship foster parents. Additional funding will enable existing providers to hire additional staff for this program, expanding services to ensure that children entering fostering care are promptly assigned a kinship specialist to locate relatives and fictive kin. Additional staff will serve more children in more locations across the state.)

Item 330 #1c

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Department of Social Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 446, after line 15, insert:

"C. The State Board of Social Services (the Board) is authorized to promulgate regulations to allow applications for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program to be submitted over an application period that provides adequate time for individuals to apply and is extended beyond the current application period in effect as of July 1, 2024, provided adequate funding is available to extend such application period. The Board's initial adoption of regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act shall be exempt from the provisions of the Administrative Process Act, except that the Board shall provide an opportunity for public comment on the regulations prior to adoption."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Department of Social Services to expand the application window for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program to a year-round basis, a program to help Virginia families pay their energy bills.)

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**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Social Services

\$0

\$1,000,000 NGF

**Language:**

Page 446, line 17, strike "\$70,163,045" and insert "\$71,163,045".

Page 447, line 37, strike the second "\$2,136,500", and insert "\$3,136,500".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million from the nongeneral fund from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant the second year to increase funding for child advocacy centers to provide a comprehensive, multidisciplinary team response to allegations of child abuse in a dedicated, child-friendly setting.)

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**Health and Human Resources**

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**FY25-26**

Department of Social Services

\$0

\$150,000 GF

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**Language:**

Page 446, line 17, strike "\$70,163,045" and insert "\$70,313,045".

Page 450, after line 36, insert:

"CC. Out of this appropriation, \$150,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to Hanover County to develop and complete the Health and Human Services Master Plan to address the increasing need for long term planning and high-level human services policy setting in Hanover County and to serve as a resource to address human services needs for individuals in the community."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$150,000 the second year from the general fund to Hanover County to develop a Health and Human Services Master Plan.)

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Item 331 #3c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Social Services	\$4,000,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 446, line 17, strike "\$68,565,691" and insert "\$72,565,691".

Page 450, after line 36, insert:

"CC. Out of this appropriation, \$4,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to Prince William County to support the renovation of the Prince William Welcome Center and the Fairfax Welcome Center. Any unexpended balance in this paragraph at the close of business on June 30, 2025 shall not revert back to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated for this purpose."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$4.0 million the first year from the general fund to support one-time costs of renovating both the Prince William and Fairfax Welcome Center operated by CASA. Funds may be used to enhance accessibility features and create new training spaces and will be carried forward to the next fiscal year if there are unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2025.)

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Item 331 #4c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$200,000 NGF

**Language:**

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Page 446, line 17, strike "\$70,163,045" and insert "\$70,363,045".

Page 449, line 12, strike the second "\$150,000" and insert "\$350,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$200,000 the second year from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant to contract with Visions of Truth Community Development Corporation to support the Students Taking Responsibility in Valuing Education (STRIVE) suspension and dropout prevention program.)

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Item 331 #5c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Social Services	\$300,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 446, line 16, strike "\$68,565,691" and insert "\$68,865,691".

Page 450, after line 36, insert:

"CC. Out of this appropriation, \$300,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided to the City of Williamsburg for Latisha's House to provide long-term, transitional housing services for female survivors of sex trafficking. Any unexpended balances in this paragraph at the close of business on June 30, 2025, shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated in fiscal year 2026."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$300,000 from the general fund the first year to the City of Williamsburg to Latisha's House. Latisha's House is a nonprofit organization that provides long-term, transitional housing for adult, female survivors of sex trafficking. Funding allows the organization to fill more beds, expand infrastructure, and acquire land.)

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Item 331 #6c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$250,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 446, line 17, strike "\$70,163,045" and insert "\$70,413,045".

Page 450, line 33, after "year", insert "and \$250,000 the second year".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$250,000 from the general fund the second year to the City of

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Charlottesville in support of programming at the Tonsler League which is a community organization that operates sports leagues and community events throughout the year to help serve the community's under-resourced population.)

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Item 331 #7c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$2,000,000	NGF

**Language:**

Page 446, line 17, strike "\$70,163,045" and insert "\$72,163,045".

Page 446, line 46, strike the second "\$9,250,000" and insert "\$11,250,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million the second year from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant to provide increased support for local Community Action Agencies (CAAs). This increase will hold CAAs harmless from any reductions resulting from a new locality designation into the state network which goes into effect July 1, 2025.)

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Item 331 #8c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$250,000	NGF

**Language:**

Page 446, line 17, strike "\$70,163,045" and insert "\$70,413,045".

Page 450, line 13, strike the second "\$750,000" and insert "\$1,000,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$250,000 the second year from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant to Cornerstones to address the rising needs for safe and stable housing, food security, quality childcare, youth enrichment, and family self-sufficiency. This amendment brings the fiscal year 2026 total to \$1.0 million from the nongeneral fund.)

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Item 331 #9c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$125,000	NGF

**Language:**



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Page 446, line 17, strike "\$70,163,045" and insert "\$70,288,045".

Page 447, line 23, strike the second "\$2,000,000" and insert "\$2,125,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$125,000 the second year from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant to Northern Virginia Family Services to provide services that address the basic needs of families in crisis, including providing food, financial assistance, access to health services, and workforce development programs. This amendment brings total funding in fiscal year 2026 to \$2.1 million from nongeneral funds.)

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Item 331 #10c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$200,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 446, line 17, strike "\$70,163,045" and insert "\$70,363,045".

Page 450, after line 36, insert:

"CC. Out of this appropriation, \$200,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the city of Virginia Beach to develop a multipurpose sports court for residents of the Hallow by Samaritan House."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$200,000 the second year from the general fund to Virginia Beach to develop a multipurpose sports court, suitable for basketball, volleyball, and pickleball for residents of the Hallow by Samaritan House. The Hallow is the first trafficking youth shelter in Coastal Virginia and the sports court will provide enrichment for the youth, encouraging healthy physical and mental lifestyle choices.)

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Item 331 #11c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$50,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 446, line 17, strike "\$70,163,045" and insert "\$70,213,045".

Page 450, after line 36, insert:

"CC. Out of this appropriation, \$50,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to Loudoun County for Anna Sudha Community Kitchens to address food insecurity."

**Explanation:**

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(This amendment provides \$50,000 the second year from the general fund to Loudoun County for Anna Sudha Community Kitchens, an organization that addresses food insecurity through innovative programs and services. This funding would cover operational costs, with a focus on providing services to Title I school communities, and ensure that their physical space remains available to the volunteers and beneficiary community members.)

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Item 331 #12c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$200,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 446, line 17, strike "\$70,163,045" and insert "\$70,363,045".

Page 450, after line 36, insert:

"CC. Out of this appropriation, \$200,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to Fairfax County in support of Lorton Community Action Center."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$200,000 the second year from the general fund to Fairfax County for the Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC). LCAC provides low-income individuals, senior citizens, and families access to basic needs and self-sufficiency programs. This funding would allow LCAC to provide rental assistance to their clients.)

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Item 334 #1c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$400,000	NGF

**Language:**

Page 451, line 52, strike "\$154,429,417" and insert "\$154,829,417".

Page 453, after line 45, insert:

"I. Out of this appropriation, \$400,000 the second year from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund shall be provided to the Department of Social Services to create an Addiction Treatment Navigator that will allow members of the public seeking care to determine the proper level of care, access providers in their area, determine insurance coverage, and view provider quality metrics."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$400,000 the second year from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund to create an Addiction Treatment Navigator to assist

individuals seeking treatment for substance use disorder.)

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**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Social Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 453, after line 45, insert:

"I. The Department of Social Services shall review best practices to begin the process of transitioning electronic benefits transfer cards to chip cards to combat fraud. The Department shall investigate all possible options for transitioning cards in the most cost effective way. The Department shall report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1, 2025, with recommendations on how to best transition electronic benefits transfer cards to chip cards, including cost estimates for this process."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Department of Social Services to begin the process of transitioning electronic benefits transfer (EBT) cards to chip-enabled cards in a cost-effective manner. The Department is to report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1, 2025, with recommendations and cost estimates for the transition process.)

Item 339 #1c

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department for the Blind and Vision  
Impaired

\$20,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 455, line 44, strike "\$1,425,674" and insert "\$1,445,674".

Page 455, line 49, before "Out", insert "A."

Page 455, after line 51, insert:

"B. Out of this appropriation, \$20,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided for a one-time appropriation for Virginia Voice, a Richmond-based radio reading service, to support its expansion into the Southwest Virginia region."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$20,000 from the general fund the first year for a one-time appropriation for Virginia Voice, a Richmond-based radio reading service, to support its

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expansion into the Southwest Virginia region, giving access to critical services for people with vision impairments.)

Item 349 #1c

<b>Labor</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Labor and Industry	\$0 0.00	\$2,000,000 3.00	GF FTE

**Language:**

Page 460, line 12, strike "\$2,253,355" and insert "\$4,253,355".

Page 461, after line 4, insert:

"D. Out of this appropriation, \$2,000,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the department to effectuate the provisions of House Bills 2401, 2743, and 2356, and Senate Bills 998 and 853 of the 2025 General Assembly."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million the second year from the general fund and three positions to support wage and labor law enforcement activities required by House Bills 2401, 2743, and 2356, and Senate Bills 998 and 853 of the 2025 General Assembly.)

Item 350 #1c

<b>Labor</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Labor and Industry	(\$75,250)	(\$75,250)	GF

**Language:**

Page 461, line 6, strike "\$13,847,377" and insert "\$13,772,127".

Page 461, line 6, strike "\$13,847,377" and insert "\$13,772,127".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment captures funding provided for costs that may be absorbed with existing resources.)

Item 352 #1c

<b>Labor</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Labor and Industry	(\$52,370)	(\$52,370)	GF

**Language:**

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Page 461, line 30, strike "\$5,057,237" and insert "\$5,004,867".

Page 461, line 30, strike "\$5,057,237" and insert "\$5,004,867".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment redirects funding provided for rent costs that may be absorbed.)

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	Item 354 #1c	
<b>Labor</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Workforce Development and Advancement	(\$2,050,000)	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 462, line 51, strike "\$76,406,263" and insert "\$74,356,263".

Page 463, strike lines 30 through 31.

Page 463, line 32, strike "D." and insert "C."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment redirects \$2.1 million the first year from the general fund provided for the Virginia Has Jobs marketing campaign to other education and workforce priorities.)

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	Item 354 #2c	
<b>Labor</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Workforce Development and Advancement	\$0	\$500,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 462, line 51, strike "\$42,765,600" and insert "\$43,265,600".

Page 463, after line 34, insert:

"E. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for workforce development programming under the Hampton Roads Partnership for Health Sciences initiative to support talent development for Hampton Roads' healthcare industry. The Hampton Roads Workforce Council will utilize the funding to launch the Regional Healthcare Talent Pipeline focused on identifying and addressing regional talent shortages. The program will work to mitigate ongoing chronic healthcare labor challenges, including the attraction and retention of skilled workers, that are continuously impacting the healthcare industry by increasing the flow of trained healthcare professionals who enter the field. Any funding remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph."

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**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$500,000 the second year from the general fund for the Hampton Roads Workforce Council to launch the Regional Healthcare Talent Pipeline program.)

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Item 354 #3c

<b>Labor</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Workforce Development and Advancement	\$0	(\$350,000)	GF

**Language:**

Page 462, line 51, strike "\$42,765,600" and insert "\$42,415,600".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment redirects ongoing administrative support provided to the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement in the introduced budget. The programs administered by the agency are primarily supported with nongeneral funds.)

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Item 356 #1c

**Labor**

Virginia Employment Commission

Language

**Language:**

Page 466, strike lines 16 through 21.

Page 466, after line 21, insert:

"O. 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 House Bill 2531 of the 2025 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 2027, and shall be repaid no later than January 1, 2033."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment authorizes a treasury loan for the implementation of House Bill 2531 of the 2025 General Assembly that requires the Virginia Employment Commission to establish and administer a paid family and medical leave program with benefits beginning January 1, 2028. Funding for the program is provided through premiums assessed to employers and employees beginning in 2027. Start-up costs for the program are expected to be \$75.0 million.)

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**Labor**

Virginia Employment Commission

Language

**Language:**

Page 466, after line 21, insert:

"O. The commission shall complete the Unemployment Insurance Wage Data Enhancement project by regularly collecting additional data from employers to share with the Virginia Longitudinal Data System, which will then make it available to the Office of Education and Labor Market Alignment. Additional employee data shall include job title, pay rate, and work location. The commission shall use existing federal and state grant funds and complete the Unemployment Insurance Wage Data Enhancement project by December 31, 2025."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Virginia Employment Commission to complete the Unemployment Insurance Wage Data Enhancement project by December 31, 2025. This project will allow for better analysis of labor market outcomes for Virginians participating in education and training programs.)

**Natural and Historic Resources**

Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources

Language

**Language:**

Page 467, after line 42, insert:

"E.1. The Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources shall convene a workgroup to study the requirements for and historical implementation of the Water Quality Improvement Fund pursuant to § 10.1-2128, Code of Virginia.

2. The workgroup shall review and make recommendations on the Water Quality Improvement Fund including the organizational structure in the Code of Virginia and budget, disposition of funding, feasibility of the incorporation of the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund, grant approval guidelines including cost-effectiveness and co-benefits of practices funded, grant agreement terms, annual reporting requirements, potential improvements to the current funding needs assessments, and outdated or unnecessary requirements.

3. The recommendations on the organizational structure in the Code of Virginia and budget shall include streamlining the funding and sub-fund structure, updating terminology and structure to enhance transparency, ensuring consistency with the Commonwealth's commitments to and mandates for water quality, and coordinating Code and budget language.

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Recommendations shall be made for items appropriate to include in the Code of Virginia and items appropriate to include in the budget.

4. The review of the allocation of funding shall include mandatory deposits between sectors, discretionary deposits between sectors, the reserve fund and how to best leverage its usage to meet nutrient reduction goals, the use of interest including for administrative costs, and the Natural Resources Commitment Fund including technical assistance funding, the allotment of funding between the Chesapeake Bay and Southern Rivers watersheds, and the redistribution of unobligated funds between watersheds.

5. The workgroup shall include, but not be limited to, representatives from the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, Virginia Cattlemen's Association, the Virginia Association of Municipal Wastewater Agencies, the Virginia Municipal Stormwater Association, the Chesapeake Bay Commission, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the James River Association, the Virginia Association of Counties, the Virginia Municipal League, and staff of the House Appropriations and Senate Appropriations and Finance Committees.

6. The workgroup's findings and recommendations shall be reported to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, the Chairs of the House Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources and the Senate Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources Committees, and the Chair of the State Water Commission no later than November 1, 2026."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources to establish a workgroup to review the Water Quality Improvement Fund. The workgroup is directed to review and make recommendations relating to the Water Quality Improvement Fund, including its organizational structure in the Code of Virginia and Appropriations Act, the disposition of funding, the feasibility of the incorporation of Stormwater Local Assistance Fund, and other topics as directed by the amendment. The recommendations of the workgroup are required to be submitted to the Chairs of specified House and Senate committees and the State Water Commission by November 1, 2026.)

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	Item 359 #1c	
<b>Natural and Historic Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$0	\$500,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 468, line 2, strike "\$143,676,170" and insert "\$144,176,170".



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Page 470, line 18, strike the second "\$350,000" and insert "\$850,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides an additional \$500,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 for environmental literacy programs and professional development supported by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.)

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	Item 359 #2c	
<b>Natural and Historic Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$1,000,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 468, line 2, strike "\$500,970,664" and insert "\$501,970,664".

Page 472, after line 16, insert:

"Y. Out of the appropriation in this Item, \$1,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the Town of Dumfries for Quantico Creek restoration and flood mitigation."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 to the Town of Dumfries to support flood mitigation and restoration at Quantico Creek.)

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	Item 359 #3c	
<b>Natural and Historic Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$50,000,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 468, line 2, strike "\$500,970,664" and insert "\$550,970,664".

Page 471, line 33, strike "\$100,000,000" and insert "\$150,000,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides an additional \$50.0 million from the general fund the first year for deposit to the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund.)

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	Item 359 #4c	
<b>Natural and Historic Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>

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Department of Conservation and Recreation

\$500,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 468, line 2, strike "\$500,970,664" and insert "\$501,470,664".

Page 472, after line 16, insert:

"Y. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided to the Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District to complete engineering and design to bring the Lake Barcroft Dam Flood Mitigation Project to "construction ready" status."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund the first year to complete engineering and design work for the Lake Barcroft Dam Flood Mitigation Project in Fairfax County. The Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth.)

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Item 359 #5c

**Natural and Historic Resources**

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Language

**Language:**

Page 472, after line 16, insert:

"Y.1. In any fiscal year, 50 percent of any funds previously distributed for Agricultural Best Management Practices for the purpose of grants for agriculture best management practices on lands in the Commonwealth that cannot be obligated by June 15 by a soil and water conservation district during such fiscal year, regardless of whether such lands are within or outside of the Chesapeake Bay watershed, may be reallocated by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board to any soil and water conservation district for conservation practices. The Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board may reallocate the remaining previously distributed funds that cannot be obligated by June 15 to the soil and water conservation districts within the same watershed.

2. Nothing in this section shall prevent any funds distributed to the Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share Program for the purpose of matching grants for agricultural best management practices on lands in the Commonwealth that cannot be obligated by a soil and water conservation district during a fiscal year to transfer such funds to another soil and water conservation district within the same watershed within the same fiscal year."

**Explanation:**

(This language-only amendment provides for the redistribution of previously allocated funding that remains unobligated by June 15 each year. It allows for funding to be redistributed between

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watersheds for conservation practices.)

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		Item 359 #6c	
<b>Natural and Historic Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$250,000	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 468, line 2, strike "\$500,970,664" and insert "\$501,220,664".  
Page 471, line 46, strike "\$500,000" and insert "\$750,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides an additional \$250,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 to continue support for cyanobacteria mitigation and remediation at Lake Anna.)

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		Item 360 #1c	
<b>Natural and Historic Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$0	\$350,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 472, line 18, strike "\$99,898,311" and insert "\$100,248,311".  
Page 474, after line 22, insert:

"P. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$350,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the Department to develop the Falkland State Conservation Area Master Plan and a Restoration Assessment for the Syndor House Lodge."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$350,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to support the development of the Falkland State Conservation Area Master Plan and a restoration assessment for the Syndor House Lodge. The 7,264 acre Falkland State Conservation Area was donated to the Department of Conservation and Recreation in 2021.)

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		Item 360 #2c	
<b>Natural and Historic Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$1,300,000	\$0	GF

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**Language:**

Page 472, line 17, strike "\$101,226,439" and insert "\$102,526,439".

Page 474, after line 22, insert:

"P. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$1,300,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to Albemarle County for the design and construction of an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible walking trail to connect Biscuit Run Park to the future Monacan Indian Nation Tribute Park."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.3 million from the general fund the first year to Albemarle County for the design and construction of an accessible walking trail that connects Biscuit Run Park to the future Monacan Indian Nation Tribute Park in the Southwood Mobile Home Park redevelopment project.)

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Item 361 #1c

**Natural and Historic Resources**

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Department of Conservation and  
Recreation

\$0

(\$57,000) GF

**Language:**

Page 474, line 23, strike "\$13,004,072" and insert "\$12,947,072".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reduces support provided in the introduced budget bill by \$57,000 from the general fund in the second year to reflect the current estimate of the additional employer cost associated with the contribution rate for participation in the Virginia Law Officers Retirement System by conservation officers, as provided for in Senate Bill 1201.)

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Item 362 #1c

**Natural and Historic Resources**

Department of Environmental Quality

Language

**Language:**

Page 475, line 26, unstrike "2025".

Page 475, line 26, strike "2028".

Page 475, line 27, unstrike "2026".

Page 475, line 27, strike "2030".

**Explanation:**

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(This amendment removes language proposed in the introduced budget bill that would delay the prohibition on the use of polystyrene containers until 2028 for retail food establishments operating 20 or more locations in the Commonwealth, and until 2030 for smaller establishments.)

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Item 363 #1c

<b>Natural and Historic Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Environmental Quality	\$500,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 475, line 28, strike "\$57,982,778" and insert "\$58,482,778".

Page 477, after line 24, insert:

"N. Out of the amounts in this item, \$500,000 the first from the general fund is provided to support United State Geological Survey monitoring of harmful algal blooms in the Shenandoah River. Any funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall carryforward for the same purpose."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 to support monitoring for harmful algal blooms in the Shenandoah River.)

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Item 363 #2c

<b>Natural and Historic Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Environmental Quality	\$250,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 475, line 28, strike "\$57,982,778" and insert "\$58,232,778".

Page 477, after line 24, insert:

"N. Out of the amounts in this item, \$250,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the department, in coordination with the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services, to provide testing of inland waterways in the Commonwealth for the presence of harmful algal blooms, which may include enumeration of cyanobacteria and associated toxicity analyses. Any funds in this paragraph remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward for the same purpose."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$250,000 from the general fund the first year for the Department of Environmental Quality, in coordination with the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services,

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to provide testing of inland waterways in the Commonwealth for the presence of harmful algal blooms.)

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Item 363 #3c

<b>Natural and Historic Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Environmental Quality	\$2,300,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 475, line 28, strike "\$57,982,778" and insert "\$60,282,778".

Page 477, after line 24, insert:

"N. Out of the amounts in this item, \$2,300,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for groundwater research in the Eastern Groundwater Management Area. The appropriation shall be distributed as follows: \$2,000,000 for the department to install five additional multi-well research stations to gather additional data to study the upper portions of the Eastern Groundwater Management Area; and \$300,000 for the department to conduct a study, in coordination with Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, to determine technically feasible locations within the Eastern Groundwater Management Area to recommend water treatment upgrades for Virginia municipal water systems modeled on the Hampton Roads Sanitation District SWIFT project and the cost of such upgrades. The analysis shall be provided to the Chairs of the State Water Commission, House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources, and Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources by July 1, 2026. Any funding remaining on June 30 shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$2.3 million from the general fund the first year for the Department of Environmental Quality to expand ground water research in the Eastern Groundwater Management Areas. The funding includes support for multi-well research stations and resources to conduct a study to determine technically feasible locations to recommend water treatment upgrades modeled on the Hampton Roads Sanitation District SWIFT project and the cost of such upgrades. The analysis would be provided to the Chairs of the State Water Commission, House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources, and Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources by July 1, 2026.)

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<b>Natural and Historic Resources</b>	
Department of Environmental Quality	Language

**Language:**

Page 479, strike lines 46 through 52.  
Page 479, line 53, strike "2." and insert "G."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes obsolete language related to localities submitting stormwater utility reports to the Auditor of Public Accounts. Identical language was removed from Item 2 in Chapter 2, 2024 Special Session I.)

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**Natural and Historic Resources**

Department of Environmental Quality

Language

**Language:**

Page 481, after line 5, insert:

"P. Notwithstanding § 62.1-44.19:14 G. 1., Code of Virginia, the compliance schedule deadline for the Spotsylvania Co.-FMC WWTF and Spotsylvania Co.-Massaponax WWTF projects shall be January 1, 2027, and for the Fredericksburg WWTF project shall be January 1, 2030. For each compliance year from January 1, 2026, until such deadline that each project does not achieve the nutrient removal technology concentration specified in § 62.1-44.19:14 G. 1., Code of Virginia, the facility owner shall be responsible for acquiring sufficient point source credits to comply with its total nitrogen and total phosphorus waste load allocations applicable to that compliance year. In addition, for the Fredericksburg WWTF project, the City of Fredericksburg shall commence construction by July 1, 2025, report its progress to the Department on February 1 and August 1 each year until completion, and place nutrient removal technology in service as soon as practical prior to January 1, 2030. By July 1, 2025, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Department of Environmental Quality shall (a) modify the Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits for each facility consistent with the deadlines and requirements of this paragraph and (b) amend any existing water quality improvement agreement pursuant to § 10.1-2131, Code of Virginia, for each project in a manner consistent with the requirements and deadlines of this paragraph."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides for the delay of construction deadlines for specified wastewater treatment plant upgrade projects in the City of Fredericksburg and the County of Spotsylvania.)

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Item 365 #3c

**Natural and Historic Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Environmental Quality

(\$25,000,000)

\$25,000,000

GF

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**Language:**

Page 478, line 31, strike "\$241,763,554" and insert "\$216,763,554".

Page 478, line 31, strike "\$76,517,698" and insert "\$101,517,698".

Page 480, line 26, strike "\$50,000,000" and insert "\$25,000,000".

Page 480, line 26, after "first year" insert "and \$25,000,000 the second year".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adjusts the existing \$50 million in fiscal year 2025 for the Richmond CSO project to instead provide \$25 million each year.)

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Item 367 #1c

**Natural and Historic Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Wildlife Resources

\$450,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 481, line 48, strike "\$64,088,128" and insert "\$64,538,128".

Page 482, after line 27, insert:

"F. Out of the amounts appropriated in this item, \$450,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the Department to fund high priority wildlife crossing projects. The funding shall be prioritized by the department to implement wildlife crossing projects with the best likelihood of reducing wildlife and vehicle collisions, as determined by the hot spot analysis in the Commonwealth's Wildlife Corridor Action Plan pursuant to § 29.1-579, Code of Virginia."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$450,000 from the general fund the first year to fund high priority wildlife crossing projects.)

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Item 370 #1c

**Natural and Historic Resources**

Department of Wildlife Resources

Language

**Language:**

Page 483, line 35, strike the first "\$19,484,600" and insert "\$20,259,600".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reflects a Part 3 transfer increase of \$775,000 from the general fund to the Game Protection fund to support Department of Wildlife Resources activities related to invasive species management. The amount and purpose is authorized by Chapter 2 of 2024 Special



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**Natural and Historic Resources**

Department of Wildlife Resources

Language

**Language:**

Page 483, line 35, strike the first "19,484,600" and insert "19,498,600".

Page 483, after line 45, insert:

D. Out of the amounts transferred pursuant to § 3-1.01, subparagraph K., of this act, \$14,000 the first year from the Game Protection Fund shall be used to install and maintain security lighting and cameras at the Foxhill Boat Ramp, located on Dandy Point Road in Hampton."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$14,000 the first year in nongeneral fund support for security and safety improvements at the Foxhill Boat Ramp.)

Item 371 #1c

**Natural and Historic Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Historic Resources

\$500,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 484, line 7, strike "\$48,797,227" and insert "\$49,297,227".

Page 486, line 39, strike "\$1,000,000" and insert "\$1,500,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides an additional \$500,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 for the Virginia Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Historic Preservation Fund.)

Item 371 #2c

**Natural and Historic Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Historic Resources

\$8,000,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 484, line 7, strike "\$48,797,227" and insert "\$56,797,227".

Page 487, line 28, strike "\$1,500,000" and insert "\$9,500,000".

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Page 487, line 31, after "Jamestown.", insert:

"Out of this amount, \$8,000,000 is provided to address immediate flood protection measures to protect archeological and structural resources."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides an additional \$8.0 million from the general fund the first year to address immediate flood protection measures to preserve Jamestown resources.)

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Item 371 #3c

<b>Natural and Historic Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Historic Resources	\$100,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 484, line 7, strike "\$48,797,227" and insert "\$48,897,227".

Page 487, after line 47, insert:

"EE. Out of the amounts in this item, \$100,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Norfolk to complete surveys to determine the eligibility for a historic district designation status for Titustown. Any funding remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$100,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 to the City of Norfolk to complete necessary surveys determining whether the historically-African American neighborhood of Titustown is eligible for a historic district designation.)

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Item 371 #4c

<b>Natural and Historic Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Historic Resources	\$50,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 484, line 7, strike "\$48,797,227" and insert "\$48,847,227".

Page 487, after line 47, insert:

"EE. Out of the amounts in this item, \$50,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the County of Arlington to support restoration projects and upgrades at the 1891 Hume School building. Any funding remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$50,000 the first year from the general fund to Arlington County to

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support projects at the Arlington Historical Society's Hume School building.)

Item 371 #5c

<b>Natural and Historic Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Historic Resources	\$1,000,000	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 484, line 7, strike "\$48,797,227" and insert "\$49,797,227".

Page 487, after line 47, insert:

"EE. Out of the amounts in this item, \$1,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Virginia Beach to support the Virginia African American Cultural Center. Any funding remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 to support the Virginia African American Cultural Center in the City of Virginia Beach.)

Item 371 #6c

<b>Natural and Historic Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Historic Resources	\$500,000	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 484, line 7, strike "\$48,797,227" and insert "\$49,297,227".

Page 487, after line 47, insert:

"EE. Out of the amounts in this item, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Alexandria to support the restoration of Douglass Cemetery. Any funding remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 to support the restoration of Douglass Cemetery in Alexandria.)

Item 371 #7c

<b>Natural and Historic Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Historic Resources	(\$750,000)	\$750,000	GF

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**Language:**

Page 484, line 7, strike "\$48,797,227" and insert "\$48,047,227".  
Page 484, line 7, strike "\$13,877,427" and insert "\$14,627,427".  
Page 487, line 15, unstrike "\$500,000" and strike "\$1,000,000".  
Page 487, line 15, unstrike "and \$500,000 the".  
Page 487, line 16, unstrike "second year".  
Page 487, line 42, unstrike "\$250,000" and strike "\$500,000".  
Page 487, line 42, unstrike "and \$250,000".  
Page 487, line 43, unstrike "second year".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment restores second year support to various organizations by shifting \$750,000 from the general fund from the first year to the second year.)

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	Item 371 #8c	
<b>Natural and Historic Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Historic Resources	\$76,008	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 484, line 7, strike "\$48,797,227" and insert "\$48,873,235".  
Page 487, after line 47, insert:  
"EE. Out of the amounts in this item, \$76,008 the first year from the general fund is provided to support research on historical lynchings that occurred in Virginia from 1607 through the present, including: (i) identification of descendants or relatives of lynching victims to participate in the memorialization process to ensure victims are respectfully and sensitively identified and remembered; (ii) identification of the precise or approximate geographic location where a lynching occurred and designation of such locations as historic landmarks pursuant to §10.1-2206.1, Code of Virginia; and (iii) placement of historical markers at or near such identified sites. Any funding remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$76,008 the first year from the general fund to support the identification and designation as historic landmarks of lynching sites in Virginia.)

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	Item 371 #9c	
<b>Natural and Historic Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Historic Resources	\$750,000	\$0 GF

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**Language:**

Page 484, line 7, strike "\$48,797,227" and insert "\$49,547,227".

Page 485, line 13, strike the first "\$250,000" and insert "and \$1,000,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$750,000 from the general fund the first year for additional support of the African American Cemetery and Graves Fund. The program provides for maintenance and care of cemeteries established prior to 1948 specifically for the internment of African Americans.)

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Item 371 #10c

**Natural and Historic Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Historic Resources

\$150,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 484, line 7, strike "\$48,797,227" and insert "\$48,947,227".

Page 487, line 25, strike "\$100,000" and insert "\$250,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides an additional \$150,000 from the general fund the first year to Brunswick County to support the continuing efforts of the James Solomon Russell – Saint Paul’s College Museum and Archives restoration projects to preserve the photographs, papers, records, and other artifacts in the museum’s collection.)

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Item 372 #1c

**Natural and Historic Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Historic Resources

\$0  
0.00

\$300,000 GF  
2.00 FTE

**Language:**

Page 487, line 48, strike "\$1,557,678" and insert "\$1,857,678".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$300,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 and two positions to support operations of the Department of Historic Resources.)

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Item 373 #1c

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

**Language:**

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

Page 489, after line 18, insert:

"G. 1. Out of amounts in this item, \$4,000,000 the second year from amounts transferred to this item pursuant § 3-1.01 M. of this act, the Commission shall award a grant of funds to a qualified applicant or applicants to support a dredging project or projects that have been approved by the Commission. The source of the grant funds shall be the Virginia Waterway Maintenance Fund created pursuant to § 62.1-132.3:3. Applicants shall be limited to political subdivisions and the governing bodies of Virginia localities. The Commission shall develop guidelines establishing an application process as set out in Chapter 642, 2018 Session of the General Assembly. Projects for which the Commission may award grant funding include (i) feasibility and cost evaluations, pre-project engineering studies, and project permitting and contracting costs for a waterway project conducted by the Commonwealth; (ii) the state portion of a nonfederal sponsor funding requirement for a federal project, which may include the beneficial use of dredged materials that are not covered by federal funding; (iii) the Commonwealth's maintenance of shallow-draft navigable waterway channel maintenance dredging and the design, lease, or purchase of upland containment areas where the material can be selectively excavated and used beneficially for environmental restoration or for mitigation of coastal erosion; and (iv) the beneficial use, for environmental restoration and the mitigation of coastal erosion or flooding, of dredged materials from approved waterway dredging projects conducted by the Commonwealth. Special consideration shall be given to any locality which provides a three-to-one match for any requested funding. Any funding remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward for the same purpose.

2. Out of the amounts in this paragraph, the Commission may use up to \$150,000 each year for administration of the grant program."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment transfers the language and second year funding of \$4.0 million from the nongeneral fund from the Port of Virginia to the Virginia Marine Resource Commission for administration of shallow water dredging projects pursuant to House Bill 1834 of the 2025 Session.)

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**Natural and Historic Resources**

Marine Resources Commission

Language

**Language:**

Page 489, after line 18, insert:

"G. Notwithstanding § 28.2-1209, Code of Virginia, any city or county duly authorized by the Commission or other state agency to install an underground or underwater utility or facility, shall be deemed to possess a legal interest in the lawful use of state-owned waters, bottoms, or subsurface soils sufficient to qualify for any reimbursement for costs associated with relocation, removal, or abandonment of said utility or facility as a result of the construction or maintenance of any Congressionally approved navigation and flood control project undertaken by the Army Corps of Engineers, or other federal agency, to regulate navigable waters or flood control that requires relocation, removal, or abandonment of a permitted utility located on or under state-owned waters, bottoms, or subsurface soils of the Commonwealth."

**Explanation:**

(This language-only amendment clarifies the City of Norfolk's interest in submerged bottomlands for a waterpipe in the Elizabeth River at its current location. The clarification is necessary to move and relocate this submerged water pipe as part of the Army Corps of Engineers Coastal Storm Risk Management Project.)

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Item 377 #1c

**Public Safety and Homeland Security**

Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security

Language

**Language:**

Page 492, strike lines 38 through 48.

**Explanation:**

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

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Item 385 #1c

**Public Safety and Homeland Security**

Department of Corrections

Language

**Language:**

Page 494, line 48, strike "If", and insert:

"For those projects with a total cost exceeding \$12,000,000 for which "

Page 495, line 1, strike "August" and insert "July".

Page 495, line 1, after "1," strike the remainder of line.

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Page 495, strike lines 2 through 5.

Page 495, line 6, strike "the detailed list of the Board-approved costs; and any other".

Page 495, line 6, after "any other", insert " all documents and".

Page 495, line 7, after "cost review", insert:

"of the project at the completion of preliminary design".

Page 495, line 9, strike "Department of", and insert "Board".

Page 495, line 10, strike "Corrections".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment modifies the process by which local and regional jail renovation, expansion, or construction projects undergo review by the Department of General Services in order to qualify for state reimbursement of up to 25.0 percent of project costs in accordance with § 53.1-80 and 53.1-81, Code of Virginia.)

Item 388 #1c

**Public Safety and Homeland Security**

Department of Corrections

Language

**Language:**

Page 498, after line 45, insert:

"O. The Department of Corrections shall notify the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees at least 60 days before any relocation of a unit, including a general population or special purpose unit, to another facility. However, if temporary relocation of the unit is necessary due to extenuating emergency circumstances, the Department shall notify the Chairs no more than seven days after the temporary relocation."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment requires the Department of Corrections to notify the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees at least 60 days before relocation of a unit to another facility or, if temporary relocation is necessary due to extenuating emergency circumstances, no more than seven days after the relocation.)

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**Public Safety and Homeland Security**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Corrections

\$0  
0.00

(\$467,283) GF  
-6.00 FTE

**Language:**

Page 498, line 47, strike "\$275,777,262" and insert "\$275,309,979".



**Explanation:**

(This amendment reduces by \$467,283 from the general fund the second year the proposed increase of \$934,566 from the general fund for dental services mobile teams, bringing the total increase to \$467,283. The amount is sufficient to cover one mobile team with three personnel to support provision of routine dental treatment.)

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Item 390 #1c

**Public Safety and Homeland Security**

Department of Corrections

Language

**Language:**

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

Page 502, strike lines 1 through 4.

**Explanation:**

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

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Item 390 #2c

**Public Safety and Homeland Security**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Corrections

\$0

\$327,628

GF

**Language:**

Page 499, line 31, strike "\$204,741,037" and insert "\$205,068,665".

Page 502, line 38, strike "\$987,368" and insert "\$1,314,996".

Page 502, strike lines 43 through 47 and insert:

- "1. House Bill 1583 and Senate Bill 1271 -- \$50,000
- 2. House Bill 1597 and Senate Bill 1329 -- \$50,000
- 3. House Bill 1607 and Senate Bill 1181 -- \$50,000
- 4. House Bill 1660 and Senate Bill 886 -- \$50,000
- 5. House Bill 1715 and Senate Bill 939 -- \$50,000
- 6. House Bill 1726 and Senate Bill 757 -- \$50,000
- 7. House Bill 1869 and Senate Bill 883 -- \$50,000
- 8. House Bill 1876 and Senate Bill 1182 -- \$50,000
- 9. House Bill 1977 and Senate Bill 1110 -- \$50,000
- 10. House Bill 2014 and Senate Bill 844 -- \$50,000
- 11. House Bill 2406 and Senate Bill 861 -- \$50,000
- 12. House Bill 2485 and Senate Bill 970 -- \$50,000

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- 13. House Bill 2631 and Senate Bill 891 -- \$50,000
  - 14. House Bill 2657 and Senate Bill 746 -- \$64,996
  - 15. House Bill 1587 -- \$50,000
  - 16. House Bill 1998 -- \$50,000
  - 17. House Bill 2036 -- \$50,000
  - 18. House Bill 2123 -- \$50,000
  - 19. House Bill 2165 -- \$50,000
  - 20. House Bill 2241 -- \$50,000
  - 21. House Bill 2783 -- \$50,000
  - 22. Senate Bill 848 -- \$50,000
  - 23. Senate Bill 880 - \$50,000
  - 24. Senate Bill 881 -- \$50,000
  - 25. Senate Bill 1002 -- \$50,000
  - 26. Senate Bill 1272 -- \$50,000".
- Page 503, strike lines 1 through 8.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$327,628 from the general fund the second year for the required deposit to the Corrections Special Reserve Fund, pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, Code of Virginia, for 26 sentencing bills which are projected to increase the number of state-responsible prison beds that will be required over the next six years.)

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Item 391 #1c

<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$0	\$131,516	GF

**Language:**

Page 503, line 22, strike "\$6,069,704" and insert "\$6,201,220".

Page 504, after line 34, insert:

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

**Explanation:**

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

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Item 391 #2c

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<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Criminal Justice	\$0	\$273,350	GF
Services	0.00	1.00	FTE

**Language:**

Page 503, line 22, strike "\$6,069,704" and insert "\$6,343,054".

Page 504, after line 34, insert:

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

**Explanation:**

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

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Item 392 #1c

<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Criminal Justice	\$0	\$106,516	GF
Services			

**Language:**

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

Page 505, after line 16, insert:

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

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$106,516 from the general fund the second year to implement human trafficking awareness training pursuant to House Bill 2033.)

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Item 394 #1c

<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Criminal Justice	(\$6,837,475)	\$0	GF
Services			

**Language:**

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

Page 508, line 13, strike "29,953,524" and unstrike "\$23,116,049."

Page 508, line 30, after "emergency." insert:

"Out of nongeneral fund cash balances in the School Resource Officer Incentive Grants Fund, up to \$6,200,000 the second year, dependent on grant applications, is designated for this purpose."

Page 508, line 43, after "ability-to-pay.", insert:

"Out of nongeneral fund cash balances in the School Resource Officer Incentive Grants Fund, up to \$1.5 million the second year, dependent on grant applications, shall be available for fifth- and sixth-year continuation grants, in addition to any funding previously provided for such purpose."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes the increase of \$6.8 million from the general fund the first year proposed in the introduced budget for the School Resource Officer Incentive Grants Fund in light of significant cash balances in the Fund. In order to best utilize existing cash balances for one-time purposes, budget language directs the Department of Criminal Justice Services to designate from the nongeneral fund balances of: (i) up to \$6.2 million, dependent on grant applications, for a digital mapping program for public colleges and universities, which supports visual communication technology and collaboration tools to coordinate emergency response; and (ii) up to \$1.5 million, dependent on grant applications, for fifth- and sixth-year continuation grants for school resource officers and school safety officers, as a temporary exception to the four-year grant period.)

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Item 394 #2c

**Public Safety and Homeland Security**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Criminal Justice  
Services

\$1,000,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 505, line 25, strike "\$235,665,783" and insert "\$236,665,783".

Page 513, after line 47, insert:

"AA. 1. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$1,000,000 the first year from the general fund for the Department of Criminal Justice Services to administer and provide grant funding for an Unmanned Aircraft Trade and Replace Program. For the purposes of this program, the Department may only distribute grant funds to local law enforcement agencies, local fire or ambulance service providers, or other local first responders to support the replacement of unmanned aircraft systems manufactured or assembled by an entity, including its subsidiaries, affiliates, or partners, that is domiciled in a country defined as a foreign adversary pursuant to § 55.1-507, Code of Virginia, with unmanned aircraft systems that are not covered unmanned aircraft systems manufactured or assembled by a covered foreign entity as defined in § 1822 of

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the National Defense Authorization Act of 2024."

2. To be eligible for the grant funding, a local law enforcement agency, local fire or ambulance service provider, or local first responder must relinquish the drone manufactured by the entity domiciled in a country defined as a foreign adversary. Grant funds shall be provided per drone based upon the drone's replacement costs, but shall not exceed \$25,000 per drone. Grant funds may only be used to purchase an equal number of drones that are in compliance with, without exception or waiver, the replacement criteria described in subsection AA.1.

3. The Department shall coordinate with the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, Virginia State Police, Virginia Association of Counties, Virginia Municipal League, Virginia Fire Chiefs Association, Virginia Ambulance Association, and the Virginia Sheriffs' Association to set any additional criteria for awarding the grants. This appropriation shall be one-time and shall be removed from the base budget after the biennium. Any remaining balance at year-end shall be carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year. The Department shall seek to distribute available funding geographically and, should multiple grant application rounds be necessary to support that goal, shall prioritize agencies that have not yet received funding under this program.

4. Of this amount, the Director is authorized to expend reasonable amounts for state administration of the program including up to one temporary position."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million from the general fund the first year in one-time funding for a grant program to assist local law enforcement and other first responders with replacing drones manufactured by foreign adversaries with drones that meet the criteria in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2024.)

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		Item 394 #3c	
<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$2,000,000	(\$3,500,000)	GF

**Language:**

Page 505, line 25, strike "\$235,665,783" and insert "\$237,665,783".

Page 505, line 25, strike "\$230,377,002" and insert "\$226,877,002".

Page 513, line 36, strike "\$3,500,000 the second year" and insert: "\$2,000,000 the first year".

Page 513, line 43, strike:

"agencies within the Virginia State Police (VSP) Divisions III, IV, and VI, and".

Page 513, line 44, strike "Remaining".

Page 513, strike line 45.

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Page 513, line 46, strike "Department."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million the first year instead of \$3.5 million proposed in the second year for reimbursement to local law-enforcement agencies for time spent transporting individuals under temporary detention orders and emergency custody orders.)

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	Item 394 #4c	
<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Criminal Justice Services	(\$2,500,000)	\$0 GF

**Language:**

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

**Explanation:**

(This amendment redirects \$2.5 million from the general fund the first year for communications infrastructure grants to other priorities.)

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	Item 394 #5c	
<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$0 0.00	(\$322,218) GF -1.00 FTE

**Language:**

Page 505, line 25, strike "\$230,377,002" and insert "\$230,054,784".  
Page 509, line 48, strike "\$622,218" and unstrike "\$300,000".  
Page 509, line 49, strike "fund the Office of First Responder Wellness".  
Page 509, line 50, strike:  
"or establish memorandums of understanding with" and unstrike "to".  
Page 509, line 51, strike:  
"and other first responders such as, but not limited to,".  
Page 509, strike line 52.  
Page 509, line 53, strike "dispatchers".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment redirects \$322,218 from the general fund the second year in additional operational funding for the Office of First Responder Wellness to other purposes. In addition to

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general fund and nongeneral fund administrative funding, the Office recently received \$3.0 million from an administrative reappropriation.)

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Item 394 #6c

<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	(\$200,000)	(\$200,000)	GF

**Language:**

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

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

Page 506, line 29, strike "\$6,188,807" and unstrike "\$5,988,807".

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

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

Page 506, strike line 31.

Page 506, line 32, strike:

"second year shall be provided to the Office of the Attorney General."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment redirects \$200,000 from the general fund the first year and \$200,000 from the general fund the second year from an increase proposed in the introduced budget for the Victim Witness Grant Program funding provided to the Office of the Attorney General. The Office maintains its existing grant of approximately \$300,000 from the general fund each year.)

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Item 394 #7c

<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$350,000	\$5,500,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 505, line 25, strike "\$235,665,783" and insert "\$236,015,783".

Page 505, line 25, strike "\$230,377,002" and insert "\$235,877,002".

Page 510, line 32, strike the first "\$9,000,000" and insert "\$9,350,000".

Page 510, line 32, strike the second "\$9,000,000" and insert "\$9,500,000".

Page 510, line 36, after "to include", insert ": (i)".

Page 510, line 37, after "Portsmouth" insert "; (ii)" and strike "and".

Page 510, line 38, after "Norfolk", strike "." and insert:

"; (iii) \$350,000 the first year to the City of Newport News to support the VICTOR Program; and (iv) \$2,000,000 the second year for the City of Chesapeake, including up to \$250,000 for

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allowable equipment associated with a Real Time Crime Information Center. Amounts for both VICTOR and the City of Chesapeake are designated as one-time."

Page 511, line 12, strike "\$14,000,000" and insert "\$19,000,000".

Page 511, line 18, after "this amount", strike "," and insert ": (i)".

Page 511, line 22, after "population", strike "." and insert:

"; and (ii) \$5,000,000 the second year shall be provided to the City of Hampton and the City of Newport News, with a minimum award of \$2,500,000 per locality."

Page 511, line 27, after "paragraph" insert:

"For the fiscal year 2026 grant awards, recipient localities: (i) shall not use funding for school resource or school safety officers; and (ii) shall prioritize support for community-led solutions."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$350,000 from the general fund the first year and \$5.5 million from the general fund the second year for community violence reduction grants in additional localities. Out of the Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund, \$350,000 in one-time funding supports the VICTOR Program, a gun violence prevention pilot, and \$2.0 million in one-time funding supports the City of Chesapeake. Funding in the second year includes \$2.5 million for Hampton and \$2.5 million for Newport News through the Safer Communities program. Language prohibits Safer Communities program fiscal year 2026 grants from being used for school resource officers and directs grant recipients to prioritize community-led solutions.)

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Item 394 #8c

<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$0	\$2,000,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 505, line 25, strike "\$230,377,002" and insert "\$232,377,002".

Page 509, line 1, strike "\$8,068,114" and insert "\$10,068,114".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides an additional \$2.0 million from the general fund the second year in grants to sexual assault and domestic violence services agencies, which provide core services to victims of sexual and domestic violence.)

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Item 394 #9c

<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
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Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$0	\$1,500,000	GF
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**Language:**

Page 505, line 25, strike "\$230,377,002" and insert "\$231,877,002".

Page 506, line 30, strike "\$8,588,807" and insert "\$10,088,807".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides an additional \$1.5 million from the general fund the second year for the Victim Witness Grant Program, which supports core services to crime victims such as accompaniment to court hearings and emotional support and safety services.)

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Item 394 #10c

<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$500,000	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 505, line 25, strike "\$235,665,783" and insert "\$236,165,783".

Page 513, after line 47, insert:

"AA. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$500,000 the first year from the general fund to support the YWCA Richmond with start-up operational costs for a public-private campus to serve survivors of domestic violence, including strategic planning, evaluation of safety protocols, and hiring and training of personnel in advance of alternative revenue sources becoming available upon operation."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund the first year to YWCA Richmond to support start-up operational costs for a public-private campus in Henrico County that will include 20 secure units, 24/7 hotline resources, mental health counseling space, legal support, court advocacy, and a mixed income early education and childcare center so survivors of domestic violence from Richmond, Chesterfield, and Henrico can access care.)

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Item 404 #1c

<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Emergency Management	\$2,750,000	\$0	GF

**Language:**

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Page 519, line 46, strike "\$23,290,775" and insert "\$26,040,775".

Page 520, after line 17, insert:

"D. Out of the amounts in this item, \$1,958,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the County of Craig, \$396,000 the first from the general fund is provided to the County of Bath, and \$396,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the County of Highland to support the critical response system upgrades. Any funding remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$2.8 million from the general fund the second year for local emergency response systems, including \$1.9 million for Craig County, and \$396,000 for each of the Counties of Bath and Highland.)

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	Item 406 #1c	
<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Fire Programs	\$5,000,000	(\$5,000,000) GF

**Language:**

Page 521, line 4, strike "\$50,433,415" and insert "\$55,433,415".

Page 521, line 5, strike "\$58,707,527" and insert "\$53,707,527".

Page 521, line 14, strike "the second year" and insert "the first year".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment moves from the second year to the first year \$5.0 million from the general fund included in the introduced budget for firefighter non-vehicular equipment.)

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	Item 406 #2c	
<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Fire Programs	\$0	\$200,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 521, line 5, strike "\$58,707,527" and insert "\$58,907,527".

Page 521, after line 32, insert:

"B. Out of this appropriation, \$200,000 from the general fund in the second year shall be provided to the city of Virginia Beach to support costs related to the provision of fire support services."

**Explanation:**

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(This amendment provides \$200,000 from the general fund the second year for an additional grant to Virginia Beach.)

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Item 407 #1c

<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Fire Programs	\$0 0.00	(\$458,860) -4.00	GF FTE

**Language:**

Page 521, line 34, strike "\$4,612,222" and insert "\$4,153,362".

Page 522, line 6, after "assessment and a", insert "joint".

Page 522, line 7, after "recommendation" insert:

"from the Virginia Fire Services Board and the Board of Housing and Community Development".

Page 522, line 7, after "or not" insert:

", including a description of which fees, if any, are recommended for an increase based on the market cost and the projected additional fee revenue that would result from such recommended increase."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reduces by \$458,860 from the general fund and 4.0 positions the second year the amount proposed in the introduced budget for additional fire inspection positions, maintaining an increase of \$229,430 and 2.0 positions. This is in addition to \$217,000 from the general fund each year provided in the 2024 adopted budget for the same purpose. According to the Department of Fire Programs, fire inspection fee rates have not increased since 2003. Language directs the Virginia Fire Services Board and the Board of Housing and Community Development, who administer the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC), to submit joint recommendations on which fees, if any, are recommended for increase based on market costs, by October 17, 2025.)

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Item 408 #1c

<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Forensic Science	\$0 0.00	\$108,000 1.00	GF FTE

**Language:**

Page 522, line 23, strike "\$64,682,000" and insert "\$64,790,000".

**Explanation:**

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(This amendment provides \$108,000 from the general fund and 1.0 position the second year for the Department of Forensic Science (DFS) to support the Crime Commission study on cases that were handled by Mary Jane Burton, a serologist employed by DFS in the 1970s and 1980s, including the impact of the expansion of the study pursuant to House Bill 2730 and Senate Bill 1465.)

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Item 413 #1c

<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Juvenile Justice	\$1,829,000	(\$1,829,000)	GF

**Language:**

Page 526, line 33, strike "\$83,090,889" and insert "\$84,919,889".

Page 526, line 34, strike "\$67,100,619" and insert "\$65,271,619".

Page 527, after line 53, insert:

"D. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$1,829,000 the first year from the general fund for costs associated with admissions and placements. Any remaining unexpended balance of amounts in this paragraph at year-end shall be reappropriated in the subsequent fiscal year."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment moves from the second year to the first year the \$1.8 million from the general fund included in the introduced budget for central admission and placement costs.)

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Item 413 #2c

<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Juvenile Justice	\$0	\$1,037,381	GF

**Language:**

Page 526, line 34, strike "\$67,100,619" and insert "\$68,138,000".

Page 527, after line 53, insert:

"D. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$1,037,381 the second year from the general fund to provide a \$2,231 salary increase for security positions."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million from the general fund the second year to provide a \$2,231 across-the-board salary increase for Department of Juvenile Justice security positions, or residential specialists, to help address high employment vacancy rates at the Bon Air Juvenile Correctional Center.)

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Item 415 #1c

<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of State Police	(\$876,000)	\$0	GF

**Language:**

Page 528, line 41, strike "\$122,053,845" and insert "\$121,177,845".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reduces by \$876,000 from the general fund the first year the funding of \$2.4 million proposed in the introduced budget for upgrading and replacing Live Scan electronic fingerprinting machines, bringing the net increase to \$1.5 million. This one-time funding is intended to assist criminal justice agencies who are the most in need of modernization.)

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Item 415 #2c

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

**Language:**

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

**Explanation:**

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

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Item 415 #3c

<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of State Police	\$0	\$318,251	GF
	0.00	1.00	FTE

**Language:**

Page 528, line 41, strike "\$120,388,444" and insert "\$120,706,695".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$318,251 from the general fund the second year and 1.0 position pursuant to House Bill 2724.)

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Item 415 #4c

<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of State Police	\$886,171	\$687,830	GF

**Language:**

Page 528, line 41, strike "\$122,053,845" and insert "\$122,940,016".  
Page 528, line 41, strike "\$120,388,444" and insert "\$121,076,274".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$886,171 the first year and \$687,830 the second year from the general fund to implement the provisions of House Bill 2723 and Senate Bill 1466.)

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Item 416 #1c

<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of State Police	\$0	(\$764,000)	GF

**Language:**

Page 531, line 22, strike "\$390,661,528" and insert "\$389,897,528".  
Page 533, line 19, after "T." insert "1."  
Page 533, line 22, strike "\$3,264,000" and insert "\$2,500,000".  
Page 533, after line 23, insert:

"2. The Department of State Police shall provide a report to the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget and the staff directors of the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Finance & Appropriations Committee by September 15, 2025, on the amount of turnover and vacancy savings realized in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 as a result of sworn officers separating from the Department and being replaced by officers at a lower pay step on the trooper pay plan."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adjusts funding provided to support the fiscal year 2026 step adjustment for the state trooper pay plan, reducing it by \$764,000 to provide a total \$2.5 million from the general fund the second year.)

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Item 416 #2c

<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of State Police	\$1,000,000	\$0	GF

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**Language:**

Page 531, line 21, strike "\$381,109,850" and insert "\$382,109,850".

Page 533, after line 23, insert:

"U. Included within the appropriation for this item is \$1,000,000 the first year from the general fund to support the replacement of unmanned aircraft systems manufactured or assembled by an entity, including its subsidiaries, affiliates, or partners, that is domiciled in a country defined as a foreign adversary pursuant to § 55.1-507, Code of Virginia, with unmanned aircraft systems that are not covered unmanned aircraft systems manufactured or assembled by a covered foreign entity as defined in § 1822 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2024."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million from the general fund the first year to support the replacement of State Police drones manufactured in countries defined as a foreign adversary with drones in compliance with § 1822 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2024.)

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	Item 416 #3c	
<b>Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of State Police	\$0	\$200,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 531, line 21, strike "\$390,661,528" and insert "\$390,861,528".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$200,000 from the general fund the second year pursuant to the provisions of House Bill 1728.)

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	Item 422 #1c
<b>Transportation</b>	
Department of Aviation	Language

**Language:**

Page 540, strike lines 16 through 21.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes authorization for a \$20.0 million state-supported treasury loan for the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission.)

**Transportation**

Department of Aviation

Language

**Language:**

Page 541, after line 11, insert:

"C.1. Notwithstanding § 33.2-1526.6, Code of Virginia, six percent of the funds in the Commonwealth Aviation Fund shall be allocated as entitlement funds to the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA).

2.a. In fiscal year 2026, of the amounts remaining in the Commonwealth Aviation Fund after the distribution to MWAA pursuant to paragraph C.1., 50 percent of said funds shall be allocated as entitlement funds to commercial service airport sponsors other than MWAA, based upon the percentage of enplanements for each airport to total enplanements at all commercial airports that are not owned or leased by MWAA. No commercial service airport sponsor shall receive more than twenty-five percent or less than eight percent of the funds made available under this paragraph.

b. For the first six months of fiscal year 2026, of the amounts remaining in the Commonwealth Aviation Fund after the distribution to MWAA pursuant to paragraph C.1., (i) 40 percent of the funds shall be allocated by the Virginia Aviation Board for commercial service and regional business airports on a discretionary basis, except airports owned or leased by MWAA, and (ii) 10 percent of the funds made available shall be allocated by the Virginia Aviation Board for community business and local service airports on a discretionary basis.

c. For the second six months of fiscal year 2026, all remaining funds after the allocation pursuant to paragraph C.2.b. shall be allocated by the Virginia Aviation Board for all eligible airports on a discretionary basis, except airports owned or leased by MWAA.

3. The Department of Aviation shall, by November 1, 2025, submit a report of the amounts each airport in the Commonwealth is to receive under the updated allocations pursuant to paragraphs C.1. through C.2. of this item to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees. The report shall also include previous allocations of the Commonwealth Aviation Fund to each airport in the Commonwealth dating back to fiscal year 2020. The report shall include recommendations on how to best allocate Commonwealth Aviation Funds in future years to ensure the financial health of all airports in the Commonwealth."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment changes the allocation amounts allowed from the Commonwealth Aviation Fund to ensure efficient use of all funds from the Commonwealth Aviation Fund.)



Item 426 #1c

**Transportation**

Department of Motor Vehicles

Language

**Language:**

Page 543, after line14, insert:

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

**Explanation:**

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

Item 428 #1c

**Transportation**

Department of Motor Vehicles

Language

**Language:**

Page 543, line 39, after "facilities." insert:

"The Department shall not exceed the state rental rate in Item 71 for the rental of space in agency-owned facilities to other state agencies."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment clarifies that the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) cannot charge more than the state rental rate for the rental of space in DMV-owned facilities to other state agencies.)

Item 433 #1c

**Transportation**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Rail and Public  
Transportation

\$3,330,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

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

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

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**Explanation:**

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

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Item 433 #2c

<b>Transportation</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Rail and Public Transportation	\$200,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 545, line 32, strike "\$982,561,629" and insert "\$982,761,629".

Page 547, after line 20, insert:

"H. Out of this appropriation, \$200,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided to Hampton Roads Transit for a one-time transit investment."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$200,000 from the general fund the first year to Hampton Roads Transit to provide support for a one-time transit investment.)

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Item 437 #1c

<b>Transportation</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Transportation	\$250,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

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

Page 549, after line 18, insert:

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

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$250,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 to fund a

highway equity study.)

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Item 441 #1c

**Transportation**

Department of Transportation

Language

**Language:**

Page 553, after line 44, insert:

"E. The Commissioner shall work with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation and toll operators throughout the Commonwealth to reduce, or when practical, eliminate the practice of charging tolls for public transit buses, when not in conflict with contractual obligations or other provisions of law."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Commissioner of Highways to work with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation and toll operators to mitigate the charging of tolls for public transit buses.)

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Item 444 #1c

**Transportation**

Department of Transportation

Language

**Language:**

Page 560, after line 20, insert:

"S. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is hereby authorized to market, sell and convey all or a portion of the two parcels of property located at and adjacent to 10267 Telegraph Road, Ashland, Virginia, known as the "Atlee Maintenance Lot" and "OFF RT 623 ADJ HWY PROP", Hanover County PID #7787-34-5666 and PID #7787-34-5926, respectively, totaling approximately 6.03 acres. Any proceeds from the sale of the Atlee Maintenance Lot and OFF RT 623 ADJ HWY PROP may be used to supplement and support existing maintenance reserve and capital project needs for VDOT facilities and any proceeds not so used shall be deposited in the Transportation Trust Fund."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Virginia Department of Transportation to sell property owned in Hanover County.)

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Item 450 #1c

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<b>Transportation</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Virginia Port Authority	\$0	\$300,000,000	NGF

**Language:**

Page 562, line 24, strike "\$98,666,555" and insert "\$398,666,555".  
 Page 562, line 28, strike the second "\$62,417,419" and insert "\$362,417,419".  
 Page 562, line 29, strike the second "\$41,280,247" and insert "\$341,280,247".  
 Page 563, line 27, strike "." and insert:  
 ", or defeased or retired by the Authority from available funds authorized in this item."  
 Page 563, line 40, strike "." and insert:  
 ", or defeased or retired by the Authority from available funds authorized in this item."  
 Page 563, line 46, strike "\$200,000,000" and insert "\$350,000,000".  
 Page 563, after line 50, insert:

"5. It is hereby acknowledged that, in accordance with § 62.1-140, Code of Virginia, the Virginia Port Authority may issue additional bonds, in an amount up to \$350,000,000 for purposes of ensuring operational and investment control, and setting the fixed price option for a privately owned marine terminal in Portsmouth at the end of the lease term in 2065 (Item C-39.10). All or a portion of such bonds may be refunded by the Authority pursuant to § 62.1-140, Code of Virginia, or defeased or retired by the Authority from available funds authorized in this Item. The debt service on these bonds, estimated to be \$25,000,000 the second year, will be paid from special funds."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment authorizes the Virginia Port Authority to issue additional bonds to ensure operational and investment control of the Virginia International Gateway Terminal.)

Item 451 #1c

<b>Transportation</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Virginia Port Authority	\$0	(\$4,000,000)	NGF

**Language:**

Page 564, line 6, strike "\$11,612,325" and insert "\$7,612,325".  
 Page 564, line 39, strike "and \$4,000,000 the second year".  
 Page 565, after line 14, insert:  
 "F. Effective July 1, 2025, the responsibility for administering shallow dredging projects projects and the Waterway Maintenance Fund shall be transferred to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. Any unexpended general or nongeneral funds appropriated in fiscal years prior to fiscal year 2026 shall be transferred to the Commission to support the completion of these projects."

**Explanation:**

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

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**Transportation**

Virginia Port Authority

Language

**Language:**

Page 565, after line 14, insert:

“F.1. Of the amounts in the Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund, up to \$8,000,000 the first year is provided to support dredging near the north end of Wallops Island. The Virginia Port Authority shall administer such dredging project to create a navigable water channel for transport of rocket components and other uses to serve all commercial partners at the spaceport until longer term solutions are implemented to ensure that the Virginia spaceport remains competitive. Any project costs that exceed the amounts provided in this paragraph shall be at the expense of the private sector signatory to the Memorandum of Understanding referenced in this paragraph. To the extent determined to be cost effective and practicable, the project should include shoreline stabilization to reduce the need for future dredging. The Virginia Port Authority may collaborate with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority, the Virginia Spaceport Authority, commercial partners at the spaceport, and any federal, state, or local agency as may be necessary to complete the marine transport access project. The Director of the Department of Planning and Budget is hereby authorized to transfer moneys pursuant to this paragraph to the Virginia Port Authority. After submission of a project funding schedule to the Secretary of Finance and the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget, only the Virginia Port Authority may request that the Director release the funds according to such schedule.

2. The funding provided in this paragraph is contingent on the Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority (Virginia Space) providing copies of the executed building and ground leases for and the total construction costs of the Assembly, Integration, and Testing Facility, referenced in Chapter 1, 2022 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, Item 101, Paragraph T to the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, the Virginia Port Authority, and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority. In executing a ground lease for the property surrounding the Assembly, Integration, and Testing Facility (Lease Parcels 1, 3, and 4), Virginia Space shall charge the tenant no more than one dollar per year for the duration of the performance period outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding executed August 15, 2023, between the Commonwealth, Rocket Lab USA, INC, Virginia Space, and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority. If at the end of the performance period, Rocket Lab

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assumes ownership of the Assembly, Integration, and Testing Facility, and sells the building, Virginia Space is hereby required to notify the Chair of the Major Employer and Investment Commission by letter of the sale, which shall include the name of the buyer and the sale price.

3. No more than 30 days from completion of the dredging project, the Virginia Port Authority shall submit a report to the Secretary of Finance, Secretary of Transportation, and to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees outlining total project costs and total funding paid by all sources."

**Explanation:**

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

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	Item 451 #3c	
<b>Transportation</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Virginia Port Authority	\$325,000	\$0    GF

**Language:**

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

Page 565, after line 14, insert:

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

**Explanation:**

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

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	Item 452 #1c	
<b>Transportation</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Virginia Port Authority	\$0	\$23,000,000    NGF

**Language:**

Page 565, line 15, strike "\$161,556,620" and insert "\$184,556,620".

Page 565, line 16, strike "\$140,356,655" and insert "\$163,356,655".

Page 565, line 18, strike "\$151,256,620" and insert "\$174,256,620".

Page 565, line 32, after "2065.", insert:

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"Furthermore, in accordance with Item C-39.10, the capital lease will be amended to ensure operational and investment control, and set the fixed price option at the end of the lease term in 2065."

Page 565, line 33, strike "\$110,000,000", and insert "\$133,000,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment amends the capital leases for the Virginia Port Authority to ensure operational and investment control of the Virginia International Gateway Terminal.)

Item 455 #1c

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

**Language:**

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

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

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

**Explanation:**

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

Item 456 #1c

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

**Language:**

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

Page 570, after line 32, insert:

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

**Explanation:**

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

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Item 456 #2c

<b>Veterans and Defense Affairs</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Veterans Services	\$0 0.00	(\$126,068) -1.00	GF FTE

**Language:**

Page 569, line 18, strike "\$37,095,545" and insert "\$36,969,477".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment redirects \$126,068 from the general fund the second year for other priorities.)

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Item 458 #1c

<b>Veterans and Defense Affairs</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Veterans Services	\$0 0.00	(\$98,235) -1.00	GF FTE

**Language:**

Page 570, line 47, strike "\$4,420,353" and insert "\$4,322,118".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment redirects \$98,235 from the general fund the second year for a new IT-related position to be used for other priorities. The amendment maintains \$812,142 from the general fund the first year and \$241,721 from the general fund the second year for other IT-related costs at the Department, including an additional \$500,000 for an online service portal.)

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Item 460 #1c

<b>Veterans and Defense Affairs</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Veterans Services Foundation	\$0	(\$7,000)	GF

**Language:**

Page 571, line 20, strike "\$482,155" and insert "\$475,155".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment redirects \$7,000 from the general fund the second year for additional staff travel to be used for other priorities.)

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Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26
Central Appropriations	\$83,057,917	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 576, line 17, strike "\$202,906,143" and insert "\$285,964,060".

Page 585, after line 12, insert:

"V.1. Up to \$61,990,939 the first year from the general fund appropriation of this item shall be 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 February 25, 2025, and remained employed until at least May 25, 2025, a one-time bonus payment equal to 1.5 percent of their base pay on June 16, 2025.

2. 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.

3. The governing authorities of the state institutions of higher education may provide the bonus for faculty and university staff based on performance and other employment-related factors, as long as the bonuses do not exceed what the average would have been based on the general methodology authorized in this paragraph.

W.1. Up to \$21,066,978 from the general fund the first year is provided for a one-time bonus payment, equal to 1.5 percent of their base salary on July 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.

2. Any funds provided in this paragraph for state supported local employees where the state funding is provided on a reimbursement basis, that is not expended during fiscal year 2025, shall not revert to the general fund but shall be reappropriated for disbursements to reimburse for the cost of the bonus."

**Explanation:**

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(This amendment provides \$83.1 million the first year from the general fund to provide a 1.5 percent bonus to state employees and state-supported local employees on June 16, 2025.)

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Item 470 #1c

**Central Appropriations**

Central Appropriations

Language

**Language:**

Page 586, line 53, insert:

"N. 1) From such general fund revenues as are collected for fiscal year 2025 in excess of the official fiscal year 2025 revenue estimate included in this act, the first \$20,000,000, or portion thereof, that is not required to meet a Constitutionally-mandated deposit to the Revenue Stabilization Fund, and prior to calculating the Revenue Reserve Fund and the Water Quality Improvement Fund Part A deposits, shall be reserved by the Comptroller in the Committed Fund Balance for the purposes outlined in Item 130 paragraph J. of this act.

2) Any remaining general fund revenues in excess of the official fiscal year 2025 revenue estimate included in this Act not required to meet the Constitutionally-mandated deposit to the Revenue Stabilization Fund or the Water Quality Improvement Fund Part A deposit, or the reservation set out in paragraph N.1) shall be reserved for action at any Special Session of the General Assembly convened in 2025 or at the 2026 General Assembly Session to address the impacts of any reductions to federal appropriations contained in this act.

3) The State Comptroller shall not exclude the reserved amounts from the maximum deposit amount in subsection C of § 2.2-1831.3."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment contingently reserves \$20.0 million from any fiscal year 2025 surplus after any Constitutionally-mandated deposit to the Rainy Day Fund for VMSDEP waivers and reserves all remaining surplus funds not required for the Revenue Stabilization Fund or the Water Quality Improvement Fund for the General Assembly to address the impacts of federal funding reductions.)

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Item 471 #1c

**Central Appropriations**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Central Appropriations

\$0

\$2,020,020

GF

\$0

\$1,983,471

NGF

**Language:**

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Page 587, line 12, strike "\$3,265,382" and insert "\$7,268,873".

Page 590, after line 29, insert:

"Q. Out of this appropriation, \$2,020,020 the second year from the general fund and \$1,983,471 the second year from the nongeneral fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1928 of the 2025 General Assembly Session. Out of the amounts provided in this paragraph, the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget shall distribute \$683 from the general fund to the Compensation Board to support support increases to the minimum wage for state supported constitutional officers."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million from the general fund and \$2.0 million from the nongeneral fund to support increases to the state's minimum wage to \$13.50 an hour starting January 1, 2026. The costs reflected in this amendment are for state employees and state-supported constitutional officers.)

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Item 471 #2c

**Central Appropriations**

Central Appropriations

Language

**Language:**

Page 590, strike lines 8 through 10.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment eliminates language in the budget adopted last year to remove the language related to the Clear Energy Innovation Bank since the bill was vetoed by the Governor.)

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Item 471 #3c

**Central Appropriations**

Central Appropriations

Language

**Language:**

Page 589, strike lines 29 through 34, and insert:

"J. 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the Mass Violence Care Fund (the Fund). The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller. All moneys accruing to the Fund, including funds appropriated for such purpose and any gifts, donations, grants, bequests, and other funds received on its behalf, shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest

thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used for the purpose of supporting out-of-pocket health expenses for victims of mass violence.

2. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall transfer the balances of the funds originally provided for victims of mass violence pursuant to Item 485, Chapter 1, 2023 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I.

3. Amounts in the Mass Violence Care Fund shall not be transferred or expended unless and until the General Assembly has adopted a structure for administering the Fund."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment deposits \$10.0 million previously appropriated for victims of mass violence in Chapter 1, 2023 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I to a Mass Violence Care Fund, from which amounts shall not be spent until the General Assembly has adopted a structure for administering the Fund.)

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Item 473 #1c

**Central Appropriations**

Central Appropriations

Language

**Language:**

Page 591, line 46, after "D.", insert "1."

Page 591, after line 48, insert:

"2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or provisions therein, funds awarded for the biennium shall be issued based on the amounts shown in the table below and shall not be reduced. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, in consultation with staff representatives from participating institutions, the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, the House Committee on Appropriations, the Secretary of Finance, and the Secretary of Education, shall review the methodology to determine any award reduction amounts based on performance and provide recommendations to the Secretary of Finance and designated reviewers as outlined in § [23.1-1241](#), Code of Virginia. The revised methodology shall be communicated to institutions including a list of frequently asked questions at least one year prior to implementing the change.

***Institution***

***FY 2026 Allocation***

*Christopher Newport University*

*\$751,702*

*College of William and Mary*

*1,384,198*

*George Mason University*

*4,075,259*

*James Madison University*

*685,381*

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<i>Longwood University</i>	263,415
<i>University of Mary Washington</i>	654,911
<i>Norfolk State University</i>	241,601
<i>Old Dominion University</i>	1,480,916
<i>University of Virginia</i>	1,718,369
<i>University of Virginia's College at Wise</i>	71,328
<i>Virginia Commonwealth University</i>	1,345,125
<i>Virginia Polytechnic Institute &amp; State University</i>	9,695,499
<i>Virginia State University</i>	305,824
<i>George Mason University (Masters)</i>	1,722,478
<i>Virginia Polytechnic Institute &amp; State University (Masters)</i>	3,261,805
<i>Virginia Community College System</i>	1,272,643
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28,930,454''.</b>

**Explanation:**

(This amendment distributes the Tech Talent Investment Fund second year allocation.)

	Item 475 #1c	
<b>Independent Agencies</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
State Corporation Commission	\$0	\$800,000 NGF

**Language:**

Page 594, line 4, strike "\$94,294,279" and insert "\$95,094,279".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$800,000 from the nongeneral fund the second year for the associated administrative cost of legislation impacting the State Corporation Commission.)

	Item 479 #1c	
<b>Independent Agencies</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
State Corporation Commission	\$0	\$23,625 GF

**Language:**

Page 595, line 9, strike "\$604,053,109" and insert "\$604,076,734".

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Page 595, after line 55, insert:

"G. Out of this appropriation, \$23,625 from the general fund the second year is provided to defray the cost to qualified plans sold on Virginia's Insurance Marketplace pursuant to the passage of House Bill 1641 during the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly. Any balances for the purposes specified in this paragraph which are unexpended on June 30, 2025, shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$23,625 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to implement the provisions of House Bill 1641, pursuant to its passage during the 2025 Regular Session, to defray the cost of mandating qualified health plans to cover the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric autoimmune disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS) and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS). The funding defrays the costs to include the coverage provided through qualified health plans sold through Virginia's Insurance Marketplace, the state's health benefit exchange.)

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Item 479 #2c

**Independent Agencies**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

State Corporation Commission

(\$25,000,000)

(\$47,000,000)

GF

**Language:**

Page 595, line 8, strike "\$408,828,801" and insert "\$383,828,801".

Page 595, line 9, strike "\$604,053,109" and insert "\$557,053,109".

Page 595, line 37, strike "\$25,000,000 the first year and".

Page 595, line 37, strike "\$67,000,000" and insert "\$20,000,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reduces the general fund appropriation by \$25.0 million the first year and \$47.0 million the second year for the Commonwealth Health Reinsurance Program. Current estimates of federal funding indicate less need for state general fund amounts to support the program in fiscal year 2025 and fiscal year 2026.)

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Item 479 #3c

**Independent Agencies**

State Corporation Commission

Language

**Language:**

Page 595, after line 55, insert:

"G. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall, on or before June 30, 2026, unallot

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\$20,000,000 from the general fund fund in this Item and shall revert to the general fund at yearend, which reflects unused appropriation in the Commonwealth Health Reinsurance Plan."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment captures \$20.0 million in general fund the second year in the Commonwealth Health Reinsurance Plan within the State Corporation Commission.)

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Item 480 #1c

**Independent Agencies**

Virginia Lottery

Language

**Language:**

Page 597, strike lines 14 through 19.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment eliminates a Treasury Loan authorization that was included in the introduced budget for the start-up costs related to a gaming commission.)

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Item 482 #1c

**Independent Agencies**

Virginia College Savings Plan

Language

**Language:**

Page 598, strike lines 6 through 10.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes language proposed in the introduced budget as it relates to activities of the Commonwealth Savers Plan.)

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Item 483 #1c

**Independent Agencies**

Virginia College Savings Plan

Language

**Language:**

Page 598, after line 51, insert:

"G. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no administrative increases beyond the legislative appropriation shall be made for expenditures in this Item related to college access

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programs. This language does not apply to administrative adjustments needed to support operational activities that are not directly related to support of access programs.

H. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Commonwealth Savers Plan shall not enter into any contracts or obligations to support college access initiatives beyond those already under commitment as of June 30, 2025."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment limits the appropriation for the Commonwealth Savers Plan to its legislative appropriation except for routine operational adjustments.)

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	Item 484 #1c	
<b>Independent Agencies</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Virginia Retirement System	\$76,000	\$685,400 NGF

**Language:**

Page 599, line 5, strike "\$23,181,353" and insert "\$23,257,353".  
Page 599, line 5, strike "\$22,961,363" and insert "\$23,646,763".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides the VRS with administrative funding to effectuate the provisions of HB 1705, HB 1815/SB 1142, and SB 950 of the 2025 General Assembly Session.)

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	Item 489.10 #1c	
<b>Independent Agencies</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority	\$0	\$150,000 NGF

**Language:**

Page 602, line 16, strike "\$34,266,173" and insert "\$34,416,173".  
Page 603, after line 3, insert:  
"H. Out of this appropriation, \$150,000 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 conducting unannounced investigations of retailers in the business of selling liquid nicotine or nicotine vapor products, as defined in § 58.1-1021.01, Code of Virginia, to verify that such retailer is not selling liquid nicotine or nicotine vapor products to persons under 21 years of age."

**Explanation:**



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(This amendment provides \$150,000 from the nongeneral fund the second year from the Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems Fund to support additional unannounced investigations of retailers in the business of selling liquid nicotine or nicotine vapor products.)

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Item 489.20 #1c

**Independent Agencies**

Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority

Language

**Language:**

Page 603, strike lines 12 through 18.  
Page 603, line 19, strike "B." and insert "A."  
Page 603, line 21, strike "C." and insert "B."  
Page 603, line 23, strike "D" and insert "C."  
Page 603, line 26, strike "E." and insert "D."  
Page 603, line 34, strike "F." and insert "E."

**Explanation:**

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

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Item 489.30 #1c

**Independent Agencies**

Virginia Cannabis Control Authority

Language

**Language:**

Page 604, after line 7, insert:  
"C. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 4-3.02 of this act, the State Comptroller may authorize an interest-free treasury loan for the Cannabis Control Authority to fund costs associated with the creation of a retail cannabis market in the Commonwealth consistent with the provisions of House Bill 2485 and Senate Bill 970 of the 2025 Session of the General Assembly. The amount of the treasury loan may include costs as estimated to be incurred by the Authority and the Department of Taxation for the administration, regulation, enforcement, and oversight of a retail cannabis market in accordance with House Bill 2485 and Senate Bill 970 of the 2025 Session of the General Assembly. The Secretary of Finance may extend the repayment plan for any such interest-free treasury loan for a period of longer than twelve months as needed to support Authority costs associated with the administration and regulation of a retail cannabis market. Intended repayment of the treasury loan is with revenues anticipated from fines, fees, and taxes collected pursuant to the legislation."

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**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides for the provision of an interest-free treasury loan to the Cannabis Control Authority to support the creation of a retail cannabis market in the Commonwealth consistent with the provisions of House Bill 2485 and Senate Bill 970.)

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Item 489.40 #1c

**Independent Agencies**

Opioid Abatement Authority

Language

**Language:**

Page 604, line 49, strike "\$15,664,145" and insert "\$16,164,145".

Page 605, strike lines 15 and 16.

Page 605, after line 18, insert:

"Department of Health Professions (223)	Prescription Monitoring Program	\$0	\$600,000
Department of Social Services (765)	Addiction Treatment Navigator	\$0	\$400,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment updates a table of all appropriations in the budget related to the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund.)

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Item C-0 #1c

**General Conditions**

General Conditions

Language

**Language:**

Page 615, after line 18, insert:

"17954 Central Reserve for Capital Equipment Funding Item C-47 of this act".

**Explanation:**

(This language amendment includes the capital outlay equipment pool among the list of capital funding pools between which balances can be transferred as needed to accommodate capital project cost needs. Any such transfers are done by the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, in consultation with the Six-Year Capital Outlay Plan Advisory Committee.)

**Administration**

Department of General Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 616, line 53, strike "E. Funding in the item provides", and insert:

"E.1. Out of this appropriation, the Department of General Services may use up to \$35,000,000".

Page 617, line 1, after "Building.", insert:

"2. These funds shall be unallotted by the Department of Planning and Budget until the Department of General Services (DGS) presents a relocation plan for the agencies in the James Monroe Building to the Six-Year Capital Outlay Plan Advisory Committee for approval. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, (i) the identified relocation space for each state agency, (ii) the anticipated renovation costs of each identified space, (iii) the anticipated impacts to the rent plan and parking fund, and (iv) identified conferencing space for agencies prior to completion of a new state agency building. In developing the plan, DGS shall (i) minimize the impact to the state rent plan by assigning space operated by DGS first, prior to using other state spaces, (ii) minimize the impact to the parking fund by maintaining agencies in downtown Richmond and assigning parking in state parking facilities to the extent practicable, and (iii) provide recommendations to the Six-Year Capital Outlay Plan Advisory Committee on any necessary rent plan changes or parking fee modifications to ensure sufficient funds for the operation of state buildings and parking facilities until the new state agency office building is constructed. These provisions shall not apply to the relocation of the Virginia Department of Health's Division of Pharmacy Services from the James Monroe Building."

Page 617, line 2, after "F.1.", strike "The", and insert:

"No sooner than January 30, 2026, the".

Page 617, after line 9, insert:

"H.1. The scope for this project shall include approximately 220,000 sf of assignable floor area to allow for relocation of tenants in Monroe, flexibility to adapt to unanticipated program needs, and the provision of swing space for pending renovations of other seat of government buildings. In addition, the scope shall include 21,900 sf of assignable floor area for a conference center to replace that which will be lost with the Monroe Building, 19,200 sf of assignable floor area for a data center and facility and security offices, space sufficient for the relocation of the health clinic currently in the Monroe Building, and parking capacity estimated at 836 spaces

2.The Department of General Services shall provide an update to the Six-Year Capital Outlay Plan Advisory Committee prior to December 15, 2025, on estimated size, cost, and timeline for construction of the facility, as well as for options as to the inclusion of a childcare facility for state employees in the building design and scope.

I.1. On July 1, 2025, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) shall transfer to the

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Department of General Services (DGS), the 0.535-acre parcel and the improvements thereon, located at 1401 East Broad Street, in the City of Richmond, Virginia, designated as City of Richmond Tax Parcel E0000153005 (the “Annex Parcel”), as shown and more particularly described on that certain plat entitled “Compiled Map–Commonwealth of Virginia, Vacation of Lot Lines and Consolidation of Multiple Parcels Located in the Blocks Bounded by Broad Street, 14th Street, Bank Street and 9th Street, City of Richmond, Virginia,” as recorded on June 4, 2018, in the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk of the City of Richmond with Instrument #18-11067. Additionally, any surface parking areas adjacent to this facility that fall within the intended footprint of the capital project authorized by this item, if not already owned by DGS, shall also transfer in full ownership and control to DGS on July 1, 2025.

2.a. VDOT shall continue to operate the Annex Building and Annex Parcel until it transfers operations to DGS upon the relocation of approximately half of the VDOT staff out of the Annex Building, no later than November 1, 2025. At that time, DGS shall assume operations of the Annex Building and Annex Parcel.

b. Notwithstanding the provisions of 2.a, above, as of July 1, 2025, DGS shall have control and use of areas designated for transition space for elected officials and staff. DGS and VDOT may enter into an agreement to support activities during the transition. Any such agreement shall recognize as priority use of the building for transition space; such use may continue as needed to accommodate renovations to the Patrick Henry Building (PHB). All efforts should be made so that continued use of the facility by VDOT or to accommodate offices during renovation of the PHB should not delay the advancement of the capital project authorized in this item.

3. VDOT shall demolish the pedestrian walkway over Old 14th Street after VDOT fully vacates the Annex Building.

J. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 22.1-13, Code of Virginia, meetings of the Board of Education shall be held in a location as proximate as possible to the seat of government in Richmond during the period in which public meeting space is not readily available due to the transition of state agencies out of the Monroe Building."

**Explanation:**

(This language amendment stipulates provisions related to moving tenants out of the James Monroe Building, as well as regarding a project to construct a new state agency office building at the current site of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Annex Building in Richmond. Specifically, the language relays an intended initial scope for project planning, and transfers property from VDOT to allow for future development of the site for the project. Finally, the language allow contains provisions regarding the near-term use of the property.)

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Item C-3.60 #1c

**Administration**

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Department of General Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 617, strike lines 12 through 24 and insert:

“The Department of General Services shall undergo a review of potential relocation of its Office of Fleet Management Services (OFMS), currently located at the property at 2400 West Leigh Street in the City of Richmond. The review shall include, but not be limited to, (i) examination of other properties for relocation of OFMS, and (ii) review of potential consolidation with the Virginia State Police and any other sizeable state fleet operations in the Richmond area. Virginia State Police and other affected agencies shall assist with the review as needed, which shall be provided to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1, 2025.”

**Explanation:**

(This language amendment removes authorization for the sale of property currently housing the state's fleet and instead directs the Department of General Services to undergo a review of such a relocation, to include potential efficiencies realized by co-locating with other state fleet entities, and report to the General Assembly by November 1, 2025.)

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Item C-5 #1c

**Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

George Mason University

\$12,250,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 618, line 15, strike "\$16,000,000" and insert "\$28,250,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides an additional \$12.3 million from the general fund the first year for George Mason University to address priority facility improvements. This increases the total project funding to \$28.3 million.)

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Item C-8.60 #1c

**Education**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Norfolk State University

\$6,000,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 619, line 16, strike "\$2,633,223" and insert "\$8,633,223".

Page 619, strike lines 18 through 21 and insert:

"Out of this appropriation, \$8,633,223 the first year from the general fund is provided to make

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campus safety and security improvements. This includes perimeter fencing, lighting, emergency call station installation and improvements, as well as property acquisition, and ensuing demolition and site stabilization/greening of resulting vacant land, as necessary. Any such land acquisitions shall be directly adjacent or in the near vicinity of the campus to make critical improvements to the security and safety of the campus and of its immediate surroundings.”

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides an additional \$6.0 million the first year from the general fund to increase funding for a security project at Norfolk State University to a total of \$8.2 million.)

Item C-16.10 #1c

<b>Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Virginia Community College System	\$750,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 621, after line 9, insert:

"C-16.10 - - - - Workforce Trades and Innovation Center	\$750,000	\$0
Fund Sources:                      General	\$750,000	\$0 "

"Out of this appropriation, \$750,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to support a capital project to create a Workforce Trades and Innovation Center at Paul D. Camp Community College. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, is authorized to transfer this amount to the applicable operating program within the Virginia Community College System as needed to effectuate intent of this Item.”

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$750,000 the first year from the general fund for state support of a Workforce Trades and Innovation Center at Paul D. Camp Community College.)

Item C-16.20 #1c

<b>Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Virginia Community College System	\$2,500,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 621, after line 9, insert:

"C-16.20 - - Aviation Maintenance Technician Facility	\$2,500,000	\$0
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Fund Sources:                      General                                      \$2,500,000                                      \$0 "

"Out of this appropriation, \$2,500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to support a project to create a Aviation Maintenance Technician Facility at Danville Community College. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, is authorized to transfer this amount to the applicable operating program within the Virginia Community College System as needed to effectuate the intent of this item."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$2.5 million the first year from the general fund for state support of an Aviation Maintenance Technician Facility at Danville Community College. A companion amendment provides operating funds to support the program.)

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Item C-21.60 #1c

<b>Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Virginia State University		

**Language:**

Page 621, after line 40, insert:

"C-21.60 Acquisition: Accept Property Transfer from Virginia Commonwealth University	\$0	\$0
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Page 620, after line 37, insert:

"A. Notwithstanding any provision of law, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) shall immediately transfer the certain lot of land, commonly known as First African Baptist Church, with church buildings and improvements thereon, lying and being in the City of Richmond, Virginia, specifically parcel VI as described in survey plan T-R99355-01 prepared by Draper Aden Associates stamped September 13, 2001, to Virginia State University (VSU).

B It is the intent of the General Assembly that the reuse of this property by VSU involves academic, historic preservation, and museum purposes.

C. VSU assumes, directly or indirectly, all responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the property.

D. The transfer of the property pursuant to paragraph A is conditioned upon the existence of a binding agreement between VCU and VSU that (a) provides that if VSU discontinues use for academic, historic preservation or museum purposes or conveys the property other than by lease to Virginia Union University, title to the property will revert to VCU and (b) updates the property survey for the purpose of revising the ownership tax records for the City of Richmond."

**Explanation:**

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(This language amendment authorizes the transfer of property between Virginia Commonwealth University and Virginia State University.)

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Item C-22.50 #1c

<b>Education: Higher Education</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center		

**Language:**

Page 622, after line 20, insert:

**"§ 2-17.10 SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER (948)**

C-22.50 Acquisition: Property Transfer from Virginia Highlands Community College	\$0	\$0
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The State Board for Community Colleges shall transfer, without consideration, the property substantially described as follows at Virginia Highlands Community College to the Board of Trustees of the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center: a piece of land used as a parking lot, referred as parking lot 3, consisting of approximately 500 parking spaces. The transfer shall be made in a form approved by the Attorney General. The State Board and the Center shall work amicably to perform required land surveying to effectuate this transfer of the property substantially described herein and to resolve any boundary, rights of way, or easement concerns that arise in the course of this transfer. The Center shall be responsible for paying any land surveying and documenting recording costs related to this transfer. The appropriate officials of the Commonwealth shall prepare, execute, and deliver such documents as may be necessary to accomplish this transfer."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment transfers a parking lot from Virginia Highlands Community College to the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center without consideration.)

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Item C-24 #1c

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	(\$19,793,205)	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 622, line 43, strike "\$72,093,205" and insert "\$52,300,000".  
Page 623, after line 12, insert:



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"C.1. Out of the amounts provided in this item, \$32,300,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to support the following projects to renovate, repair, and/or upgrade facilities, in amounts estimated as follows:

- a. \$18,200,000 for an HVAC replacement at Catawba Hospital;
- b. \$10,100,000 to address security, access control, and window replacement at Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute; and
- c. \$3,000,000 to convert 10 existing beds at the Southeastern Virginia Training Center to accommodate a skilled nursing level of care. Agencies responsible for the review and approval of funds, design plans, and procurement documents related to this project shall expedite their work to the extent feasible.

2. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, is authorized to reallocate funding among projects authorized in paragraph C.1. as needed to accommodate actual costs, or to reflect any federal funds that may be provided to supplant state support.

D. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) shall form a workgroup to review and recommend placement for a replacement Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute. The workgroup shall include representatives from the Department of General Services, public stakeholders, and other partners as necessary to make the best determination of appropriate location of a future facility. As needed, DBHDS may use funds appropriated to this item to support research or contractual costs associated with this workgroup. The Department shall report findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the Committees of House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations, as well as to the Committees of House Health and Human Services and Senate Education and Health, no later than November 1, 2025."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$32.3 million for targeted renovations and upgrades to DBHDS-owned facilities. The amendment also includes language directing the department to form a workgroup to review and recommend placement for a new Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute.)

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		Item C-29.30 #1c
<b>Natural and Historic Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$20,000,000	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 624, after line 11, insert:

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"C-29.30 Improvements: State Parks Deferred Maintenance	\$20,000,000	\$0
Fund Sources:                      General	\$20,000,000	\$0 "

- A. Out of this appropriation, up to \$1,800,000 shall be used to renovate lodging facilities at Breaks Interstate Park, including the Catawba Unit.
- B. Out of this appropriation, up to \$300,000 shall be used for remediation of the breach at Jones Pond in Caledon State Park."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$20.0 million general fund the first year for an umbrella capital project at the Department of Conservation and Recreation to address the backlog of deferred maintenance at Virginia's state parks.)

Item C-32.10 #1c

<b>Public Safety</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Department of Corrections	\$25,000,000	\$0   GF

**Language:**

Page 625, after line 32, insert:

"C-32.10 Improvements: HVAC Improvements and Installations	\$25,000,000	\$0
Fund Sources:                      General	\$25,000,000	\$0 "

- A. Out of this appropriation, \$25,000,000 the first year is provided for the department to conduct necessary improvements at Nottoway Correctional Center to install adequate heating, ventilation, and air conditioning."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$25.0 million the first year from the general fund for an umbrella project to upgrade correctional facilities that do not currently have fully-operable air conditioning. For this first installment of funding, language directs funding to Nottoway Correctional Center.)

Item C-39.10 #1c

<b>Transportation</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Virginia Port Authority	\$0	\$335,000,000   NGF

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**Language:**

Page 626, after line 22, insert:

"C-39.10 Improvements: Capital Lease Amendment for the Virginia International Gateway Terminal	\$0	\$335,000,000
Fund Sources:                      Special	\$0	\$335,000,000 "

**Explanation:**

(This amendment authorizes \$335.0 million in Virginia Port Authority bonds for a capital lease amendment for the Virginia International Gateway Terminal.)

Item C-46 #1c

<b>Central Appropriations</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Central Capital Outlay	\$60,000,000	(\$60,000,000)	GF

**Language:**

Page 628, line 12, strike "\$204,000,000" and insert "\$264,000,000".  
 Page 628, line 12, strike "\$260,000,000" and insert "\$200,000,000".  
 Page 628, line 14, strike "\$204,000,000" and insert "\$264,000,000".  
 Page 628, line 14, strike "\$260,000,000" and insert "\$200,000,000".  
 Page 628, strike lines 17 through 50 and insert:

"Agency Name/Code	Project Code	FY 2025	FY 2026
Department of Military Affairs (123)	10893	\$3,729,720	\$2,869,016
The Science Museum of Virginia (146)	13634	\$1,717,692	\$1,321,302
Department of State Police (156)	10886	\$552,547	\$425,302
Department of General Services (194)	14260	\$18,830,094	\$15,907,765
Department of General Services (194) on behalf of the Fort Monroe Authority	18644	\$5,606,824	\$4,312,942
Department of Conservation and Recreation (199)	16646	\$5,517,286	\$4,244,067
The Library of Virginia (202)	17423	\$282,118	\$250,000
Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center (203)	10885	\$696,888	\$536,068

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The College of William and Mary (204)	12713	\$6,080,531	\$4,677,332
University of Virginia (207)	12704	\$19,310,254	\$14,854,042
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (208)	12707	\$24,551,095	\$18,885,458
Virginia Military Institute (211)	12732	\$3,795,492	\$2,919,609
Virginia State University (212)	12733	\$5,221,747	\$4,574,421
Norfolk State University (213)	12724	\$3,893,157	\$2,994,736
Longwood University (214)	12722	\$2,934,914	\$1,642,242
University of Mary Washington (215)	12723	\$8,265,157	\$2,127,044
James Madison University (216)	12718	\$6,516,008	\$5,012,314
Radford University (217)	12731	\$6,890,423	\$2,223,402
Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind (218)	14082	\$1,278,106	\$983,159
Old Dominion University (221)	12710	\$6,424,209	\$4,941,699
Virginia Commonwealth University (236)	12708	\$20,766,767	\$15,974,436
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (238)	13633	\$4,019,561	\$1,565,206
Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia (239)	15045	\$320,335	\$250,000
Richard Bland College (241)	12716	\$520,711	\$400,547
Christopher Newport University (242)	12719	\$3,512,406	\$2,701,851
University of Virginia's College at Wise (246)	12706	\$2,529,541	\$561,186
George Mason University (247)	12712	\$5,416,367	\$4,166,436
Virginia Community College System (260)	12611	\$33,069,575	\$25,438,135
Virginia Institute of Marine Science (268)	12331	\$1,022,796	\$786,767
Eastern Virginia Medical School (274)	18190	\$2,834,276	\$2,180,212
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (301)	12253	\$478,537	\$368,106
Department of Energy (409)	13096	\$272,911	\$250,000

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Department of Forestry (411)	13986	\$2,513,111	\$1,933,163
Gunston Hall (417)	12382	\$525,508	\$500,000
Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation (425)	13605	\$1,987,379	\$1,528,753
Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (702)	13942	\$416,138	\$320,107
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (720)	10880	\$10,532,270	\$8,101,746
Department of Juvenile Justice (777)	15081	\$2,247,152	\$1,728,579
Department of Forensic Science (778)	16320	\$1,027,481	\$790,370
Department of Corrections (799)	10887	\$35,502,827	\$32,414,362
Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (885)	18044	\$268,884	\$250,000
Department of Veterans Services (912)	17073	\$303,648	\$250,000
Roanoke Higher Education Authority (935)	17916	\$874,899	\$788,384
Southern Virginia Higher Education Center (937)	18131	\$282,953	\$250,000
New College Institute (938)	18132	\$0	\$250,000
Virginia Museum of Natural History (942)	14439	\$338,618	\$300,000
Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center (948)	16499	\$321,087	\$250,000
<b>Total</b>		\$264,000,000	\$200,000,000".

Page 629, strike lines 1 through 53.

Page 631, after line 23, insert:

"Q. Out of amounts provided in this item, the Department of General Services is authorized to use an amount estimated at \$1,000,000 to continue efforts first authorized in Item 71 I. of this act to assess, upgrade, and increase capabilities of systems associated with the management of Commonwealth capital assets.

R. Amounts provided in this item to the Department of General Services may be used as needed, and upon direction of the Clerks of the House and Senate, for renovations for the purposes set out in Item 1.D.2. of this act. Any such project shall be exempt from restrictions applied to maintenance reserve funds."

**Explanation:**

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(This amendment reflects a zero-sum shift of \$60.0 million in general fund from the second year to the first year, and specifies targeted uses for maintenance reserve allocations..)

Item C-48 #1c

<b>Central Appropriations</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Central Capital Outlay	\$776,750	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 632, line 25, strike "\$51,987,457" and insert "\$52,764,207".

Page 632, line 30, strike "\$40,233,560" and insert "\$41,010,310".

Page 633, line 29, strike "\$31,698,103" and insert "\$31,974,853".

Page 633, line 31, strike "\$31,698,103" and insert "\$31,974,853".

Page 633, line 29, after "K.", insert "1."

Page 633, after line 43, insert:

"204 College of William and Mary Renovate Ewell Hall".

Page 633, after line 48, insert:

"242 Christopher Newport University Replace Military Sciences Building".

Page 634, after line 1, insert:

"2. Out of this appropriation, funding is provided for the following projects to proceed with planning through completion of working drawings:

204 College of William and Mary Renovate Ewell Hall

212 Virginia State University Construct BOLT Leadership Center for Social Responsibility (18703)

3. Out of this appropriation, funding is provided to initiate detailed planning for a project at Radford University to Construct a Roanoke Academic Building."

Page 634, after line 12, insert:

"N. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year from the general fund shall be transferred into the Central Capital Planning Fund (09650) and provided for Virginia State University to conduct pre-planning on a project to replace the Johnson Memorial Library.

O. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year from the general fund shall be transferred into the Central Capital Planning Fund (09650) and provided for Virginia Community College System to conduct pre-planning on a project to renovate the Learning Resource Center at Virginia Highlands Community College.

P.1. The scope of the Department of General Services (DGS) project to Replace State Laboratory (18706) shall be a 298,875 gross square feet lab facility and 401 surface parking spaces. The scope of the project may be expanded to include space to locate state pharmacy operations. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, by no later than December 31, 2025, the Department of Transportation (VDOT) shall transfer to the Department of General Services (DGS) the approximate 21.2 acre portion of Hanover County Tax Parcel 7795-99-9936 located

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directly south of Tax Parcel 7796-910-0272 for the replacement of the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services facility.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, VDOT shall surplus the remaining 11.4 and 15.3 acre portions of Hanover County Tax Parcel 7795-99-9936 in accordance with the provisions of § 2.2-1156, Code of Virginia. Any proceeds from the sale of the remaining acres may be used to supplement and support existing maintenance reserve and capital project needs for VDOT facilities and any proceeds not so used shall be deposited into the Transportation Trust Fund."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$776,750 the first year from the general fund, adds projects to the capital planning pool, and clarifies the intended scope of the project to construct a new state laboratory.)

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Item C-52 #1c

<b>Central Appropriations</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Central Capital Outlay	(\$125,372,497)	\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 637, line 43, strike "\$136,311,497" and insert "\$10,939,000".

Page 637, line 50, after "approval.", strike the remainder of the line.

Page 637, strike lines 51 through 53 and insert:

"Once the project scope is approved by the Six-Year Capital Outlay Plan Advisory Committee, the project is authorized for full planning through working drawings. The Department of General Services shall serve as the project manager responsible for overseeing and coordinating the capital project."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$10.9 million from the general fund to authorize planning through working drawings for the replacement of the State Police Training Academy. Combined with \$2.5 million previously provided for this project, there is sufficient funding for the project to progress fully through design and completion of working drawings with anticipated construction beginning in 2027.)

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Item C-52.10 #1c

<b>Central Appropriations</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Central Capital Outlay	\$177,829,523	\$0 GF
	\$89,000,000	\$0 NGF

**Language:**

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Page 638, line 6, strike "\$528,545,771" and insert "\$795,375,294".

Page 638, line 10, strike "\$448,214,251" and insert "\$626,043,774".

Page 638, line 11, strike "\$80,331,520" and insert "\$169,331,520".

Page 638, after line 19, insert:

"207 University of Virginia Construct Center for the Arts (18602)".

Page 638, strike lines 24 through 27.

Page 638, after line 31, insert:

"216 James Madison University Renovate Johnston Hall (18758)".

Page 638, after line 35, insert:

"268 Virginia Institute of Marine Science Construct Marine Operations Administration Complex (18746)".

Page 638, line 39, after "B", insert "1."

Page 638, line 39, strike "shall" and insert "may".

Page 638, after line 41, insert:

"2. The scope of the project to Renovate Virginia Hall (212-18757) is hereby expanded to include the renovation of four smaller campus buildings at Virginia State University, as follows: Colson Hall, Lindsay Montague, Johnella Jackson, and Memorial Hall. The intent of these renovations is to provide near-term relocation of educational and general faculty and staff relocated from Virginia Hall. The scope of the projects shall include any needed updates to the buildings' critical systems, envelope, and/or other core elements as needed for the buildings to be utilized by the institution in the long term as educational and general office support space."

Page 638, after line 41, insert:

"C. To execute the project titled "Acquire Altria Building," Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) shall remit lease payments above the actual operating costs of the building to the general fund or shall reduce the general fund portion of the purchase price equal to the amount of such excess lease payments while VCU leases space in the building to Altria or any another entity not related to Virginia Commonwealth University or the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides an additional \$177.8 million from the general fund the first year and \$89.0 million from nongeneral funds to makes changes to projects authorized for construction at institutions of higher education.)

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Item C-52.20 #1c

**Central Appropriations**

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Central Capital Outlay

(\$23,884,993)

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 638, line 42, strike "\$130,451,057" and insert "\$106,566,064".



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Page 638, line 44, strike "\$130,451,057" and insert "\$106,566,064".

Page 638, strike lines 49 through 52.

Page 639, after line 5, insert:

"194 Department of General Services Carillon Tenant Improvements".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment is a net reduction of \$23.9 million in the first year from the general fund accompanying adjustments to capital projects authorized in the 2025 State Agency Capital Account.)

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Item C-53.50 #1c

<b>Central Appropriations</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Central Capital Outlay	(\$400,000,000) \$231,164,700	\$0 GF \$200,000,000 NGF

**Language:**

Page 639, line 35, strike "\$400,000,000" and insert "\$231,164,700".

Page 639, line 35, strike "\$0" and insert "\$200,000,000".

Page 639, strike lines 39 through 54, and insert:

"A.1. Out of this appropriation, \$231,164,700 the first year 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 \$231,164,700 the first year and \$200,000,000 the second year plus amounts needed to fund issuance costs, reserve funds, original issue discount, interest 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 provides \$431.2 million in bond proceeds for critical wastewater treatment plant upgrades. This restores \$400.0 million in bond proceeds previously authorized during the 2024 General Assembly Special Session I, and increases the general fund supported debt

authorization by \$31.2 million to reflect cost overruns and increases for these projects.)

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**Central Appropriations**

Central Capital Outlay

Language

**Language:**

Page 640, strike lines 11 through 41, and insert:

"B.1. The scope and title of the Department of General Services project to "Provide water infrastructure to state facilities in Nottoway County, Virginia" (194-18516), as previously authorized in Item C-67 of Chapter 1289 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly, and amended in Item C-78 of Chapter 1 of the 2023 Acts of Assembly Special Session I, is hereby amended and changed to "Replace water transmission line to state facilities in Nottoway County, Virginia (194-18516)". The scope of the project shall be to replace the main water transmission line and to explore increasing water capacity via wells to support the water needs of Piedmont Geriatric Hospital, the Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation (Phases 1 and 2), and Nottoway Correctional Center. The Department shall proceed expeditiously to satisfy the scope of the project as described.

2. Funds appropriated to the 2022 Capital Supplement Pool in Item C-49 of this act and remaining from previous appropriation to the 2022 Capital Supplement Pool shall be used to support the cost of this project if needed beyond amounts originally assumed and available from the 2020 VPBA Capital Construction Pool to execute the project as described in paragraph B.1. of this item.

3. The Department is authorized to construct, provide, and improve infrastructure as necessary to implement the project, to acquire by purchase, gift, or power of eminent domain such lands, structures, rights-of-way, franchises, easements, and other interests in lands of any person, association, partnership, corporation, railroad, public service, public utility, municipality or political subdivision, all without obtaining the consent or permission of any locality or public body. Condemnation proceedings authorized by the preceding sentence shall be conducted, at the option of the Department, under the provisions of Chapter 2 or Chapter 3 of Title 25.1 of the Virginia Code. The ownership, construction, and operation of the infrastructure shall not be subject to any state or local permitting requirements or similar ordinances or regulations. Upon completion of construction, the Department is authorized to transfer ownership and/or operation of all or any part of the property to one or more locality, which shall not require the consent or permission of any locality or public body. The exercise of the power of eminent domain for the purposes provided herein shall be and is declared to be a public use of such property.

4. The Virginia Resources Authority (VRA) and the Department of Health (VDH) shall assist the Town of Crewe with exploring and evaluating funding options to upgrade, repair, or replace water infrastructure to increase water capacity, including but not limited to, identifying grants

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and revolving loans. Upon request, other state agencies shall provide assistance as needed to support this effort. No later than January 1, 2026, VRA and VDH shall provide information to the Chairs of House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees on the funding options for additional infrastructure upgrades needed to provide water for the Town of Crewe."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment amends the scope of the water project for three state facilities in Nottoway County to replace a water transmission line and the exploration of increasing water capacity by creating wells and provides supplemental funding to ensure completion of the project's scope as amended. This project was originally authorized and funded in the 2020 Virginia Public Building Authority Construction Pool.)

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	Item C-53.80 #1c	
<b>Central Appropriations</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Central Capital Outlay	\$40,000,000	\$0 NGF

**Language:**

Page 640, after line 50, insert:

"C-53.80 Improvements: Local Water Quality and Supply Projects (18050)	\$40,000,000	\$0
Fund Sources:           General	\$0	\$0
Bond Proceeds	\$40,000,000	\$0 "

"A. The Virginia Public Building Authority, pursuant to § 2.2-2260 et seq., Code of Virginia, is authorized to issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$40,000,000, plus amounts needed to fund issuance costs, reserve funds, original issue discount, interest prior to and during the acquisition or construction and for one year after completion thereof, and other financing expenses, to finance the costs of the projects described in paragraph C. of this item.

B. Debt service on the bonds issued under the authorization in this item shall be provided from appropriations to the Treasury Board.

C. From the appropriation and bond authorization provided in this item, up to \$40,000,000 of the bond proceeds shall be provided to the Department of Environmental Quality for the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund, established in accordance with the provisions of Item 365 of this act. In accordance with the purpose of the Fund set out in Item 365, the appropriation shall be used to provide grants solely for capital projects meeting all pre-requirements for implementation, including but not limited to: i) new stormwater best management practices; ii) stormwater best management practice retrofits; iii) stream restoration; iv) low impact development projects; v) buffer restoration; vi) pond retrofits; and vii) wetlands restoration.

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Such grants shall be in accordance with eligibility determinations made by the State Water Control Board under the authority of the Department of Environmental Quality.

D. The provisions of §§ 2-0 and 4-4.01 of this act and the provisions of § 2.2-1132, Code of Virginia, shall not apply to the projects supported by this item."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$40.0 million tax-supported bond proceeds the first year to the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund to provide matching grants to local governments for the planning, design, and implementation of stormwater best management practices.)

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Item 3-1.01 #1c

**Transfers**

Interfund Transfers

Language

**Language:**

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

**Explanation:**

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

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Item 3-1.01 #2c

**Transfers**

Interfund Transfers

Language

**Language:**

Page 655, after line 34, insert:  
"VV. On or before June 30, 2025, the State Comptroller shall transfer an estimated \$1,987,000 from the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to the general fund."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reverts money to the general fund previously provided for talent training and recruitment services for Blue Star Manufacturing. This economic development project has stalled and funding is no longer required for these services. )

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**Transfers**

Interfund Transfers

Language

**Language:**

Page 653, line 22, strike the first "\$12,184,600" and insert "\$12,959,600".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment increases the transfer from the general fund to the Game Protection Fund at the Department of Wildlife Resources by \$789,000 to reflect the amount necessary to support department activities as outlined in companion amendments to Item 370.)

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Item 3-1.01 #4c

**Transfers**

Interfund Transfers

Language

**Language:**

Page 654, line 47, strike the first "\$500,000" and insert "\$5,907,294".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment transfers excess amounts in the Regulatory, Consumer Advocacy, Litigation, and Enforcement Revolving Trust Fund to the general fund in the first year.)

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Item 3-1.01 #5c

**Transfers**

Interfund Transfers

Language

**Language:**

Page 655, after line 34, insert:

"VV. On or before June 30, the State Comptroller shall transfer an estimated \$29,000,000 the first year and \$31,000,000 the second year to the general fund from the State Racing Operations Fund (02280) at the Virginia Racing Commission (405) in accordance with the provisions in Item 99 of this act and § 59.1-392."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Comptroller to transfer balances from the the State Racing Operations Fund in excess of the required distributions in Code from the Pari-Mutuel Wagering License Tax and the authorized operating carryforward for the Racing Commission. The

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estimated transfer to the general fund is \$29.0 million the first year and \$31.0 million the second year.)

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Item 3-2.01 #1c

**Working Capital Funds and Lines of Credit**

Advances to Working Capital Funds

Language

**Language:**

Page 656, line 15, strike "A."

Page 656, strike lines, 17 through 19.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment eliminates a working capital advance of up to \$5,000,000 for start-up costs associated with implementing the Virginia Opportunity Scholarship Program.)

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Item 3-2.03 #1c

**Working Capital Funds and Lines of Credit**

Lines of Credit

Language

**Language:**

Page 657, strike lines 12 through 13.

Page 657, strike lines 22 through 24.

Page 658, strike lines 11 through 13.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes new lines of credit included in the introduced budget bill for the Department of Military Affairs, Department of Workforce Development and Advancement, and the Department of Veterans Services for the Davis and McDaniel Veterans Care Center.)

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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 658, after line 45, insert:

"Staff from the Department of Planning and Budget, Department of Taxation, House

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Appropriations Committee, and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee shall collaborate to propose statutory amendments and budget language amendments for the 2026-2028 biennial budget as needed to allow the sales tax revenues collected pursuant to § 58.1-638 F to be deposited directly to the general fund for public education purposes in lieu of the current requirement that these funds be first deposited into the fund established in § 58.1-638.1."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs staff from the Department of Planning and Budget, Department of Taxation, House Appropriations Committee, and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee to collaborate to propose legislative changes to streamline the flow of certain sales tax revenues that are currently required to first be deposited into a special fund. In practice, these funds are later transferred into the general fund for public education purposes.)

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Item 3-5.15 #1c

**Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections**

Provider Payment Rate Assessment

Language

**Language:**

Page 661, lines 52. after "private" strike "acute care".

Page 661, lines 52. after "this item. Private" strike "acute care".

Page 662, line 1 after "private" strike "acute".

Page 662, at the beginning of line 2, strike "care".

Page 662, line 2, after "hospitals", insert:

"shall include acute care hospitals and critical access hospitals and shall".

Page 662, line 3, after "hospitals," insert "and"

Page 662, line 3, strike "and critical access hospitals".

Page 662, line 5. after "private" strike "acute care".

Page 662, line 7. after "private" strike "acute care".

Page 662, line 11. after "private" strike "acute care hospitals" and insert "hospital".

Page 662, after line 15, insert:

"4. DMAS is authorized to define hospital classes and set variable assessment rates for different hospital classes in accordance with CMS regulations."

Page 662, line 17, after "private" strike "acute care".

Page 662, line 21, after "private" strike "acute care".

Page 662, line 30, after "private" strike "acute care".

Page 662, line 34, after "private" strike "acute care".

Page 662, line 37, after "private" strike "acute care".

Page 662, line 42, after "private" strike "acute care".

Page 663, line 1, after "private" strike "acute care".

Page 663, after line 4, insert:

"I. The department shall have the authority to update the State Plan Amendment and preprint to

the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to revise the “net patient service revenue” calculation for the state in accordance with CMS regulations to include currently excluded providers to attain the maximum assessment allowed under federal law as the upper limit of total assessments. The Department shall have the authority to implement this change effective July 1, 2024, and prior to the completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change.”

Page 663, line 5, strike "I ." and insert "J."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment modifies the language and methodology used to calculate the Medicaid hospital provider payment rate assessment that was adopted during the 2018, Special Session I. The amendment allows the Department of Medical Assistance Services to complete calculations to add critical access hospitals to the rates assessment and to define hospital classes and set variable assessment rates for different hospital classes for this purpose. This amendment also increases the number of hospitals subject to the rate assessment to all private hospitals in Virginia and excludes only public hospitals from the calculation of the rate assessment. Currently 63 hospitals are subject to the provider rate assessment. This amendment allows DMAS to complete calculations to determine which hospitals will be subject to the rate assessment. Public hospitals remain exempt from the calculation of the rate assessment. Language provides the agency with the authority to modify the net patient service revenue calculation to include all public hospitals and private hospitals for the purpose of determining enhanced Medicaid hospital outpatient and inpatient payments.)

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Item 3-5.16 #1c

**Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections**

Tobacco Tax Study

Language

**Language:**

Page 663, strike lines 7 through 14 and insert "Omitted".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes study language on tobacco taxes.)

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Item 3-5.23 #1c

**Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections**

Retail Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Certain Drilling  
Equipment

Language

**Language:**



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Page 664, line 49, after "July 1," strike "2025" and insert "2026".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment extends the sunset date for the Code provision providing a sales tax exemption for certain drilling equipment from July 1, 2025 to July 1, 2026.)

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	Item 3-5.25 #1c	
<b>Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Retail Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Bullion and Legal Tender Coins		

**Language:**

Page 665, after line 4, insert:

**"§3-5.25 RETAIL SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION FOR BULLION AND LEGAL TENDER COINS**

3-5.25 RETAIL SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION FOR BULLION AND LEGAL TENDER COINS	\$0	\$0
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Notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation, the retail sales and use tax exemption provided for in subdivision 19 of § 58.1-609.1 of the Code of Virginia, applicable to gold, silver, or platinum bullion or legal tender coins shall remain in effect through July 1, 2026."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment extends the sales and use tax exemption for bullion or legal tender coins through July 1, 2026, which currently is set to expire on July 1, 2025.)

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	Item 3-5.26 #1c	
<b>Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
Recyclable Materials Processing Equipment Tax Credit		

**Language:**

Page 665, after line 4, insert:

**"§3-5.26 RECYCLABLE MATERIALS PROCESSING EQUIPMENT TAX CREDIT**

3-5.26 RECYCLABLE MATERIALS PROCESSING EQUIPMENT TAX CREDIT	\$0	\$0
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Notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation, the tax credit authorized in § 58.1-439.7 of the Code of Virginia for the purchase of machinery and equipment used for advanced recycling and processing recyclable materials shall remain in effect through taxable years beginning before January 1, 2027."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment extends the tax credit for the purchase of machinery and equipment used for advanced recycling and processing recyclable materials to January 1, 2027. The existing tax credit expired on and after January 1, 2025.)

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Item 4-1.02 #1c

**Appropriations**

Withholding of Spending Authority

Language

**Language:**

Page 668, after line 21, insert:

"c) 1. Within 30 business days after the enactment of amendments to federal income taxes, the Department of Taxation shall provide the estimated fiscal impacts to general fund revenue from such amendments to federal income tax law to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees.

2. Within 20 business days of receiving the estimated fiscal impacts from the Department of Taxation in subsection c) 1., the Governor shall submit a budget bill in accordance with § 2.2-1509, notwithstanding any conflicting requirements in § 2.2-1509, if the cumulative projected impact of such amendments, except any amendment to federal income tax law that is a federal tax extender as defined under subdivision B 11 of § 58.1-301, would decrease general fund revenues by more than \$100.0 million in the fiscal year in which the amendments were enacted or the succeeding fiscal year.

3. Notwithstanding c) 2., if the requirements in subsection c) 1., are met on or after November 1 but before the date on which the Governor submits a budget bill in accordance with § 2.2-1509, the Governor shall not be required to submit a budget within 20 business days but instead shall include the estimated fiscal impacts in the budget bill introduced in accordance with § 2.2-1509. If the requirements in subsection c) 2. are met on or after the date on which the Governor submits a budget bill in accordance with § 2.2-1509 but before the adjournment of a regular session of the General Assembly in the following year, the Governor shall not be required to submit a budget within 20 business days."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Department of Taxation to produce estimated revenue impacts from federal income tax law changes impacting the general fund and communicate those within

30 business days to the Governor and General Assembly. Within 20 days after receiving the estimates, the Governor would be required to submit an introduced budget bill if the cumulative impact of federal amendments, except any amendment that is a federal tax extender, would decrease general fund revenue by more than \$100.0 million in the fiscal year in which the amendments were enacted or the succeeding fiscal year.)

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Item 4-1.02 #2c

**Appropriations**

Withholding of Spending Authority

Language

**Language:**

Page 669, after line 37, insert:

"e. Reduced Federal Grant Revenue:

1. Within 30 business days after the enactment of federal changes that impact federal grant revenue to the Commonwealth by at least \$100 million in the fiscal year in which the federal changes occur or the succeeding fiscal year, whether by an Act of Congress or by executive action, the Department of Planning and Budget shall provide the estimated fiscal impact from such federal changes to the Governor and the Chairs of the Senate Finance and Appropriations and the House Appropriations Committees.
2. Federal grants shall be payable in full only to the extent the nongeneral fund revenues from which the federal grant is payable are estimated to be sufficient. The Governor is authorized to reduce allotments for the impacted federal grants by the amount necessary to ensure that expenditures do not exceed the supporting revenues for such appropriation.
3. If federal grant reductions result in additional general fund expenditures being required (i.e. mandatory programs) that exceed one percent of the general fund operating budget in the fiscal year in which the federal changes occur or the succeeding fiscal year, the Governor shall consult with the leadership of the General Assembly regarding the need to call the General Assembly into special session for budgetary purposes to respond to the impact from reductions in federal grant revenue.
4. These provisions shall not apply to major nongeneral fund sources as defined as Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund and Transportation Trust Fund."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment establishes a process to respond to potential reductions in federal grant revenue.)

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Item 4-5.04 #1c

**Special Conditions and Restrictions on Expenditures**

Goods and Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 695, line 33, unstrike "or state statute".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment restores language contained in Chapter 2, 2024 Special Session I, which prohibits any funding in the budget from being used for abortion services unless otherwise required by federal or state law. The introduced budget eliminated the reference to state law.)

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Item 4-7.01 #1c

**Statewide Plans**

Manpower Control Program

Language

**Language:**

Page 710, line 17, after "employment", insert "(the maximum employment level)".

Page 710, line 19, after "agencies.", insert:

"The Director, Department of Human Resource Management, shall review the number of full-time filled positions on a monthly basis to determine if the agency has exceeded its Position Level. In any month that an agency or agencies exceed their Position Level, the Director, Department of Human Resource Management, shall notify the Governor, the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees indicating which agency or agencies exceeded their Position Level for that month, including the number of positions in excess. Any state agency that exceeds its Position Level shall seek approval for a temporary Position Level increase or develop a plan through attrition to reduce their number to be at or below their Position Level."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment clarifies requirements related to position levels.)

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Item 4-14 #1c

**Effective Date**

Effective Date

Language

**Language:**

Page 732, after line 1, insert:

**"17. That §§ 59.1-376 and 59.1-392 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 59.1-376. Limited licenses; transfer of meet; taxation; authority to issue; limitations.**

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 59.1-375 or § 59.1-378 but subject to such regulations and criteria as it may prescribe, the Commission is authorized to issue limited licenses, provided such licenses shall permit any holder to conduct a race meeting or meetings for a period not to exceed 14 days in any calendar year, or in the case of a significant infrastructure limited licensee, 75 days in any calendar year.

B. The Commission may at any time, in its discretion, authorize any organization or association licensed under this section to transfer its race meeting or meetings from its own track or place for holding races, to the track or place for holding races of any other organization or association licensed under this chapter upon the payment of any and all appropriate license fees. No such authority to transfer shall be granted without the express consent of the organization or association owning or leasing the track to which such transfer is made.

C. For any such meeting the licensee shall retain and pay from the pool the tax as provided in § 59.1-392.

D. No person to whom a limited license has been issued nor any officer, director, partner, or spouse or immediate family member thereof shall make any contribution to any candidate for public office or public office holder at the local or state level.

*E. On and after July 1, 2026, in addition to all other taxes and fees imposed by law, there is hereby levied a significant infrastructure facility limited license tax upon any significant infrastructure limited licensee. Any such licensee shall pay to the locality in which a significant infrastructure facility for such licensee is located \$110,000 for each live racing day at such facility.*

**§ 59.1-392. Percentage retained; tax.**

A. Any person holding an operator's license to operate a horse racetrack or satellite facility in the Commonwealth pursuant to this chapter shall be authorized to conduct pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing subject to the provisions of this chapter and the conditions and regulations of the Commission.

B. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering at the racetrack on live horse racing conducted within the Commonwealth, involving win, place, and show wagering, the licensee shall retain a percentage amount approved by the Commission as jointly requested by a recognized majority horsemen's group and a licensee and the legitimate breakage, out of which shall be paid 1.25 percent to be distributed as follows: 1.0 percent to the Commonwealth as a license tax and 0.25 percent to the locality in which the racetrack is located. The remainder of the retainage shall be paid as provided in subsection D, provided, however, that if the percentage amount approved by the Commission is other than percent, the amounts provided in subdivisions D 1, 2, and 3 shall be adjusted by the proportion that the approved percentage amount bears to 18 percent.

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C. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering at each Virginia satellite facility on live horse racing conducted within the Commonwealth, involving win, place, and show wagering, the licensee shall retain a percentage amount approved by the Commission as jointly requested by a recognized majority horsemen's group and a licensee and the legitimate breakage, out of which shall be paid 1.25 percent to be distributed as follows: 0.75 percent to the Commonwealth as a license tax, 0.25 percent to the locality in which the satellite facility is located, and 0.25 percent to the locality in which the racetrack is located. The remainder of the retainage shall be paid as provided in subsection D, provided, however, that if the 25 percentage amount approved by the Commission is other than 18 percent, the amounts provided in subdivisions D 1, 2, and 3 shall be adjusted by the proportion that the approved percentage amount bears to 18 percent.

D. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering at the racetrack and each Virginia satellite facility on live horse racing conducted within the Commonwealth, involving win, place, and show wagering, the licensee shall retain a percentage amount approved by the Commission as jointly requested by a recognized majority horsemen's group and a licensee and the legitimate breakage, out of which shall be paid:

1. Eight percent as purses or prizes to the participants in such race meeting;
2. Seven and one-half percent and all of the breakage and the proceeds of pari-mutuel tickets unredeemed 180 days from the date on which the race was conducted, to the operator;
3. One percent to the Virginia Breeders Fund;
4. Fifteen one-hundredths percent to the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine;
5. Five one-hundredths percent to the Virginia Horse Center Foundation;
6. Five one-hundredths percent to the Virginia Horse Industry Board; and
7. The remainder of the retainage shall be paid as appropriate under subsection B or C.

E. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering at the racetrack on live horse racing conducted within the Commonwealth involving wagering other than win, place, and show wagering, the licensee shall retain a percentage amount approved by the Commission as jointly requested by a recognized majority horsemen's group and a licensee and the legitimate breakage, out of which shall be paid 2.75 percent to be distributed as follows: 2.25 percent to the Commonwealth as a license tax, and 0.5 percent to the locality in which the racetrack is located. The remainder of the retainage shall be paid as provided in subsection G, provided, however, that if the percentage amount approved by the Commission is other than 22 percent, the amounts provided in subdivisions G 1, 2, and 3 shall be adjusted by the proportion that the approved percentage amount bears to 22 percent.

F. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering at each Virginia satellite facility on live horse racing conducted within the Commonwealth involving wagering other than win, place, and show wagering, the licensee shall retain a percentage amount approved by the Commission as

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jointly requested by a recognized majority horsemen's group and a licensee and the legitimate breakage, out of which shall be paid 2.75 percent to be distributed as follows: 1.75 percent to the Commonwealth as a license tax, 0.5 percent to the locality in which the satellite facility is located, and 0.5 percent to the locality in which the racetrack is located. The remainder of the retainage shall be paid as provided in subsection G, provided, however, that if the percentage amount approved by the Commission is other than 22 percent, the amounts provided in subdivisions G 1, 2, and 3 shall be adjusted by the proportion that the approved percentage amount bears to 22 percent.

G. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering at the racetrack and each Virginia satellite facility on live horse racing conducted within the Commonwealth involving wagering other than win, place, and show wagering, the licensee shall retain a percentage amount approved by the Commission as jointly requested by a recognized majority horsemen's group and a licensee and the legitimate breakage, out of which shall be paid:

1. Nine percent as purses or prizes to the participants in such race meeting;
2. Nine percent and the proceeds of the pari-mutuel tickets unredeemed 180 days from the date on which the race was conducted, to the operator;
3. One percent to the Virginia Breeders Fund;
4. Fifteen one-hundredths percent to the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine;
5. Five one-hundredths percent to the Virginia Horse Center Foundation;
6. Five one-hundredths percent to the Virginia Horse Industry Board; and
7. The remainder of the retainage shall be paid as appropriate under subsection E or F.

H. On pari-mutuel wagering generated by simulcast horse racing transmitted from jurisdictions outside the Commonwealth, the licensee may, with the approval of the Commission, commingle pools with the racetrack where the transmission emanates or establish separate pools for wagering within the Commonwealth. All simulcast horse racing in this subsection must comply with the Interstate Horse Racing Act of 1978 (15 U.S.C. § 3001 et seq.).

I. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering at the racetrack on simulcast horse racing transmitted from jurisdictions outside the Commonwealth, involving win, place, and show wagering, the licensee shall retain 1.25 percent of such pool to be distributed as follows: 0.75 percent to the Commonwealth as a license tax, and 0.5 percent to the Virginia locality in which the racetrack is located.

J. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering at each Virginia satellite facility on simulcast horse racing transmitted from jurisdictions outside the Commonwealth, involving win, place, and show wagering, the licensee shall retain 1.25 percent of such pool to be distributed as follows: 0.75 percent to the Commonwealth as a license tax, 0.25 percent to the locality in which the satellite facility is located, and 0.25 percent to the Virginia locality in which the

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racetrack is located.

K. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering at the racetrack and each Virginia satellite facility on simulcast horse racing transmitted from jurisdictions outside the Commonwealth, involving win, place, and show wagering, the licensee shall retain 1.3 percent of such pool to be distributed as follows:

1. One percent of the pool to the Virginia Breeders Fund;
2. Fifteen one-hundredths percent to the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine;
3. Five one-hundredths percent to the Virginia Horse Center Foundation;
4. Five one-hundredths percent to the Virginia Horse Industry Board; and
5. Five one-hundredths percent to the Virginia Thoroughbred Association for the promotion of breeding in the Commonwealth.

L. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering at the racetrack on simulcast horse racing transmitted from jurisdictions outside the Commonwealth, involving wagering other than win, place, and show wagering, the licensee shall retain 2.75 percent of such pool to be distributed as follows: 1.75 percent to the Commonwealth as a license tax, and 1.0 percent to the Virginia locality in which the racetrack is located.

M. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering at each Virginia satellite facility on simulcast horse racing transmitted from jurisdictions outside the Commonwealth, involving wagering other than win, place, and show wagering, the licensee shall retain 2.75 percent of such pool to be distributed as follows: 1.75 percent to the Commonwealth as a license tax, 0.5 percent to the locality in which the satellite facility is located, and 0.5 percent to the Virginia locality in which the racetrack is located.

N. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering at the racetrack and each Virginia satellite facility on simulcast horse racing transmitted from jurisdictions outside the Commonwealth, involving wagering other than win, place, and show wagering, the licensee shall retain 1.3 percent of such pool to be distributed as follows:

1. One percent of the pool to the Virginia Breeders Fund;
2. Fifteen one-hundredths percent to the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine;
3. Five one-hundredths percent to the Virginia Horse Center Foundation;
4. Five one-hundredths percent to the Virginia Horse Industry Board; and
5. Five one-hundredths percent to the Virginia Thoroughbred Association for the promotion of breeding in the Commonwealth.

O. Moneys payable to the Commonwealth shall be deposited in the general fund. Gross receipts



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for license tax purposes under Chapter 37 (§ 58.1-3700 et seq.) of Title 58.1 shall not include pari-mutuel wagering pools and license taxes authorized by this section.

P. All payments by the licensee to the Commonwealth or any locality shall be made within five days from the date on which such wagers are received by the licensee. All payments by the licensee to the Virginia Breeders Fund shall be made to the Commission within five days from the date on which such wagers are received by the licensee. All payments by the licensee to the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, the Virginia Horse Center Foundation, the Virginia Horse Industry Board, and the Virginia Thoroughbred Association shall be made by the first day of each quarter of the calendar year. All payments made under this section shall be used in support of the policy of the Commonwealth to sustain and promote the growth of a native industry.

Q. If a satellite facility is located in more than one locality, any amount a licensee is required to pay under this section to the locality in which the satellite facility is located shall be prorated in equal shares among those localities.

R. Any contractual agreement between a licensee and other entities concerning the distribution of the remaining portion of the retainage under subsections I through N and subsections U and V shall be subject to the approval of the Commission.

S. The recognized majority horsemen's group racing at a licensed race meeting may, subject to the approval of the Commission, withdraw for administrative costs associated with serving the interests of the horsemen an amount not to exceed two percent of the amount in the horsemen's account.

T. The legitimate breakage from each pari-mutuel pool for live, historical, and simulcast horse racing shall be distributed as follows:

1. Seventy percent to be retained by the licensee to be used for capital improvements that are subject to approval of the Commission; and
2. Thirty percent to be deposited in the Racing Benevolence Fund, administered jointly by the licensee and the recognized majority horsemen's group racing at a licensed race meeting, to be disbursed with the approval of the Commission for gambling addiction and substance abuse counseling, recreational, educational, or other related programs.

U. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering on historical horse racing ~~on the first 3,000 terminals authorized~~, the licensee shall retain ~~1.25~~ 1.39 percent of such pool to be distributed as follows:

1. a. If generated at a racetrack, ~~0.5~~ 0.56 percent to the locality in which the racetrack is located; or
- b. If generated at a satellite facility *before July 1, 2026*, ~~0.25~~ 0.28 percent to the locality in which the satellite facility is located and ~~0.25~~ 0.28 percent to the Virginia locality in which the racetrack is located. *If generated at a satellite facility on and after July 1, 2026, 0.56 percent to the locality in which the satellite facility is located;*

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2. To the Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund established pursuant to § 37.2-314.2, 0.01 percent;
3. To the (i) Virginia Breeders Fund, (ii) Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine for its equine programs, (iii) Virginia Horse Center Foundation, and (iv) Virginia Horse Industry Board, 0.025 percent each; and
4. The remainder to the Commonwealth as a license tax.

~~V. On pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering on historical horse racing on the 2,000 terminals authorized by the seventh enactment of Chapters 1197 and 1248 of the Acts of Assembly of 2020, the licensee shall retain 1.6 percent of such pool to be distributed as follows:~~

- ~~1. a. If generated at a racetrack, 0.64 percent to the locality in which the racetrack is located; or~~  
~~b. If generated at a satellite facility, 0.32 percent to the locality in which the satellite facility is located and 0.32 percent to the Virginia locality in which the racetrack is located;~~
- ~~2. To the Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund established pursuant to § 37.2-314.2, 0.01 percent;~~
- ~~3. To the (i) Virginia Breeders Fund, (ii) Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine for its equine programs, (iii) Virginia Horse Center Foundation, and (iv) Virginia Horse Industry Board, 0.025 percent each; and~~
- ~~4. The remainder to the Commonwealth as a license tax."~~

Page 732, line 2, strike "17" and insert "18".

Page 732, line 3, strike "18" and insert "19".

Page 732, line 5, strike "19" and insert "20".

Page 732, line 4, strike "and".

Page 732, line 4, after "sixteenth", insert ", and seventeenth".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment codifies changes to the distribution of the local share of tax levied on part-mutuel wagering to the localities in which satellite facilities are located beginning July 1, 2026, and applies a significant infrastructure facility limited license tax upon any significant infrastructure limited licensee for each race day beginning July 1, 2026.)

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**Effective Date**

Effective Date

Language

**Language:**

Page 732, after line 1, insert:

**"17. That § 59.1-391 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 59.1-391. Local referendum required.**

~~The~~ *A. Except as provided in subsection B, the* Commission shall not grant any initial license to construct, establish, operate or own a racetrack or satellite facility until a referendum approving the question is held in each county, city, or town in which such track or satellite facility is to be located, in the following manner:

1. A petition, signed by five percent of the qualified voters of such county, city, or town shall be filed with the circuit court of such county, city, or town asking that a referendum be held on the question, "Shall pari-mutuel wagering be permitted at a licensed racetrack in (name of such county, city, or town) on live horse racing at, and on simulcast horse racing transmitted from another jurisdiction to, the licensed racetrack on such days as may be approved by the Virginia Racing Commission in accordance with Chapter 29 (§ 59.1-364 et seq.) of Title 59.1 of the Code of Virginia?" In addition, or in the alternative, such petition may ask that a referendum be held on the question, "Shall pari-mutuel wagering be permitted in \_\_\_\_\_ (the name of such county, city, or town) at satellite facilities in accordance with Chapter 29 (§ 59.1-364 et seq.) of Title 59.1 of the Code of Virginia?"

2. Following the filing of such petition, the court shall, by order of record entered in accordance with § 24.2-684.1, require the regular election officers of such city, county, or town to cause a special election to be held to take the sense of the qualified voters on the question. Such election shall be on a day designated by order of such court, but shall not be later than the next general election unless such general election is within 60 days of the date of the entry of such order, nor shall it be held on a date designated as a primary election.

3. The clerk of such court of record of such city, county, or town shall publish notice of such election in a newspaper of general circulation in such city, county, or town once a week for three consecutive weeks prior to such election.

4. The regular election officers of such city or county shall open the polls at the various voting places in such city or county on the date specified in such order and conduct such election in the manner provided by law. The election shall be by ballot which shall be prepared by the electoral board of the city, county, or town and on which shall be printed either or both of the following questions:

"Shall pari-mutuel wagering be permitted at a licensed racetrack in \_\_\_\_\_ on live horse racing at, and on simulcast horse racing transmitted from another jurisdiction to, the licensed racetrack on such days as may be approved by the Virginia Racing Commission in accordance with Chapter 29 (§ 59.1-364 et seq.) of Title 59.1 of the Code of Virginia?

Yes

No"

"Shall pari-mutuel wagering be permitted in \_\_\_\_\_ at satellite facilities in accordance with Chapter 29 (§ 59.1-364 et seq.) of Title 59.1 of the Code of Virginia?

Yes

No"

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In the blank shall be inserted the name of the city, county, or town in which such election is held. Any voter desiring to vote "Yes" shall mark a check (v) mark or a cross (v or +) mark or a line (-) in the square provided for such purpose immediately preceding the word "Yes," leaving the square immediately preceding the word "No" unmarked. Any voter desiring to vote "No" shall mark a check (v) mark or a cross (v or +) mark or a line (-) in the square provided for such purpose immediately preceding the word "No," leaving the square immediately preceding the word "Yes" unmarked.

The ballots shall be counted, returns made and canvassed as in other elections, and the results certified by the electoral board to the court ordering such election. Thereupon, such court shall enter an order proclaiming the results of such election and a duly certified copy of such order shall be transmitted to the Commission and to the governing body of such city, county, or town.

No such referendum as described above shall be held more often than every three years in the same county, city, or town.

A subsequent local referendum shall be required if a license has not been granted by the Commission within five years of the court order proclaiming the results of the election. Town, for purposes of this section, means any town with a population of 5,000 or more.

*B. Notwithstanding subsection A and any provision of law or regulation to the contrary, for any city, county, or town (i) that has not passed a referendum authorizing pari-mutuel wagering pursuant to subsection A on or after July 1, 2018, and (ii) in which no pari-mutuel wagering at satellite facilities on historical horse racing was authorized by the Commission on or before January 1, 2025, the Commission shall not authorize a licensee to construct, establish, operate, or own a satellite facility until a referendum approving the question is held on or after July 1, 2025, in such county, city, or town in which such satellite facility is to be located, in the following manner:*

*1. A petition, signed by five percent of the qualified voters of such county, city, or town shall be filed with the circuit court of such county, city, or town asking that a referendum be held on the question, "Shall pari-mutuel wagering on historical horse racing be permitted in \_\_\_\_\_ (the name of such county, city, or town) at satellite facilities in accordance with Chapter 29 (§ 59.1-364 et seq.) of Title 59.1 of the Code of Virginia?"*

*2. Following the filing of such petition, the court shall, by order of record entered in accordance with § 24.2-684.1, require the regular election officers of such city, county, or town to cause a special election to be held to take the sense of the qualified voters on the question. Such election shall be on a day designated by order of such court, but shall not be later than the next general election unless such general election is within 60 days of the date of the entry of such order, nor shall it be held on a date designated as a primary election.*

*3. The clerk of such court of record of such city, county, or town shall publish notice of such election in a newspaper of general circulation in such city, county, or town once a week for three consecutive weeks prior to such election.*

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4. *The regular election officers of such city or county shall open the polls at the various voting places in such city or county on the date specified in such order and conduct such election in the manner provided by law. The election shall be by ballot which shall be prepared by the electoral board of the city, county, or town and on which shall be printed either or both of the following questions:*

*"Shall pari-mutuel wagering on historical horse racing be permitted in \_\_\_\_\_ at satellite facilities in accordance with Chapter 29 (§ 59.1-364 et seq.) of Title 59.1 of the Code of Virginia?*

*[ ] Yes*

*[ ] No"*

*In the blank shall be inserted the name of the city, county, or town in which such election is held. Any voter desiring to vote "Yes" shall mark a check (v) mark or a cross (v or +) mark or a line (-) in the square provided for such purpose immediately preceding the word "Yes," leaving the square immediately preceding the word "No" unmarked. Any voter desiring to vote "No" shall mark a check (v) mark or a cross (v or +) mark or a line (-) in the square provided for such purpose immediately preceding the word "No," leaving the square immediately preceding the word "Yes" unmarked.vThe ballots shall be counted, returns made and canvassed as in other elections, and the results certified by the electoral board to the court ordering such election. Thereupon, such court shall enter an order proclaiming the results of such election and a duly certified copy of such order shall be transmitted to the Commission and to the governing body of such city, county, or town.*

*No such referendum as described in this subsection shall be held more often than every five years in the same county, city, or town.*

*The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to the City of Emporia, City of Hampton, City of Richmond, the County of New Kent, the Town of Collinsville, Town of Dumfries, or the Town of Vinton."*

*Page 732, line 2, strike "17" and insert "18".*

*Page 732, line 3, strike "18" and insert "19".*

*Page 732, line 5, strike "19" and insert "20".*

*Page 732, line 4, strike "and".*

*Page 732, line 4, after "sixteenth", insert ", and seventeenth".*

**Explanation:**

(This amendment requires that the Virginia Racing Commission not authorize a licensee to construct, establish, operate, or own a satellite facility until a referendum approving the question is held on or after July 1, 2025 if such locality has not passed a referendum allowing pari-mutuel wagering on or after July 1, 2018, and no pari-mutuel wagering at satellite facilities was authorized by the Commission on or before January 1, 2025.)

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Language

**Language:**

Page 723, strike lines 12 through 50.

Page 724, strike lines 1 through 56.

Page 725, strike lines 1 through 53.

Page 726, strike lines 1 through 54.

Page 727, strike lines 1 through 53.

Page 728, strike lines 1 through 50.

Page 729, strike lines 1 through 51.

Page 730, strike lines 1 through 52.

Page 731, strike lines 1 through 49.

Page 732, strike line 1 and insert:

**"17. That §§ 58.1-322.03, 58.1-339.8, and 58.1-390.3 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§58.1-322.03. Virginia taxable income; deductions.**

In computing Virginia taxable income pursuant to § 58.1-322, there shall be deducted from Virginia adjusted gross income as defined in § 58.1-321:

1. a. The amount allowable for itemized deductions for federal income tax purposes where the taxpayer has elected for the taxable year to itemize deductions on his federal return, but reduced by the amount of income taxes imposed by the Commonwealth or any other taxing jurisdiction and deducted on such federal return and increased by an amount that, when added to the amount deducted under § 170 of the Internal Revenue Code for mileage, results in a mileage deduction at the state level for such purposes at a rate of 18 cents per mile; or

b. Provided that the taxpayer has not itemized deductions for the taxable year on his federal income tax return: (i) for taxable years beginning before January 1, 2019, and on and after January 1, ~~2026~~2027 \$3,000 for single individuals and \$6,000 for married persons (one-half of such amounts in the case of a married individual filing a separate return); (ii) for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2019, but before January 1, 2022, \$4,500 for single individuals and \$9,000 for married persons (one-half of such amounts in the case of a married individual filing a separate return); (iii) for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2022, but before January 1, 2024, \$8,000 for single individuals and \$16,000 for married persons (one-half of such amounts in the case of a married individual filing a separate return); ~~and~~ (iv) for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2024, but before January 1, ~~2026~~2025, \$8,500 for single individuals and \$17,000 for married persons (one-half of such amounts in the case of a married individual filing a separate return); *and (v) for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2025, but before January 1, 2027, \$8,750 for single individuals and \$17,500*

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*for married persons (one-half of such amounts in the case of a married individual filing a separate return).* For purposes of this section, any person who may be claimed as a dependent on another taxpayer's return for the taxable year may compute the deduction only with respect to earned income.

2. a. A deduction in the amount of \$930 for each personal exemption allowable to the taxpayer for federal income tax purposes.

b. Each blind or aged taxpayer as defined under § 63(f) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be entitled to an additional personal exemption in the amount of \$800.

The additional deduction for blind or aged taxpayers allowed under this subdivision shall be allowable regardless of whether the taxpayer itemizes deductions for the taxable year for federal income tax purposes.

3. A deduction equal to the amount of employment-related expenses upon which the federal credit is based under § 21 of the Internal Revenue Code for expenses for household and dependent care services necessary for gainful employment.

4. An additional \$1,000 deduction for each child residing for the entire taxable year in a home under permanent foster care placement as defined in § 63.2-908, provided that the taxpayer can also claim the child as a personal exemption under § 151 of the Internal Revenue Code.

5. a. A deduction in the amount of \$12,000 for individuals born on or before January 1, 1939.

b. A deduction in the amount of \$12,000 for individuals born after January 1, 1939, who have attained the age of 65. This deduction shall be reduced by \$1 for every \$1 that the taxpayer's adjusted federal adjusted gross income exceeds \$50,000 for single taxpayers or \$75,000 for married taxpayers. For married taxpayers filing separately, the deduction shall be reduced by \$1 for every \$1 that the total combined adjusted federal adjusted gross income of both spouses exceeds \$75,000.

For the purposes of this subdivision, "adjusted federal adjusted gross income" means federal adjusted gross income minus any benefits received under Title II of the Social Security Act and other benefits subject to federal income taxation solely pursuant to § 86 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

6. The amount an individual pays as a fee for an initial screening to become a possible bone marrow donor, if (i) the individual is not reimbursed for such fee or (ii) the individual has not claimed a deduction for the payment of such fee on his federal income tax return.

7. a. A deduction shall be allowed to the purchaser or contributor for the amount paid or contributed during the taxable year for a prepaid tuition contract or college savings trust account entered into with the Commonwealth Savers Plan, pursuant to Chapter 7 (§ 23.1-700 et seq.) of Title 23.1. Except as provided in subdivision b, the amount deducted on any individual income tax return in any taxable year shall be limited to \$4,000 per prepaid tuition contract or college savings trust account. No deduction shall be allowed pursuant to this subdivision 7 if such payments or contributions are deducted on the purchaser's or contributor's federal income tax

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return. If the purchase price or annual contribution to a college savings trust account exceeds \$4,000, the remainder may be carried forward and subtracted in future taxable years until the purchase price or college savings trust contribution has been fully deducted; however, except as provided in subdivision b, in no event shall the amount deducted in any taxable year exceed \$4,000 per contract or college savings trust account. Notwithstanding the statute of limitations on assessments contained in § 58.1-312, any deduction taken hereunder shall be subject to recapture in the taxable year or years in which distributions or refunds are made for any reason other than (i) to pay qualified higher education expenses, as defined in § 529 of the Internal Revenue Code or (ii) the beneficiary's death, disability, or receipt of a scholarship. For the purposes of this subdivision, "purchaser" or "contributor" means the person shown as such on the records of the Commonwealth Savers Plan as of December 31 of the taxable year. In the case of a transfer of ownership of a prepaid tuition contract or college savings trust account, the transferee shall succeed to the transferor's tax attributes associated with a prepaid tuition contract or college savings trust account, including, but not limited to, carryover and recapture of deductions.

b. A purchaser of a prepaid tuition contract or contributor to a college savings trust account who has attained age 70 shall not be subject to the limitation that the amount of the deduction not exceed \$4,000 per prepaid tuition contract or college savings trust account in any taxable year. Such taxpayer shall be allowed a deduction for the full amount paid for the contract or contributed to a college savings trust account, less any amounts previously deducted.

8. The total amount an individual actually contributed in funds to the Virginia Public School Construction Grants Program and Fund, established in Chapter 11.1 (§ 22.1-175.1 et seq.) of Title 22.1, provided that the individual has not claimed a deduction for such amount on his federal income tax return.

9. An amount equal to 20 percent of the tuition costs incurred by an individual employed as a primary or secondary school teacher licensed pursuant to Chapter 15 (§ 22.1-289.1 et seq.) of Title 22.1 to attend continuing teacher education courses that are required as a condition of employment; however, the deduction provided by this subdivision shall be available only if (i) the individual is not reimbursed for such tuition costs and (ii) the individual has not claimed a deduction for the payment of such tuition costs on his federal income tax return.

10. The amount an individual pays annually in premiums for long-term health care insurance, provided that the individual has not claimed a deduction for federal income tax purposes, or, for taxable years beginning before January 1, 2014, a credit under § 58.1-339.11. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2014, no such deduction for long-term health care insurance premiums paid by the individual during the taxable year shall be allowed if the individual has claimed a federal income tax deduction for such taxable year for long-term health care insurance premiums paid by him.

11. Contract payments to a producer of quota tobacco or a tobacco quota holder, or their spouses, as provided under the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 (P.L. 108-357), but only to the extent that such payments have not been subtracted pursuant to subsection D of § 58.1-402,



as follows:

a. If the payment is received in installment payments, then the recognized gain may be subtracted in the taxable year immediately following the year in which the installment payment is received.

b. If the payment is received in a single payment, then 10 percent of the recognized gain may be subtracted in the taxable year immediately following the year in which the single payment is received. The taxpayer may then deduct an equal amount in each of the nine succeeding taxable years.

12. An amount equal to 20 percent of the sum paid by an individual pursuant to Chapter 6 (§ 58.1-600 et seq.), not to exceed \$500 in each taxable year, in purchasing for his own use the following items of tangible personal property: (i) any clothes washers, room air conditioners, dishwashers, and standard size refrigerators that meet or exceed the applicable energy star efficiency requirements developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy; (ii) any fuel cell that (a) generates electricity using an electrochemical process, (b) has an electricity-only generation efficiency greater than 35 percent, and (c) has a generating capacity of at least two kilowatts; (iii) any gas heat pump that has a coefficient of performance of at least 1.25 for heating and at least 0.70 for cooling; (iv) any electric heat pump hot water heater that yields an energy factor of at least 1.7; (v) any electric heat pump that has a heating system performance factor of at least 8.0 and a cooling seasonal energy efficiency ratio of at least 13.0; (vi) any central air conditioner that has a cooling seasonal energy efficiency ratio of at least 13.5; (vii) any advanced gas or oil water heater that has an energy factor of at least 0.65; (viii) any advanced oil-fired boiler with a minimum annual fuel-utilization rating of 85; (ix) any advanced oil-fired furnace with a minimum annual fuel-utilization rating of 85; and (x) programmable thermostats.

13. The lesser of \$5,000 or the amount actually paid by a living donor of an organ or other living tissue for unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses directly related to the donation that arose within 12 months of such donation, provided that the donor has not taken a medical deduction in accordance with the provisions of § 213 of the Internal Revenue Code for such expenses. The deduction may be taken in the taxable year in which the donation is made or the taxable year in which the 12-month period expires.

14. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2013, the amount an individual age 66 or older with earned income of at least \$20,000 for the year and federal adjusted gross income not in excess of \$30,000 for the year pays annually in premiums for (i) a prepaid funeral insurance policy covering the individual or (ii) medical or dental insurance for any person for whom individual tax filers may claim a deduction for such premiums under federal income tax laws. As used in this subdivision, "earned income" means the same as that term is defined in § 32(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. The deduction shall not be allowed for any portion of such premiums paid for which the individual has (a) been reimbursed, (b) claimed a deduction for federal income tax purposes, (c) claimed a deduction or subtraction under another provision of this section, or (d) claimed a federal income tax credit or any income tax credit pursuant to this

chapter.

15. Business interest disallowed as a deduction pursuant to § 163(j) of the Internal Revenue Code:

- a. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2018, but before January 1, 2022, 20 percent of such disallowed business interest;
- b. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2022, but before January 1, 2024, 30 percent of such disallowed business interest;
- c. For taxable years beginning on and after January 2, 2024, 50 percent of such disallowed business interest.

For purposes of subdivision 15, "business interest" means the same as that term is defined under § 163(j) of the Internal Revenue Code.

16. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2019, the actual amount of real and personal property taxes imposed by the Commonwealth or any other taxing jurisdiction not otherwise deducted solely on account of the dollar limitation imposed on individual deductions by § 164(b)(6)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code.

17. For taxable years beginning before January 1, 2021, up to \$100,000 of the amount that is not deductible when computing federal adjusted gross income solely on account of the portion of subdivision B 10 of § 58.1-301 related to Paycheck Protection Program loans.

18. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2022, but before January 1, 2025, the lesser of \$500 or the actual amount paid or incurred for eligible educator qualifying expenses. For purposes of this subdivision, "eligible educator" means an individual who for at least 900 hours during the taxable year in which the credit under this section is claimed served as a teacher licensed pursuant to Chapter 15 (§ 22.1-289.1 et seq.) of Title 22.1, instructor, student counselor, principal, special needs personnel, or student aide serving accredited public or private primary and secondary school students in Virginia, and "qualifying expenses" means 100 percent of the amount paid or incurred by an eligible educator during the taxable year for participation in professional development courses and the purchase of books, supplies, computer equipment (including related software and services), other educational and teaching equipment, and supplementary materials used directly in that individual's service to students as an eligible educator, provided that such purchases were neither reimbursed nor claimed as a deduction on the eligible educator's federal income tax return for such taxable year.

**§ 58.1-339.8. Income tax credit for low-income taxpayers.**

A. ~~As used in~~ *For purposes of this section, unless the context requires otherwise:*

"Family Virginia adjusted gross income" means the combined Virginia adjusted gross income of an individual, the individual's spouse, and any person claimed as a dependent on the individual's or his spouse's income tax return for the taxable year.

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"Household" means an individual, or in the case of married ~~persons~~ *individuals*, an individual and his spouse, regardless of whether or not the individual and his spouse file combined or separate Virginia individual income tax returns.

"Poverty guidelines" means the poverty guidelines for the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia updated annually in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of § 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981.

"Virginia adjusted gross income" has the same meaning as the term is defined in § 58.1-321.

B. 1. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2000, any individual or ~~persons filing a joint return~~ *married individuals filing jointly* whose family Virginia adjusted gross income does not exceed 100 percent of the poverty guideline amount corresponding to a household of an equal number of persons as listed in the poverty guidelines published during such taxable year, shall be allowed a nonrefundable credit against the tax levied pursuant to § 58.1-320 in an amount equal to \$300 each for the individual, the individual's spouse, and any person claimed as a dependent on the individual's or married individuals' income tax return for the taxable year. For any taxable year in which married individuals file separate Virginia income tax returns, the credit provided under this section shall be allowed against the tax for only one of such two tax returns. Additionally, the credit provided under this section shall not be allowed against such tax of a dependent of the individual or of married individuals.

2. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2006, any individual or married individuals *filing jointly*, eligible for a tax credit pursuant to § 32 of the Internal Revenue Code, may for the taxable year, in lieu of the credit authorized under subdivision 1, claim a nonrefundable credit against the tax imposed pursuant to § 58.1-320 in an amount equal to 20 percent of the credit claimed by the individual or married individuals for federal individual income taxes pursuant to § 32 of the Internal Revenue Code for the taxable year. In no case shall a household be allowed a credit pursuant to this subdivision and subdivision 1 or 3 for the same taxable year.

3. *a.* For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2022, but before January 1, ~~2026~~2025 any individual or married ~~persons~~ *individuals filing jointly*, eligible for a tax credit pursuant to § 32 of the Internal Revenue Code, may for the taxable year, in lieu of the credit authorized under subdivision 1 or 2, claim a refundable credit against the tax imposed pursuant to § 58.1-320 in an amount equal to 15 percent of the credit claimed by the individual or married ~~persons~~ *individuals* for federal individual income taxes pursuant to § 32 of the Internal Revenue Code for the taxable year.

*b.* For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2025 but before January 1, 2027, any individual or married individuals *filing jointly* may, for the taxable year, in lieu of the credit authorized under subdivision 1 or 2, claim a refundable credit against the tax imposed pursuant to § 58.1-320 in an amount equal to 20 percent of the credit claimed by the individual or married individuals for federal individual income taxes pursuant to § 32 of the Internal Revenue

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*Code for the taxable year.*

c. The refundable credit *claimed pursuant to this subdivision 3* shall be claimed on the Virginia income tax return and redeemed by the Tax Commissioner. In no case shall a household be allowed a credit pursuant to this subdivision 3 and subdivision 1 or 2 for the same taxable year.

C. The amount of the credit claimed pursuant to subdivision B 1 and B 2, or in the case of a nonresident or a person to which § 58.1-303 applies, subdivision B 3, for any taxable year shall not exceed the individual's or married individuals' Virginia income tax liability.

D. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, no credit shall be allowed pursuant to subsection B in any taxable year in which the individual, the individual's spouse, or both, or any person claimed as a dependent on such individual's or married individuals' income tax return, claims one or any combination of the following on his or their income tax return for such taxable year:

1. The subtraction under subdivision 8 of § 58.1-322.02;
2. The subtraction under subdivision 15 of § 58.1-322.02;
3. The subtraction under subdivision 16 of § 58.1-322.02;
4. The deduction for the additional personal exemption for blind or aged taxpayers under subdivision 2 b of § 58.1-322.03; or
5. The deduction under subdivision 5 of § 58.1-322.03.

**§ 58.1-390.3. Elective income tax on pass-through entities.**

A. 1. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2021, but before January 1, 2022, a pass-through entity may make an election, in a format and according to such requirements and procedures to be established by the Department, to pay the tax levied by this section at the entity level for the taxable year. Such election shall be made on or before a date to be determined by the Department, which shall be set no earlier than one year after the extended due date for filing the applicable return. Notwithstanding §§ 58.1-1812 and 58.1-1833, no interest shall accrue on underpayments or overpayments solely attributable to such election.

2. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2022, but before January 1, ~~2026~~2027, a pass-through entity may make an annual election, on its timely filed return pursuant to § 58.1-392, to pay the tax levied by this section at the entity level for the taxable period covered by such return. Such election shall be made on or before the due date for filing the applicable return, including any extensions that have been granted.

B. A tax at the rate of 5.75 percent is hereby annually imposed on the Virginia taxable income, as calculated pursuant to § 58.1-391 but taking into account only the pro rata or distributive share of each item of income, gain, loss, or deduction attributable to eligible owners, for each taxable year of every pass-through entity that makes the election provided under subsection A.

C. In computing the tax imposed by this section, the pro rata or distributive share of the Virginia

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taxable income of each nonresident eligible owner shall be limited to income that is attributable to Virginia sources and shall be subject to the modifications to income as described in §§ 58.1-322.01 through 58.1-322.04.

D. A pass-through entity that elects to pay the tax levied by subsection B shall be eligible for all credits, deductions, or other adjustments to taxable income under § 58.1-391, provided that a pass-through entity's taxable income shall be adjusted to eliminate any federal deduction for state and local income taxes.

E. Any person that is subject to the tax imposed under § 58.1-320 or 58.1-360 and is an eligible owner of a pass-through entity making the election pursuant to this section shall be entitled to a credit against the tax imposed, provided that taxable income has been adjusted to add back any deduction for state and local income taxes paid by the pass-through entity. Such credit shall be in an amount equal to such person's pro rata share of the tax paid under this section by any pass-through entity of which such person is an owner. If the amount of the credit allowed pursuant to this subsection exceeds such person's tax liability for the tax imposed under § 58.1-320 or 58.1-360, as applicable, such excess shall be treated as an overpayment and refundable pursuant to § 58.1-499.

F. If any pass-through entity makes an election pursuant to this section, the Department shall assess and collect tax, interest, and penalties as if such tax is a corporate income tax imposed pursuant to the provisions of Article 10 (§ 58.1-400 et seq.).

G. The Department shall develop and make publicly available guidelines implementing the provisions of this section and the credit authorized by subdivision C 2 of § 58.1-332.

**18. That the second enactment of Chapter 763 of the Acts of Assembly of 2023 and the second enactment Chapter 791 of the Acts of Assembly of 2023 are amended and reenacted as follows:**

**2. ~~That the provisions of this act shall apply to taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2023.~~ Notwithstanding subdivision B 11 of § 58.1-301, as amended by this or any other act, Virginia shall not conform to (i) any amendment enacted on or after January 1, 2025, but before January 1, 2027, with a projected impact that would increase or decrease general fund revenues by any amount in the fiscal year in which the amendment was enacted or any of the succeeding four fiscal years and (ii) all amendments enacted on or after January 1, 2025, but before January 1, 2027, if the cumulative projected impact of such amendments would increase or decrease general fund revenues by any amount in the fiscal year in which the amendments were enacted or any of the succeeding four fiscal years. The provisions of this enactment shall not apply to any amendment to federal income tax law that is either subsequently adopted by the General Assembly or a federal tax extender as defined under subdivision B 11 of § 58.1-301, as created by this act."**

Page 732, line 2, strike "17" and insert "19".

Page 732, line 3, strike "18" and insert "20".

Page 732, line 5, strike "19" and insert "21".

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Page 732, line 4, strike "and".

Page 732, line 4, after "sixteenth", insert ", seventeenth, and eighteenth".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment extends the expiration date on the standard deduction, refundable earned income tax credit, and the pass-through entity elective tax until January 1, 2027, and clarifies thresholds for conformity to federal income tax. Additionally, it increases the standard deduction for tax year 2025 and 2026 to \$8,750 for single filers and \$17,500 for joint filers, a \$250 and \$500 increase respectively, and increases the refundability of the earned income tax credit from 15.0 to 20.0 percent of the federal earned income tax credit.)

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**Language:**

Page 732, after line 1, insert:

**"17. That §§ 58.1-439.29 and 58.1-439.30 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 58.1-439.29. Definitions.**

As used in this article, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Authority" means the Virginia Housing Development Authority, or its successor agency.

*"Balance of State Pool" means the pool defined within the Qualified Allocation Plan promulgated by the Authority pursuant to § 42 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.*

"Credit period" means the credit period as defined in § 42(f)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

"Eligibility certificate" means a certificate issued by the Authority to the owner of a qualified project certifying that such project qualifies for the Virginia housing opportunity tax credit authorized by this article, and specifying the amount of housing opportunity tax credits that the owner of such qualified project may claim in each year of the credit period. The Authority shall issue an eligibility certificate to a qualified project upon the Authority's approval of a final cost certification that complies with the Authority's requirements.

"Federal low-income housing tax credit" means the federal tax credit as provided in § 42 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

"Housing opportunity tax credit" or "tax credit" means the tax credit created by this article.

"Qualified project" means a qualified low-income building, as defined in § 42(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, that is located in Virginia, is placed in service on or after January

1, 2021, and is issued an eligibility certificate.

"Qualified taxpayer" means a taxpayer owning an interest, direct or indirect, through one or more pass-through entities, in a qualified project at any time prior to filing a tax return claiming a housing opportunity tax credit.

"Taxpayer" means an individual, corporation, S corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, or nonprofit organization.

"Virginia tax liability" means the income taxes imposed by Articles 2 (§ 58.1-320 et seq.), 6 (§ 58.1-360 et seq.), and 10 (§ 58.1-400 et seq.) of this chapter, Chapter 12 (§ 58.1-1200 et seq.), Article 1 (§ 58.1-2500 et seq.) of Chapter 25, and Article 2 (§ 58.1-2620 et seq.) of Chapter 26. An insurance company claiming a housing opportunity tax credit against the taxes, licenses, and other fees, fines, and penalties imposed by Article 1 of Chapter 25, including any retaliatory tax imposed on insurance companies by the Code of Virginia, shall not be required to pay any additional tax as a result of claiming the housing opportunity tax credit. The housing opportunity tax credit may fully offset any retaliatory tax imposed by the Code of Virginia.

**§ 58.1-439.30. Virginia housing opportunity tax credit.**

A. Subject to the provisions of subsection H, a housing opportunity tax credit ~~shall~~ *may* be allowed for each qualified project for each year of the credit period, in an amount up to the amount of federal low-income housing tax credit allocated or allowed by the Authority to such qualified project. The credit shall be allowed ratably for each qualified project, with one-tenth of the *total* credit amount allowed annually for 10 years over the credit period, except that there shall be a reduction in the tax credit allowable in the first year of the credit period due to the calculation in 26 U.S.C. § 42(f)(2) and any reduction by reason of 26 U.S.C. § 42(f)(2) in the credit allowable for the first taxable year of the credit period shall be allowable for the first taxable year following the credit period.

B. 1. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2021, but before January 1, ~~2026~~2031, a qualified taxpayer may claim a housing opportunity tax credit against its Virginia tax liability prior to reduction by any other credits allowed the taxpayer. The housing opportunity tax credit may be allocated by pass-through entities to some or all of its partners, members, or shareholders in any manner agreed to by such persons, regardless of whether or not any such person is allocated or allowed any portion of any federal low-income housing tax credit with respect to the qualified project, whether or not the allocation of the housing opportunity tax credit under the terms of the agreement has substantial economic effect within the meaning of § 704(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, and whether any such person is deemed a partner for federal income tax purposes as long as the partner or member would be considered a partner or member as defined under applicable state law, and has been admitted as a partner or member on or prior to the date for filing the qualified taxpayer's tax return, including any amendments thereto, with respect to the year of the housing opportunity tax credit. Such pass-through entities or qualified taxpayer may assign all or any part of its interest, including its interest in the tax credits, to one or more pass-through entities or qualified taxpayers, and the qualified taxpayer shall be able to claim the housing opportunity tax credit so long as its interest is acquired prior

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to the filing of its tax return claiming the housing opportunity tax credit.

2. If a housing opportunity tax credit has been awarded according to the terms of subsection G prior to January 1, ~~2026~~2031, such credit may continue to be claimed on a return for taxable years on and after January 1, ~~2026~~2031, but only pursuant to the applicable credit period specified in § 58.1-439.29.

C. The housing opportunity tax credit authorized by this article shall not be refundable. Any housing opportunity tax credit not used in a taxable year may be carried forward by a qualified taxpayer for the succeeding five years.

D. A qualified taxpayer claiming a housing opportunity tax credit shall submit a copy of the eligibility certificate at the time of filing its tax return with the Department. If the owner of the qualified project has applied to the Authority for the eligibility certificate but the Authority has not yet issued the eligibility certificate at the time the qualified taxpayer files its original tax return claiming the housing opportunity tax credit, the taxpayer may claim the housing opportunity tax credit based upon the amount of tax credit set forth in the award letter issued by the Authority for the housing opportunity tax credit issued to the qualified project and shall amend its tax return to include the eligibility certificate upon its receipt. If the amount of tax credit in the eligibility certificate is different than the amount of tax credit previously claimed, the taxpayer shall adjust the tax credit amount claimed on the amended tax return.

E. If under § 42 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, a portion of any federal low-income housing credits taken on a qualified project is required to be recaptured or is otherwise disallowed during the credit period, the taxpayer claiming housing opportunity tax credits with respect to such project shall also be required to recapture a portion of any tax credits authorized by this article. The percentage of housing opportunity tax credits subject to recapture shall be equal to the percentage of federal low-income housing credits subject to recapture or otherwise disallowed during such period. Any tax credits recaptured or disallowed shall increase the income tax liability of the qualified taxpayer who claimed the tax credits in a like amount and shall be included on the tax return of the qualified taxpayer submitted for the taxable year in which the recapture or disallowance event is identified. The balance of any tax credits recaptured or disallowed shall be allocated by the Authority for any qualified project in accordance with subsection G.

F. The Authority shall administer the housing opportunity tax credit program and shall be authorized to promulgate the regulations and guidelines necessary to implement and administer this article. Such regulations and guidelines may include the imposition of application, allocation, certification, and monitoring fees designed to recoup the costs of the Authority in administering the housing opportunity tax credit program.

G. 1. Any housing opportunity tax credit amounts authorized in a calendar year that are subsequently (i) canceled and returned to the Authority or (ii) recaptured or disallowed pursuant to subsection E may be awarded in the following calendar year, but no later than December 31, ~~2025~~2030. If the amount of housing opportunity tax credits authorized in a calendar year for qualified projects is less than the total amount of credits available for qualified projects under



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subdivision H 2, the balance of such credits, in an amount not greater than 15 percent of the amount of credits available for qualified projects under subdivision H 2, (a) shall be allocated by the Authority for any qualified project in the following calendar year, (b) shall not be allocated at any time after such following calendar year, and (c) shall be allocated no later than December 31, ~~2025~~2030.

2. Such housing opportunity tax credits issued pursuant to this subsection shall be allowed ratably, with one-tenth of the total amount of credits allowed annually for 10 years over the credit period, except that there shall be a reduction in the tax credit allowable in the first year of the credit period due to the calculation in 26 U.S.C. § 42(f)(2) and any reduction by reason of 26 U.S.C. § 42(f)(2) in the credit allowable for the first taxable year of the credit period shall be allowable for the first taxable year following the credit period.

*H.1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the aggregate amount of housing opportunity tax credits authorized for all qualified projects under this article shall not exceed \$575 million across all calendar years.*

2. The total amount of housing opportunity tax credits authorized for qualified projects under this article shall not exceed \$15 million for calendar year 2021.

~~2. 3. For calendar years 2022 through 2025, the total amount of housing opportunity tax credits authorized for qualified projects under this article shall not exceed \$60 million per calendar year. Such credits issued each calendar year shall be allowed ratably, with one-tenth of the total amount of credits allowed annually for 10 years over the credit period, except that there shall be a reduction in the tax credit allowable in the first year of the credit period due to the calculation in 26 U.S.C. § 42(f)(2) and any reduction by reason of 26 U.S.C. § 42(f)(2) in the credit allowable for the first taxable year of the credit period shall be allowable for the first taxable year following the credit period.~~

~~3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the aggregate amount of housing opportunity tax credits authorized for all qualified projects under this article shall not exceed \$255 million across all calendar years. 4. For calendar years 2026 through 2030, the total amount of housing opportunity tax credits authorized for qualified projects under this article shall not exceed \$64 million per calendar year.~~

*5. Such credits issued on and after January 1, 2022, shall be allowed ratably, with one-tenth of the total amount of credits allowed annually for 10 years over the credit period, except that there shall be a reduction in the tax credit allowable in the first year of the credit period due to the calculation in 26 U.S.C. § 42(f)(2) and any reduction by reason of 26 U.S.C. § 42(f)(2) in the credit allowable for the first taxable year of the credit period shall be allowable for the first taxable year following the credit period.*

I. Notwithstanding any provision of law or regulation to the contrary, only Virginia housing opportunity tax credits awarded in calendar year 2021, up to a maximum of \$15 million total for all taxpayers in all taxable years, may be claimed pursuant to the provisions of this section as set forth in Chapter 495 of the Acts of Assembly of 2021, Special Session I, prior to its amendment

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by the ninth enactment of Chapter 2 of the Acts of Assembly of 2022, Special Session I.

J. The Authority shall, upon request from the Chairs of the House Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee on Finance, and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, provide information, data, and any other requested advisement on the potential structure and cost of a separately authorized certificated Virginia housing opportunity tax credit program that would allow a qualified project to sell all or any portion of its Virginia housing opportunity tax credits, to one or more unrelated taxpayers based on findings in the report of the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Authority stakeholder advisory group submitted pursuant to Chapter 517 of the Acts of Assembly of 2020.

K. *a.* Of the \$60 million of Virginia housing opportunity tax credits authorized per calendar year from 2022 through 2025 for qualified projects by the Authority pursuant to this article, \$20 million of such credits shall be first allocated exclusively for qualified projects located in a locality with a population no greater than 35,000 as determined by the most recent United States census.

*b.* *Of the \$64 million of Virginia housing opportunity tax credits authorized per calendar year from 2026 through 2030 for qualified projects by the Authority pursuant to this article, \$20 million of such credits shall be reserved for qualified projects located in a geographic area within the Balance of State Pool. The Authority shall notify the Virginia Housing Commission upon any change to the Balance of State Pool.*

*c.* Such allocation of Virginia housing opportunity tax credits shall constitute the minimum amount of such tax credits to be allocated for qualified projects in such localities. However, if the amount of such tax credits requested for qualified projects in such localities is less than the total amount of such credits available for qualified projects in such localities, the balance of such credits shall be allocated for any qualified project, regardless of location. In allocating or allowing such credits to qualified projects in such localities, the Authority ~~shall~~ *may* give equal consideration to qualified projects allocated or allowed a federal low-income housing credit in an amount equal to the 10-year present value calculation of the percentages prescribed under 26 U.S.C. §§ 42(b)(1)(B)(i) and 42(b)(1)(B)(ii)."

Page 732, line 2, strike "17" and insert "18".

Page 732, line 3, strike "18" and insert "19".

Page 732, line 5, strike "19" and insert "20".

Page 732, line 4, strike "and".

Page 732, line 4, after "sixteenth", insert ", and seventeenth".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment extends the Housing Opportunity Tax Credit from tax year 2025 to 2030. This credit is subject to an annual cap equal to \$64 million per calendar year and a multi-year cap on the program is \$575 million.)

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**Effective Date**

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Language

**Language:**

Page 732, after line 1, insert:

**"17. That, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority (the Authority) shall not be required to remit any payment to the City of Richmond pursuant to (i) the Delegation and Assumption Agreement for Guaranteed Obligations (the Delegation) entered into June 15, 2021, by the Authority in the City of Richmond or (ii) any other contract, agreement or instrument related to obligations of the Authority pursuant to the Delegation, unless and until the General Assembly provides explicit authorization therefor."**

Page 732, line 2, strike "17" and insert "18".

Page 732, line 3, strike "18" and insert "19".

Page 732, line 5, strike "19" and insert "20".

Page 732, line 4, strike "and".

Page 732, line 4, after "sixteenth", insert ", and seventeenth".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment clarifies payment authority for guaranteed obligations at Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority.)

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Item 4-14 #6c

**Effective Date**

Effective Date

Language

**Language:**

Page 732, after line 1, insert:

**"17. That § 65.2-107 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 65.2-107. Post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety disorder, or depressive disorder incurred by law-enforcement officers and firefighters.**

A. As used in this section:

"Anxiety disorder" means a disorder that meets the diagnostic criteria for one or more of the anxiety disorders specified in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association.

"Depressive disorder" means a disorder that meets the diagnostic criteria for one or more of the depressive disorders specified in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical

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Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association.

"Firefighter" means any (i) salaried firefighter, including special forest wardens designated pursuant to § 10.1-1135, emergency medical services personnel, and local or state fire scene investigator and (ii) volunteer firefighter and volunteer emergency medical services personnel.

"In the line of duty" means any action that a law-enforcement officer or firefighter was obligated or authorized to perform by rule, regulation, written condition of employment service, or law.

"Law-enforcement officer" means any (i) member of the State Police Officers' Retirement System; (ii) member of a county, city, or town police department; (iii) sheriff or deputy sheriff; (iv) Department of Emergency Management hazardous materials officer; (v) city sergeant or deputy city sergeant of the City of Richmond; (vi) Virginia Marine Police officer; (vii) conservation police officer who is a full-time sworn member of the enforcement division of the Department of Wildlife Resources; (viii) Capitol Police officer; (ix) special agent of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority appointed under the provisions of Chapter 1 (§ 4.1-100 et seq.) of Title 4.1; (x) for such period that the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority voluntarily subjects itself to the provisions of this chapter as provided in § 65.2-305, officer of the police force established and maintained by the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority; (xi) officer of the police force established and maintained by the Norfolk Airport Authority; (xii) sworn officer of the police force established and maintained by the Virginia Port Authority; or (xiii) campus police officer appointed under Article 3 (§ 23.1-809 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 23.1 and employed by any public institution of higher education.

"Mental health professional" means a board-certified psychiatrist or a psychologist licensed pursuant to Title 54.1 who has experience diagnosing and treating post-traumatic stress disorder.

"Post-traumatic stress disorder" means a disorder that meets the diagnostic criteria for post-traumatic stress disorder as specified in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association.

"Qualifying event" means an incident or exposure occurring in the line of duty on or after July 1, 2020, for post-traumatic stress disorder, and for purposes of subdivisions 1 through 4 of this definition, on or after July 1, 2023, for anxiety disorder or depressive disorder:

1. Resulting in serious bodily injury or death to any person or persons;
2. Involving a minor who has been injured, killed, abused, or exploited;
3. Involving an immediate threat to life of the claimant or another individual;
4. Involving mass casualties; or
5. Responding to crime scenes for investigation.

B. Post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety disorder, or depressive disorder incurred by a law-enforcement officer or firefighter is compensable under this title if:

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1. A mental health professional examines a law-enforcement officer or firefighter and diagnoses the law-enforcement officer or firefighter as suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety disorder, or depressive disorder as a result of the individual's undergoing a qualifying event;
2. The post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety disorder, or depressive disorder resulted from the law-enforcement officer's or firefighter's acting in the line of duty and, in the case of a firefighter, such firefighter complied with federal Occupational Safety and Health Act standards adopted pursuant to 29 C.F.R. 1910.134 and 29 C.F.R. 1910.156;
3. The law-enforcement officer's or firefighter's undergoing a qualifying event was a substantial factor in causing his post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety disorder, or depressive disorder;
4. Such qualifying event, and not another event or source of stress, was the primary cause of the post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety disorder, or depressive disorder; and
5. The post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety disorder, or depressive disorder did not result from any disciplinary action, work evaluation, job transfer, layoff, demotion, promotion, termination, retirement, or similar action of the law-enforcement officer or firefighter.

Any such mental health professional shall comply with any workers' compensation guidelines for approved medical providers, including guidelines on release of past or contemporaneous medical records.

C. Notwithstanding any provision of this title, workers' compensation benefits for any law-enforcement officer or firefighter payable pursuant to this section shall (i) include any combination of medical treatment prescribed by a board-certified psychiatrist or a licensed psychologist, temporary total incapacity benefits under § 65.2-500, and temporary partial incapacity benefits under § 65.2-502 and (ii) be provided for a maximum of ~~52~~ 104 weeks from the date of diagnosis. No medical treatment, temporary total incapacity benefits under § 65.2-500, or temporary partial incapacity benefits under § 65.2-502 shall be awarded beyond four years from the date of the qualifying event that formed the basis for the claim for benefits under this section. The weekly benefits received by a law-enforcement officer or a firefighter pursuant to § 65.2-500 or 65.2-502, when combined with other benefits, including contributory and noncontributory retirement benefits, Social Security benefits, and benefits under a long-term or short-term disability plan, but not including payments for medical care, shall not exceed the average weekly wage paid to such law-enforcement officer or firefighter.

D. No later than January 1, 2021, each employer of law-enforcement officers or firefighters shall (i) make peer support available to such law-enforcement officers and firefighters and (ii) refer a law-enforcement officer or firefighter seeking mental health care services to a mental health professional.

E. Each fire basic training program conducted or administered by the Department of Fire Programs or a municipal fire department in the Commonwealth shall provide, in consultation with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, resilience and self-care

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technique training for any individual who begins basic training as a firefighter on or after July 1, 2021."

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Page 732, line 5, strike "19" and insert "20".

Page 732, line 4, strike "and".

Page 732, line 4, after "sixteenth", insert ", and seventeenth".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment amends the Code of Virginia to increase from 52 weeks to 104 weeks the maximum duration after the date of diagnosis that workers' compensation benefits are payable for anxiety disorder, depressive disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorder incurred by law-enforcement officers and firefighters acting in the line of duty.)

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