

Key Features – Amendments to Senate Bill 30
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Resources

- General fund resources total \$37.7 billion in FY 2027 and \$36.4 billion in FY 2028 with general fund spending of \$37.7 billion in FY 2027 and \$36.4 billion in FY 2028.
 - The Committee's net resource actions total \$3.1 billion, which include the \$305.4 million unappropriated balance as introduced, \$2.3 billion carryforward from FY 2026 assumed in HB 29, \$500.0 million in reported FY 2026 GF cash balance, \$1.9 billion increase in GF revenue, and \$196.9 million increase in transfers to the general fund.
 - Net additional GF spending above the introduced totals \$2.2 billion in FY 2027 and \$890.6 million in FY 2028.
 - The biennial unappropriated balance is \$17.6 million.
- Major tax-related GF revenue actions include:
 - A reduction of \$51.0 million in FY 2027 and \$108.4 million in FY 2028 to increase the state standard deduction from \$8,750 to \$9,200 for single filers and from \$17,500 to \$18,400 for joint filers.
 - Extends the standard deduction and earned income tax credit sunset date to January 1, 2030.
 - A revenue increase of \$317.1 million in FY 2027 and \$778.2 million in FY 2028 from the sales and use tax exemption for data center computer equipment and software (DCSUT) expiring January 1, 2027.

- A revenue increase of \$50.2 million in FY 2027 and \$119.2 million in FY 2028 from SB 542 cannabis and SB 763 sales tax on ammunition.
- Authorizes a tax rebate of \$100 for single filers and \$200 for joint filers, \$499.0 million in FY 2027.

Commerce & Trade and Labor

- Provides an additional \$50.0 million GF the first year for the Housing Trust Fund and directs \$20.6 million of that amount to a two-year pilot for acquisition, construction, or improvement of mixed-income housing.
- Includes additional support of \$10.0 million GF the first year for the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program and transfers the balance of the Virginia Business Ready Sites Acquisition Fund to the Business Ready Sites Program Fund to increase grants for local government site development projects.
- Provides an additional \$13.0 million GF the first year for eviction prevention and diversion programs that link social services and legal aid resources to prevent homelessness.
- Includes capturing \$3.9 million GF each year in interest earnings from Commerce and Trade authorities based on an approximate yearly interest earnings calculation.
- Provides \$2.5 million GF the first year for the Virginia Sports Tourism Incentive Grant Program.

- Includes \$20.0 million GF over the biennium to support the Virginia Clean Energy Innovation Bank to accelerate the deployment of clean energy projects, greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects, and other qualified projects.

Public Education

Direct Aid

- Provides a net increase of \$579.0 million GF in rebenchmarking and technical updates over the biennium.
- Provides \$190.8 million GF the first year and \$385.3 million GF the second year to support the state share of a 3.0 percent salary increase each year for funded instructional and support positions.
- Endorses \$274.0 million NGF the first year and \$25.0 million NGF the second year to increase support for school construction. The action:
 - Updates the School Construction Fund amount supporting the School Construction Assistance Program grants to reflect an additional \$127.0 million of actual revenue and projected casino revenue; and
 - Appropriates \$172.0 million from the Literary Fund for deposit to the School Construction Fund in support of school construction grants.
- Provides a one-time increase of Literary Fund support for school employee retirement contributions by \$135.0 million NGF the first year and \$100.0 million NGF the second year, creating a corresponding decrease in GF spending.

- Increases the At-Risk Add-On by \$49.4 million the first year and \$69.3 million the second year.
- Provides \$60.0 million NGF the second year to raise the Infrastructure and Operations per pupil amount.
- Provides an additional \$161.4 million GF across the biennium to reflect an increase in sales tax revenues from the DCSUT exemption expiration, reducing the local share of K12 costs.
- Provides \$17.6 million GF across the biennium to increase the school breakfast reimbursement rate by \$0.22 per meal, raising the total reimbursement rate to \$0.50 per meal.
- Provides \$12.8 million GF each year to increase the special education add-on by one percent for each of the two levels of services provided to students.
- Includes \$71.0 million GF the first year and \$66.6 million GF the second year to support additional Child Care Subsidy Program slots with nonparticipation savings from the Virginia Preschool Initiative.
- Includes \$25.0 million GF each year for the Employee Child Care Assistance Program, in line with legislation passed by the Senate.

Virginia Department of Education

- Provides \$2.0 million GF across the biennium to provide ongoing support for Virginia Individualized Education Program (IEP) system enhancements.
- Includes \$1.3 million GF across the biennium to support the work of the Joint Subcommittee for Elementary and Secondary Education.

Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind

- Provides \$2.2 million GF each year and 27.0 positions to support enrollment growth and increased operating expenses at the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind.

Other Education

- Includes \$2.2 million GF and \$6.5 million NGF across the biennium for the Science Museum of Virginia to support start-up and ongoing operations costs at the Northern Virginia Science Center.
- Provides \$1.0 million GF and \$258,064 NGF across the biennium for the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts to support increased information technology, security personnel, and utility costs.
- Includes \$1.0 million GF each year in state aid to local public libraries.

Higher Education

Institutions

- Includes \$100.0 million GF over the biennium to support operations at the institutions and minimize potential tuition increases on in-state undergraduate students.
- Provides \$50.0 million GF over the biennium for undergraduate need-based financial aid.
- Includes support totaling \$4.8 million GF over the biennium for nursing education programs at James Madison University, Radford University, and the University of Mary Washington.

- Provides \$3.8 million GF each year for healthcare workforce expansion initiatives at Virginia Commonwealth University and Virginia Tech.

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

- Provides \$73.2 million GF over the biennium and \$6.8 million NGF the first year to increase funding for the Workforce Credential Grant Program. NGF funds are transferred from Virginia Community College System balances.
- Includes an additional \$17.3 million GF over the biennium for the Tuition Assistance Grant to maintain awards for the projected increase in the number of eligible students.

Health and Human Resources

Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance

- Includes \$2.8 billion GF over the biennium to fund the Medicaid program based on the most recent forecast of expenditures.
 - Adopts \$591.2 million GF savings over the biennium to reflect the impact of various Medicaid savings strategies.
 - Restores \$29.5 million GF savings that provide limited emergency Medicaid coverage of maternity services for women who do not qualify for Medicaid solely based on their citizenship status.
- Includes \$93.6 million GF over the biennium to reflect lower revenue estimates for the Health Care Fund, which is used as the state match for Medicaid.

- Includes a \$90.0 million GF reserve the first year to hedge against increasing Medicaid costs.
- Provides \$80.1 million GF over the biennium to the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) program based on the latest spending forecast.
- Provides \$81.7 million GF over the biennium to increase rates for developmental disability waiver services pursuant to the permanent injunction with the U.S. Department of Justice.
- Adds \$44.3 million GF the second year to fund an increase in rates for personal, respite and companion care services.
- Includes language delaying the implementation of redesigned behavioral health services until July 1, 2027.
- Adds language delaying the implementation of a single pharmacy benefit manager system until July 1, 2027.

Children's Services Act

- Adopts \$136.1 million GF over the biennium for the Children's Services Act forecast, which reflects increasing caseloads and the cost of services primarily in private day special education.
 - Includes \$33.4 million GF savings over the biennium by reducing the average state match rate for community-based services from 81.0 percent to 71.0 percent by imposing a limit for private day services rate growth to 2.5 percent and removing automatic inflationary adjustments in rates for private residential treatment facilities.

Other Health and Human Resources

- Provides \$200.0 million GF the first year to fund subsidies on the individual health insurance market to reduce the impact of coverage losses from higher premiums resulting from the expiration of the federal enhanced premium tax credits.
- Includes \$135.0 million GF the second year for the potential state match on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits if the state's payment error rate is higher than 6.0 percent per federal changes in H.R. 1.
 - Adds \$5.6 million GF over the biennium to support efforts to decrease the error rate, including \$2.4 million to fund a SNAP quality assurance team charged with finding and correcting SNAP payment errors before they affect the state's SNAP error rate, \$2.0 million for a vendor to assist in efforts to decrease the SNAP error rate, and \$1.2 million to increase SNAP Quality Control reviewer salaries.
- Provides \$128.6 million GF over the biennium for public health, investments including \$50.0 million for drinking water grants, \$18.0 million to stabilize Ryan White HIV/AIDS services, \$10.0 million to support the free and charitable clinics, \$15.1 million for the Department of Health to complete and sustain an electronic health record system, \$9.3 million to bolster epidemiology efforts at the Department of Health, and \$4.6 million for public health campaigns.
- Provides \$100.4 million GF over the biennium to fund the increase in the state share of the SNAP administrative cost per federal changes in H.R. 1.

- Includes \$23.1 million GF over the biennium to fund substance use disorder order services.
- Provides \$16.9 million GF over the biennium to strengthen child welfare services including \$6.9 million to fund an increase to the salary minimum supporting local departments of social services family services employees, \$3.4 million to provide the Department of Social Services (DSS) with proper tools to hold local departments of social services accountable for providing quality care, and an additional \$3.0 million to support Child Advocacy Centers.
- Adds \$11.4 million GF over the biennium to fund the remaining 13 Community Services Boards to assist in implementing Marcus Alert programs.
- Provides \$3.0 million GF over the biennium for workforce retention efforts supporting brain injury services providers who report high attrition and difficulty filling open positions because of non-competitive salaries and benefits.
- Restores language allowing taxpayer funding for abortion services allowed under state law. (State law permits funds to be used in cases of gross fetal abnormality.)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Forestry

- Includes a \$484.8 million GF and \$141.8 million NGF deposit to the Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF) in FY 2027 and directs \$340.5 million to the Hampton Roads Sanitation District Treatment Plant Project.

- Provides \$50.0 million GF in FY 2027 for the City of Richmond Combined Sewer Overflow Project.
- Includes \$25.0 million GF in FY 2027 for Soil and Water Conservation District Dam repair.
- Adopts \$43.5 million GF the first year to support the Stormwater Local Assistance Program for projects in localities with municipal separate storm sewer systems.
- Provides \$6.4 million GF the first year to rebuild Lake Shenandoah Dam to pre-failure condition.

Public Safety & Veterans Affairs

- Provides \$32.3 million GF the first year and \$61.5 million GF the second year to support Department of State Police operations, including support for three 100-person trooper training schools.
 - Delays the start of the third funded trooper school until FY 2028 and directs the Department to provide additional information related to personnel expenditures.
- Includes \$28.9 million GF the first year and \$30.8 million GF the second year for increased inmate medical costs at the Department of Corrections.
- Provides \$20.0 million GF for one-time grants to help fiscally distressed localities purchase firefighting equipment and vehicles.
- Includes \$25.1 million GF for additional community violence reduction grants, bringing the total to \$98.4 million over the biennium.

- Provides \$8.2 million GF for a retention bonus for employees working in Department of Corrections and Department of Juvenile Justice facilities.
- Provides \$7.5 million GF in start-up operational funding for the new Puller Veterans Care Center in addition to \$22.5 million GF in one-time start-up funding for veterans care centers provided in the previous biennium.

Transportation

- Expiration of the data center sales and use tax (DCSUT) exemption increases sales tax revenue dedicated to transportation by an estimated \$84.5 million in the first year and \$207.2 million in the second year.
- Provides \$205.7 million over the biennium to support Metro by:
 - Directs the additional Northern Virginia regional transportation sales tax revenue resulting from the expiring DCSUT exemption to the WMATA Capital Fund (\$45.2 million in FY 2027 and \$110.9 million in FY 2028);
 - Increasing the Northern Virginia transient occupancy tax from 3.0 to 4.0 percent, which provides an additional \$34.3 million over the biennium to the WMATA Capital Fund; and
 - Allocating the additional sales tax from the expiring DCSUT through the Mass Transit Fund, which provides an estimated allocation of \$4.4 million in FY 2027 and \$10.9 million in FY 2028 to WMATA.

- Provides \$19.0 million GF the second year for one-time capital assistance for transit systems.
- Includes \$35.0 million GF the first year for design development and site improvements for an inland port at the Oak Park Center for Business and Industry in Washington County, Virginia.

General Government

Employee Compensation

- Provides \$175.5 million GF the first year and \$385.2 million GF the second year to fund a 3.0 percent salary increase for state employees and a 2.0 percent salary increase for state-supported local employees.
 - State employees would see the salary increase in their August 1 paycheck the first year and July 1 paycheck the second year.
- Includes \$2.1 million the second year for an increase in salary for state legislators to \$50,000, from the current salaries of \$17,640 for Delegates and \$18,000 for Senators.
 - Takes effect in January 2028, after the next election for the members of the General Assembly.

State Employee Health Insurance

- Provides \$99.4 million GF the first year and \$144.1 million GF the second year to fund the employer's share of state employee health insurance premiums.

- Plan benefit changes include a \$150 prescription drug deductible for COVA Care, requiring use of biosimilars for certain drugs, and assuming a lower negotiated cost for weight loss drugs.

Debt Service

- Includes \$20.0 million GF in the first year and \$47.8 million GF in the second year to adjust funding for updated estimates of debt service payments.

Compensation Board (Constitutional Officers)

- Provides \$4.2 million GF in additional state funding for Commonwealth's attorneys' offices.
- Includes \$2.5 million to increase salaries for qualifying local employees in the offices of circuit court clerks, treasurers, and Commonwealth's attorneys as part of the constitutional officer career development program.
- Adopts \$1.4 million GF for additional state-funded administrative positions in sheriffs' offices.

Central Appropriations

- Includes \$46.7 million in GF savings the first year and \$48.8 million in GF savings the second year to reflect lower employer contribution rates for state employee retirement.
- Adopts \$24.4 million in GF savings the first year and \$25.4 million in GF savings the second year to reflect lower employer contribution rates for the other post-employment benefit programs for state employees.

Judicial

- Adopts \$21.9 million GF each year to support recent increases in payments from the Criminal Fund, primarily to court-appointed counsel representing indigent defendants, and increase the hourly payment rate for guardians ad litem.
- Provides \$9.3 million GF over the biennium for Judicial Department operations, including \$7.3 million GF to modernize the Appellate case management system.
- Includes \$7.4 million GF to increase support staff in public defender offices.

Other General Government

- Includes \$7.1 million GF over the biennium to fund salary adjustments for attorneys in the Office of the Attorney General to reduce turnover.
- Provides \$3.3 million GF the first year to fund the replacement of the Department of Elections campaign finance systems.

Capital Outlay

- Provides \$3.3 billion from all funds for capital projects, including \$1.3 billion GF, \$1.1 billion tax-supported debt, \$123.6 million 9(d) revenue bonds, and \$717.0 million from other NGF, including:
 - \$1.9 billion for the 2026 Construction Pool, including \$1.1 billion tax-supported debt, \$676.7 million GF, and \$86.1 million NGF sources;

- \$200.0 million GF cash each year for maintenance reserve allocations;
- \$58.6 million GF for deferred maintenance projects at institutions and agencies;
- \$49.9 million GF cash for equipment for projects 18 months from completion;
- \$40.0 million GF to address deferred maintenance at State Parks;
- \$33.0 million GF for the umbrella project to renovate and repair DBHDS facilities; and
- \$33.0 million GF to continue planning the new State Office Building and demolition of the VDOT Annex on Broad Street.



REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN RESOURCES

SENATE FINANCE &
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 22, 2026



Respectfully Submitted,

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

Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Before I conclude, I would like to thank each member of the Subcommittee for their hard work in putting this report together. Their efforts and dedication to providing services to the people of the Commonwealth are much appreciated.

With that, I conclude my report for Health and Human Resources. I hope it will be the pleasure of the Committee to adopt our amendments.

Report of the Subcommittee on Health and Human Resources

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

Amendment	General Fund		Nongeneral Fund	
	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2027	FY 2028
1 Secretary of Health and Human Resources				
2 Task Force on SNAP Error Rate and Community Engagement		Language		
3 Ryan White Program Workgroup		Language		
4 Subtotal, Secretary of Health and Human Resources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5				
6 Children's Services Act				
7 Remove Funding for Study	\$ (100,000)	\$ (100,000)	\$ -	\$ -
8 Special Education Wrap Around Services Language		Language		
9 Private Day Educational Services Rate Growth Clarification		Language		
10 Subtotal, Children's Services Act	\$ (100,000)	\$ (100,000)	\$ -	\$ -
11				
12 Virginia Department of Health				
13 Grants for Drinking Water Projects	\$ 50,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
14 Ryan White HIV/AIDS Services	\$ 12,000,000	\$ 6,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
15 Rescue Squad Assistance Fund	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
16 Association of Free and Charitable Clinics	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
17 Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Services	\$ 4,642,403	\$ 4,642,403	\$ -	\$ -
18 Public Health Campaigns	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 3,300,000	\$ -	\$ -
19 Perinatal Health Hub Pilot	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
20 SB 813: Sickle Cell Network	\$ -	\$ 1,815,358	\$ -	\$ -
21 Enhance Contraceptive and Prevention Services	\$ 600,000	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -
22 Adult Sickle Cell	\$ 880,000	\$ 1,700,000	\$ -	\$ -
23 SB 271: Drug Affordability Board	\$ 895,740	\$ 895,740	\$ -	\$ -
24 Pediatric Sickle Cell	\$ 450,000	\$ 900,000	\$ -	\$ -
25 Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting Program	\$ 300,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 2,700,000
26 Healthier 757 Initiative	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -
27 SB 362: Human Donor Milk	\$ 425,000	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ -
28 Nursing Home Complaint Backlog Positions	\$ 291,627	\$ 291,627	\$ -	\$ -
29 SB 247: Nursing Home Operator License	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
30 Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP) Program	\$ 142,671	\$ 142,671	\$ -	\$ -
31 SB 308 - Drug Overdose Plan	\$ 105,115	\$ 105,115	\$ -	\$ -
32 ETSI Health Clinic	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -
33 All Payer Claims Database	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,075,000
34 Task Force on Primary Care Matching Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 326,700	\$ 326,700

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

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

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

Report of the Subcommittee on Health and Human Resources

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

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

Item 280 #6s

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

Language:

Page 319, line 28, strike "\$180,469,119" and insert "\$181,669,119".
 Page 319, line 28, strike "\$180,469,119" and insert "\$184,069,119".
 Page 320, line 24, after "appropriation", strike "\$500,000" and insert "\$800,000".
 Page 320, line 24, after "and", strike "\$500,000" and insert "\$1,400,000".

Explanation:

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

Item 282 #1s

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

Language:

Page 323, line 53, strike "\$33,179,983" and insert "\$38,179,983".
 Page 323, line 53, strike "\$33,179,983" and insert "\$38,179,983".
 Page 325, after line 53, insert:
 "4. Out of this appropriation, \$5,000,000 the first year and \$5,000,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the Virginia Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (VAFCC) to support the clinics' delivery of medical, dental, vision, speech, hearing, and behavioral health care as well as prescription medications and substance use disorder services."

Explanation:

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

Item 291 #10s

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

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

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

Page 370, after line 8, insert:

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

Explanation:

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

Item 291 #15s

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

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

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

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

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

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

Page 352, strike line 26.

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

Explanation:

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

Item 301 #2s

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

Language:

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

Explanation:

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

Item 301 #3s

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

Language:

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

Explanation:

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

Item 318 #1s

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

Language:

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

Explanation:

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

Item 333 #1s

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

Language:

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

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

Explanation:

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



**REPORT OF THE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION**

SENATE FINANCE &
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 22, 2026





Report of the Education Subcommittee
The Honorable Mamie E. Locke, Chair
February 22, 2026

Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

The Education Subcommittee has reviewed the Governor's introduced budget. As we developed our recommendations, we focused on strategies for continued investments in our students, teachers and faculty, and schools.

Our public education proposal provides an additional \$627.0 million from the general fund over the biennium. When combined with the introduced budget, including rebenchmarking, new general fund investments total over \$1.3 billion.

The Subcommittee proposes an additional \$118.7 million to increase the At-Risk Add-On for our highest need students and an additional \$60.0 million to increase the Infrastructure and Operations Per Pupil amount to enhance investment in all of our students. We propose \$12.8 million each year to increase the special education add-on. We remain dedicated to affordability – which is why we are proposing an additional \$17.6 million over the biennium for school breakfast programs, providing school divisions with additional state funding to reduce costs for families and improve nutrition services.

We continue to recognize the dedication of our teachers – and those who aspire to be teachers – in our Commonwealth. To that end, we propose \$193.3 million from the general fund to increase teacher salaries by an additional one percent each year, bringing the total salary increase to three percent each year when combined with the funding provided in the Governor's introduced budget. We also recommend increasing funding for teaching scholarship loans and teacher residency programs to support the teacher recruitment pipeline.

Additionally, in response to the ongoing need to renovate our schools, we expand to all localities the authorization to impose a local sales tax of up to one percent to support school renovation and construction once the locality receives approval by a local referendum. This has been a request from localities that we hope to deliver on this year.

We recognize that additional K-12 investments are needed, including changes to our funding formula. To that end, we propose an investment of \$1.3 million from the general fund to support the Joint Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education Funding's work to review JLARC recommendations and bring forward workable solutions, including a contract to facilitate the development of a new formula.

In the area of early childhood, we include \$50.0 million across the biennium for a pilot program to partner with the business community and address demand for early childhood care and education, in line with legislation that the Senate passed this Session.

In the area of higher education, we are recommending \$159.4 million in additional funding. When combined with the amounts in the introduced budget, this provides \$285.6 million in focused investments in our students, institutions, and our communities.

To support our students and to keep college affordable, we provide a total of \$65.0 million for need-based financial aid, an additional \$17.3 million for the tuition assistance grant (TAG) program to meet expected demand, and \$32.5 million for the workforce credential grant program that provides noncredit, industry-based training.

For our institutions, we provide \$100.0 million in operational support to help keep college affordable by mitigating the rising costs to get a degree and we recommend additional investments in programs with identified workforce shortages, such as nursing and healthcare.

I would like to thank the members of the Subcommittee for their hard work and dedication to supporting education in the Commonwealth.

I hope it will be the pleasure of the Committee to adopt these amendments. This completes the report of the Education Subcommittee.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Honorable Mamie E. Locke, Chair

The Honorable L. Louise Lucas

The Honorable Mark D. Obenshain

The Honorable Richard H. Stuart

The Honorable Aaron R. Rouse

Report of the Subcommittee on Education
(Proposed Amendments to SB 30, as Introduced, 2026 Session)

	Amendment	General Fund			Nongeneral Fund		
		FY 2027	FY 2028	Biennium	FY 2027	FY 2028	Biennium
1	EDUCATION						
2	Direct Aid to Public Education						
3	Direct Aid - Increase Teacher Salaries by One Percent (3% total increase)	\$ 63,612,903	\$ 129,711,030	\$ 193,323,933			
4	Direct Aid - Increase At-Risk Add-On	49,384,715	49,346,731	98,731,446	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 60,000,005
5	Direct Aid - Increase Infrastructure and Operations Per-Pupil Amount						
6	Direct Aid - K-12 Sales Tax Adjustment	46,728,709	114,677,450	161,406,159			
7	Direct Aid - Increase Special Education Add-On	12,819,492	12,760,192	25,579,684			
8	Direct Aid - Increase Breakfast Reimbursement Rate by \$0.22	8,613,643	8,971,315	17,584,958			
9	Direct Aid - Literary Fund Teacher Retirement	50,000,000		50,000,000	\$ (50,000,000)	\$ (50,000,000)	
10	Community Schools Development and Implementation Planning Grants	2,500,000	2,500,000	5,000,000			
11	Teaching Scholarship Loans	1,500,000	1,500,000	3,000,000			
12	Rockingham CTE	4,100,000		4,100,000			
13	AI Pilot Program (SB 394)	2,000,000		2,000,000			
14	Excel Center	900,000	900,000	1,800,000			
15	Richmond Teacher Residency	750,000	750,000	1,500,000			
16	DonorsChoose	500,000		500,000			
17	AED/CERP Grant Program	500,000		500,000			
18	Virginia Museum of History and Culture Civics Connects Program	300,000	300,000	600,000			
19	Blue Ridge Partnership for Health Sciences Feasibility Study	250,000		250,000			
20	Virginia Alliance of YMCAs	250,000		250,000			
21	Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Neck	250,000		250,000			
22	Reck League	100,000	100,000	200,000			
23	Girl Scout Youth Mental Wellness Program	193,000		193,000			
24	ECCE - Employee Child Care Assistance Program (SB 3)	25,000,000	25,000,000	50,000,000			
25	ECCE - Phased Reduction Model (SB 20)		3,000,000	3,000,000			
26	Various Language Amendments						
27							
28	Subtotal, Direct Aid to Public Education	\$ 270,252,462	\$ 349,516,718	\$ 619,769,180	\$ (50,000,000)	\$ 80,000,005	\$ 30,000,005
29							

Report of the Subcommittee on Education

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

		General Fund		
Amendment		FY 2027	FY 2028	Biennium
30 Department of Education, Central Office Operations				
31	Redirect Child Care Accounts to Other Early Child Care Initiatives	\$ (1,500,000)	\$ (500,000)	\$ (2,000,000)
32	Support Impact of Passed Legislation	1,500,000	750,000	2,250,000
33	Support for Jt. Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education Funding	1,000,000	250,000	1,250,000
34	Develop Phased Reduction Model (SB 20)	600,000		600,000
35	Learning Management System	5,138,000		5,138,000
36	Various Language Amendments			
37				
38	Subtotal, Department of Education, Central Office Operations	\$ 6,738,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 7,238,000
39				
40	Subtotal, All Public Education	\$ 276,990,462	\$ 350,016,718	\$ 627,007,180
41				
42	Other Education			
43	Library of Virginia - State Aid to Local Libraries	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
44	Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation - Operating Support	480,000	480,000	960,000
45	Frontier Culture Museum - Operating Support	250,000	250,000	500,000
46	Science Museum of Virginia - Operating Support	200,000	200,000	400,000
47	Gunston Hall - Operating Support	200,000	200,000	400,000
48				
49	Subtotal, Other Education	\$ 2,130,000	\$ 2,130,000	\$ 4,260,000
50				
51	Higher Education			
52	CWM - Community Law Clinic	\$ 327,000	\$ 327,000	\$ 654,000
53	JMU - Nursing Program Expansion		1,000,000	1,000,000
54	NSU - Enterprise Resource Planning	2,000,000	0	2,000,000
55	VT-Ext - Agribusiness Innovation	761,475	761,475	1,522,950
56	CNU - Science and Engineering Research Center	1,059,252	1,226,994	2,286,246
57	SCHEV - Tuition Assistance Grant Program	7,700,000	9,600,000	17,300,000
58	SCHEV - Medical Education Grant for Service	3,330,000		3,330,000
59	SCHEV - Workforce Credential Grant Program	9,450,000	2,650,000	12,100,000
60	SCHEV - International Student Enrollment Impact Study		Language	

Report of the Subcommittee on Education
(Proposed Amendments to SB 30, as Introduced, 2026 Session)

		General Fund		
		FY 2027	FY 2028	Biennium
Amendment				
61	UVA-W - Enrollment and Retention	750,000	750,000	1,500,000
62	GMU - Civics Education Pilot Program	50,000	50,000	100,000
63	VIMS - Defer Algal Blooms Study	(402,400)	(314,209)	(716,609)
64	IALLR - GO TEC Administrative Support	(4,670,000)	(4,670,000)	(9,340,000)
65	RHEA - Operations Support	300,000	300,000	600,000
66	SVHEC - Expand Instructional Capacity	472,000	472,000	944,000
67	NCI - Sustain Operations		3,185,419	3,185,419
68	SWVHC - Simulation Laboratory Staff	230,000	230,000	460,000
69	Maintain Affordable Access - Undergraduate Financial Aid		50,000,000	50,000,000
70	Maintain Affordable Access - Maintain Affordability	27,500,000	45,000,000	72,500,000
71	Remove Higher Education Tuition Cap		Language	
72				
73	Various Language Amendments			
74				
75	Subtotal, Higher Education	\$ 48,857,327	\$ 110,568,679	\$ 159,426,006
76				
77				
78	Total, Education	\$ 327,977,789	\$ 462,715,397	\$ 790,693,186

Item 123 #2s

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Education, Central Office Operations	\$1,000,000	\$250,000	GF

Language:

Page 137, line 41, strike "\$31,040,859" and insert "\$32,040,859".

Page 137, line 41, strike "\$30,040,859" and insert "\$30,290,859".

Page 139, after line 28, insert:

"N. Out of this appropriation, \$1,000,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to support the Joint Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education Funding. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a contractor to support the development of a new funding formula. The RFP shall be subject to the approval of a majority of the House members and a majority of the Senate members of the Joint Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education Funding. The Superintendent shall ensure continued collaboration between the contractor, the Joint Subcommittee, and the Department of Planning and Budget."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million GF the first year and \$250,000 GF the second year for the Joint Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education Funding's continued work on JLARC recommendations. Language allows the funding to be used for a contractor to support the work of the Joint Subcommittee.)

Item 125 #3s

Education: Elementary and Secondary	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$12,819,492	\$12,760,192	GF

Language:

Page 152, line 33, strike "\$11,395,866,095" and insert "\$11,408,685,587".

Page 152, line 33, strike "\$11,253,671,960" and insert "\$11,266,432,152".

Page 166, line 42, strike "4.75" and insert "5.75".

Page 166, line 42, strike "5.25" and insert "6.25".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$12.8 million GF each year to increase the special education add-on by one percent for each level of services. This brings the total add-on to 5.75 percent for level 1 students and 6.25 percent for level 2 students.)

Item 125 #5s

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY26-27

FY27-28

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$49,384,715
\$0

\$49,346,731 GF
\$20,000,000 NGF

Language:

Page 152, line 33, strike "\$11,395,866,095" and insert "\$11,445,250,810".

Page 152, line 33, strike "\$11,253,671,960" and insert "\$11,323,018,691".

Page 166, line 45, strike "\$785,857,850" and insert "\$835,242,565".

Page 166, line 45, strike "\$792,497,223" and insert "\$841,843,954".

Page 166, line 46, strike "\$194,690,377" and insert "\$214,690,377".

Page 167, line 3, strike "37.0" and insert "39.9".

Page 167, line 4, after "student" insert " the first year, and a payment equal to a 0.0 to 52.1 percent basic-aid add-on per estimated At-Risk student the second year".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$49.4 million GF the first year, \$49.3 million GF the second year, and \$20.0 million NGF the second year from the Lottery Proceeds Fund to increase the At-Risk Add-On to a maximum percentage of 39.9 in the first year and 52.1 in the second year. NGF in the second year reflects revenues from Senate Bill 661, and a companion amendment in Part 3 transfers such funds to the Lottery Proceeds Fund to be distributed for K-12 initiatives.)

Item 125 #6s

Education: Elementary and Secondary

FY26-27

FY27-28

Direct Aid to Public Education

\$0

\$60,000,005 NGF

Language:

Page 152, line 33, strike "\$11,253,671,960" and insert "\$11,313,671,965".

Page 183, line 14, strike "\$276,361,277" and insert "\$336,361,282".

Page 183, line 16, strike "\$422.56" and insert "\$514.30".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$60.0 million NGF the second year from the Lottery Proceeds Fund to increase the Infrastructure and Operations per pupil amount. Funds reflect revenues from Senate Bill 661, and a companion amendment in Part 3 transfers such funds into the Lottery Proceeds Fund to support K-12 initiatives.)

Item 219 #1s

Education: Higher Education

FY26-27

FY27-28

Virginia Cooperative Extension and
Agricultural Experiment Station

\$761,475

\$761,475 GF

Language:

Page 266, line 28, strike "\$116,561,722" and insert "\$117,323,197".

Page 266, line 28, strike "\$116,561,722" and insert "\$117,323,197".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$761,475 GF each year to support the establishment of an agricultural business innovation cohort including Area Specialized Agents and a state specialist in Agricultural Business Innovation. The team will have expertise in economics and business with backgrounds in precision agriculture, automation and connectivity, data analytics, workforce training, or controlled environment agriculture, and it will facilitate innovative agricultural approaches through the implementation of technologies such as smart sensors, autonomous systems for crop and animal management, precision farm equipment, and other analytical tools.)

Item 243 #3s

Education: Higher Education

Maintain Affordable Access

Language

Language:

Page 280, strike lines 3 through 12.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language related to a tuition cap included in the introduced budget.)



REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

SENATE FINANCE &
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 22, 2026





SENATE OF VIRGINIA

Senate Finance & Appropriations Committee

Report of the Economic Development and Natural Resources Subcommittee

The Honorable Barbara A. Favola, Chair

February 22, 2026

Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

Your Subcommittee has carefully reviewed Governor Youngkin's introduced budget for the Secretariats of Agriculture and Forestry, Commerce and Trade, Labor, and Natural Resources. We have thoughtfully considered these proposals, along with those offered by our Senate colleagues. In our deliberations, we took your directive to the Committee to heart – the Senate budget would prioritize education and health care funding, and one-time resources should be invested in one-time needs that would not create ongoing obligations for the Commonwealth. Furthermore, we focused on actions that would improve communities and maintain affordability for Virginians.

Virginia families and communities thrive when housing becomes affordable. Our proposed amendments include an additional \$50.0 million for the Virginia Housing Trust Fund and \$13.0 million for eviction prevention and diversion programs to mitigate housing instability. The best community builders are local governments, so our proposals transfer the almost \$80.0 million balance from the state fund for business ready site acquisition to the fund that provides grants to local governments for their site development activities. Finally, the Senate has acted on many bills this Session that will improve the workforce and energy use in Virginia, and the Subcommittee has made sure the Departments of Labor and Energy are equipped to implement that legislation.

In the areas of Agriculture and Forestry and Natural Resources, the Subcommittee is proposing support for equine activities, PFAS monitoring,

and regional groundwater planning and research. In keeping with our desire to steward our natural resources, the Subcommittee endorses the \$426.6 million deposit to the Water Quality Improvement Fund included in the introduced budget and we propose an additional \$200.0 million for water quality improvements for wastewater treatment facilities. We also recommend \$50.0 million to support the City of Richmond's Combined Sewer Overflow project.

This completes the report of the Economic Development and Natural Resources Subcommittee. I would like to thank the Subcommittee members for their participation, and I hope it will be the pleasure of the Committee to adopt our amendments.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Honorable Barbara A. Favola, Vice-Chair

The Honorable Richard H. Stuart

The Honorable Bryce E. Reeves

The Honorable Scott A. Surovell

Report of the Subcommittee on Economic Development and Natural Resources
(Proposed Amendments to SB 30 as Introduced, 2026 Session)

SB 30, General Fund

	Amendment	FY 2027	FY 2028	Biennium
1	Agriculture and Forestry			
2	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services			
3	Cannabis Retail Market Regulation	\$ 865,365	\$ 865,365	\$ 1,730,730
4	Subtotal, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$ 865,365	\$ 865,365	\$ 1,730,730
5	Virginia Racing Commission			
6	Support Shenandoah County and Great Meadows Foundation Equine Events	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
7	Subtotal, Virginia Racing Commission	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
8	<i>Various Language Amendments</i>			
9	Total Agriculture and Forestry	\$ 1,865,365	\$ 1,865,365	\$ 3,730,730
10				
11	Commerce and Trade			
12	Economic Development Incentive Payments			
13	Update References for Economic Development Incentive Payments		Language	
14	Business Ready Sites Grant Program Transfer		Language	
15	Subtotal, Economic Development Incentive Payments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
16				
17	Department of Housing and Community Development			
18	Increase Virginia Housing Trust Fund (SB 490)	\$ 50,000,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000,000
19	Virginia Eviction Reduction Program	\$ 13,000,000	\$ -	\$ 13,000,000
20	Income-Qualified Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Task Force	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000
21	Increase Funding for Hampton Roads Planning District Commission	\$ 190,000	\$ 190,000	\$ 380,000
22	Housing Development Database (SB 666)	\$ 261,000	\$ 261,000	\$ 522,000
23	Prentis Street Transmission Water Main Improvements	\$ 7,000,000	\$ -	\$ 7,000,000
24	Main Street Program Administrative Expenses Language		Language	
25	Cont. Auth. for Pilot Demonstration of Statewide Emergency Mgmt. Mobil App.		Language	

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SB 30, General Fund

	Amendment	FY 2027	FY 2028	Biennium
26	Broadband Make Ready Costs		Language	
27	Broadband Forced Relocation Costs		Language	
28	Subtotal, Department of Housing and Community Development	\$ 70,476,000	\$ 451,000	\$ 70,927,000
29				
30	Department of Energy			
31	Support for Energy-Related Legislation	\$ 1,025,000	\$ 425,000	\$ 1,450,000
32	Virginia Clean Energy Innovation Bank (SB 225)	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 20,000,000
33	Solar Interconnected Grant Fund (SB 659)	\$ 2,000,000	-	\$ 2,000,000
34	Subtotal, Department of Energy	\$ 13,025,000	\$ 10,425,000	\$ 23,450,000
35				
36	Virginia Tourism Authority			
37	Redirect a Portion of Sports Tourism Grant Program Support	\$ (2,500,000)	-	\$ (2,500,000)
38	Subtotal, Virginia Tourism Authority	\$ (2,500,000)	-	\$ (2,500,000)
39				
40	Virginia Innovative Partnership Authority			
41	Redirect Support for Biotechnology to Other Priorities	\$ (35,000,000)	-	\$ (35,000,000)
42	Commonwealth of Virginia Science and Technology Fellowships	\$ 75,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 200,000
43	Subtotal, Virginia Innovative Partnership Authority	\$ (34,925,000)	\$ 125,000	\$ (34,800,000)
44				
45	<i>Various Language Amendments</i>		Language	
46	COMMERCE AND TRADE TOTAL	\$ 46,076,000	\$ 11,001,000	\$ 57,077,000
47				
48	LABOR			
49	Department of Labor and Industry			
50	Labor Law Support for Legislation	\$ 4,835,300	\$ 2,835,300	\$ 7,670,600
51	Subtotal, Department of Labor and Industry	\$ 4,835,300	\$ 2,835,300	\$ 7,670,600

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SB 30, General Fund

	Amendment	FY 2027	FY 2028	Biennium
52				
53	Department of Workforce Development and Advancement			
54	Virginia Health Care Career and Technical Training and Education Fund	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000
55	Subtotal, Department of Workforce Development and Advancement	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000
56				
57	<i>Various Language Amendments</i>			
58	LABOR TOTAL	\$ 5,835,300	\$ 2,835,300	\$ 8,670,600
59				
60	NATURAL RESOURCES			
61	Department of Conservation and Recreation			
62	Virginia Conservation Assistance Program	\$ 8,000,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000,000
63	Lake Anna Harmful Algal Bloom (Cyanobacteria) Mitigation	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
64	Lake Barcroft Dam	\$ 2,995,000	\$ -	\$ 2,995,000
65	Jones Pond Remediation at Caledon State Park	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 300,000
66	Ranger Position for Breaks Interstate Park	\$ 215,240	\$ 89,640	\$ 304,880
67	Soil and Water Conservation District Dam Repair	\$ 25,000,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000,000
69	Subtotal, Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$ 36,510,240	\$ 589,640	\$ 37,099,880
70				
71	Department of Environmental Quality			
72	Regional Water Supply Planning	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 1,500,000
73	PFAS Monitoring and Reporting (SB 138)	\$ 1,625,000	\$ 1,125,000	\$ 2,750,000
74	Groundwater Study for Loudoun and Fauquier Counties	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000
75	Conduct Groundwater Research	\$ 2,300,000	\$ -	\$ 2,300,000
76	King George Wastewater Infrastructure Funding	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000
77	SWIFT Model for Eastern Groundwater	\$ 300,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 500,000
78	Richmond Combined Sewer Overflow Project	\$ 50,000,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000,000

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		SB 30, General Fund		
	Amendment	FY 2027	FY 2028	Biennium
79	Waste-to-Energy Study (SB 645)	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000
80	Supplemental Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF) Deposit	\$ 200,000,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000,000
81	South Central Wastewater Authority WQIF Procedures		Language	
82	Subtotal, Department of Environmental Quality	\$ 260,275,000	\$ 2,075,000	\$ 262,350,000
83				
84	Department of Historic Resources			
85	Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Historic Preservation Fund	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
86	Washington and Old Dominion Trail Visitors Center	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000
87	Accessibility Rehabilitation at Freedom House	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000
88	25th Remembrance of September 11, 2001	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000
89	Subtotal, Department of Historic Resources	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000
90				
91	Marine Resources Commission			
92	Conveyance of State-Owned Bottomlands		Language	
93	Little Wicomico Dredging	\$ 2,600,000	\$ -	\$ 2,600,000
94	Subtotal, Marine Resources Commission	\$ 2,600,000	\$ -	\$ 2,600,000
95				
96	<i>Various Language Amendments</i>		Language	
97	NATURAL RESOURCES TOTAL	\$ 304,385,240	\$ 2,664,640	\$ 307,049,880
98	SUBCOMMITTEE TOTAL	\$ 358,161,905	\$ 18,366,305	\$ 376,528,210

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Item 99 #1s

Agriculture and Forestry	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Virginia Racing Commission	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 96, line 31, strike "\$4,724,579" and insert "\$5,724,579".

Page 96, line 31, strike "\$4,724,579" and insert "\$5,724,579".

Page 97, after line 44, insert:

"H. Out of the amounts in this Item, \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year from the general fund shall be distributed to support racing and equine events. Of that amount, \$500,000 each year shall be provided to the Shenandoah Agricultural Foundation for harness racing at the Shenandoah County Fairgrounds and \$500,000 each year shall be provided to the Great Meadow Foundation for steeplechase and other events."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million GF each year to support the Shenandoah Agricultural Foundation and the Great Meadow Foundation horse racing and equine events.)

Item 102 #2s

Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$13,000,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 102, line 31, strike "\$311,162,101" and insert "\$324,162,101".

Page 104, line 20, after "Item" strike "\$3,450,000" and insert "\$16,450,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$13.0 million GF the first year for the Eviction Prevention and Diversion Program.)

Item 102 #3s

Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$25,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 102, line 31, strike "\$311,162,101" and insert "\$311,187,101".

Page 105, after line 7 insert:

"R. Out of the amounts in this Item, \$25,000 the first 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 5, 2026 General Assembly Session."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$25,000 GF the first year to coordinate the Income-Qualified Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Task Force, as outlined in Senate Bill 5, 2026 Session.)

Item 357 #1s

Labor	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Workforce Development and Advancement	\$1,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 434, line 41, strike "\$47,153,983" and insert "\$48,153,983".

Page 435, after line 19, insert:

"E. Out of this appropriation, \$1,000,000 the first year from the general fund shall be deposited to the Virginia Health Care Career and Technical Training and Education Fund established in § 2.2-2040.1, Code of Virginia. The funding shall be used as matching funds for the Dental Hygienist Funding Pool. These funds shall be matched by private sector funds and administered by the Department in coordination with the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority. The Department shall collaborate with the Virginia Community College System and private sector contributors to the Fund in the distribution of funds to dental hygiene programs in order to increase the number of graduates from such programs."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million GF the first year for the Virginia Health Care Career and Technical Training and Education Fund established in § 2.2-2040.1, Code of Virginia, as matching funds for the Dental Hygienist Funding Pool.)

Item 362 #1s

Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$8,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 440, line 32, strike "\$434,875,166" and insert "\$442,875,166".

Page 444, after line 42, insert:

"W. Out of the appropriation in this Item, \$8,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program administered by the Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$8.0 million GF the first year for the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program. The program is a community cost share initiative that provides financial incentives, technical assistance, and educational resources to property owners installing eligible best management practices, such as living shorelines, rainwater harvesting, and conservation landscaping.)

	Item 366 #2s	
Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Environmental Quality	\$750,000	\$750,000 GF

Language:

Page 447, line 12, strike "\$60,396,062" and insert "\$61,146,062".

Page 447, line 12, strike "\$60,397,686" and insert "\$61,147,686".

Page 448, line 15, strike both instances of "\$231,000" and insert "\$981,000" and "\$981,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$750,000 GF each year of additional state support for the water supply planning activities of the 25 regional planning units, including resource mapping, risk assessment and mitigation, community engagement, and local plan approval. The Code of Virginia requires that regional water supply plans be submitted by October 2029.)

	Item 368 #2s	
Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Environmental Quality	\$50,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 449, line 47, strike "\$258,956,273" and insert "\$308,956,273".

Page 451, after line 39, insert:

"M. Out of the amounts in this Item, \$50,000,000 the first year from the general fund shall be deposited to the Combined Sewer Overflow Matching Fund, established pursuant to § 62.1-241.12, Code of Virginia, to pay a portion of the costs of the combined sewer overflow project

in the City of Richmond."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50.0 million GF the first year for the Combined Sewer Overflow project in the City of Richmond and deposits the general fund support to the existing Combined Sewer Overflow Matching Fund, established pursuant to § 62.1-241.12, Code of Virginia. The support will pay for a portion of capital improvement projects that fulfill required interim and final plans addressing the combined sewer overflow into the James River.)



**REPORT OF THE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON
GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

SENATE FINANCE &
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 22, 2026





SENATE OF VIRGINIA

Senate Finance & Appropriations Committee

Report of the General Government Subcommittee

The Honorable Scott A. Surovell, Chair

February 22, 2026

Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am pleased to provide the report of the General Government Subcommittee. The members of the Subcommittee have reviewed the provisions of Senate Bill 30 for the areas related to compensation and retirement, along with numerous other agencies across the executive, legislative, and judicial branches. The Subcommittee's focus is on ensuring the core functions of state government can support the critical programs and services provided to the people of the Commonwealth.

The essential component of our state government is its workforce of more than 142,000 employees. These dedicated public servants work to provide high-quality and efficient services to all Virginians. Recognizing the critical importance of the state workforce, the Subcommittee recommends increasing the proposed salary increase to a total of three percent in each year of the biennium for state employees and maintaining a two percent increase for state-supported local employees. Compensation surveys indicate that state salaries continue to lag behind the private sector making consistent increases necessary each year to prevent the state from falling further behind. While the 2023 survey showed state salaries lagging by 13 percent, the 2025 survey indicated the gap had grown to 16 percent. The amendment in this report brings the total salary investment in our state workforce to \$560.7 million over the biennium. These increases will also help to improve retention and reduce turnover.

While public employee salaries oftentimes lag the private sector, other state benefits, such as health insurance, supplement the lower pay. The

Subcommittee adopts the \$243.5 million GF for the Commonwealth's share of health insurance premiums for its employees. The state health plan's costs are rising as utilization of higher-priced specialty pharmacy drugs continue to increase. Beyond minor changes in the state health plan's benefits, the Subcommittee maintains this key benefit for state employees.

The Subcommittee also recommends adopting savings of \$95.5 million over the biennium related to lower contribution rates for the cost of the state employee retirement plans, which continue to experience improvement in their funded status. For the teacher and state employee plans, the funded status is now above 85 percent.

For the Commonwealth's judicial system, the Subcommittee recommends investments to ensure it functions in the best interests of the citizens it serves. The Subcommittee adopts \$43.8 million for increased payments to court-appointed counsel and guardians ad litem. It also recommends \$7.4 million to increase support staff for public defender offices, an additional \$5.5 million for Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices, and \$7.3 million to modernize the Appellate case management system.

Other recommendations of the Subcommittee, include adopting \$67.9 million for higher debt service costs, \$7.1 million to improve compensation for attorneys in the Office of the Attorney General, and \$3.3 million to replace campaign finance systems at the Department of Elections.

As I conclude, I would like to thank the members of the Subcommittee for the time they invested in putting this report together. With that, I hope it will be the pleasure of the Committee to adopt the Subcommittee's amendments.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Honorable Scott A. Surovell, Chair

The Honorable Mark D. Obenshain

The Honorable Jeremy S. McPike

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

	Amendment	General Fund		
		FY 2027	FY 2028	Biennium
1	Legislative Department			
2	General Assembly: Full Benefits for Second Administrative Assistant	\$ 1,489,480	\$ 1,489,480	\$ 2,978,960
3	General Assembly: Salary Increase for Legislators	\$ -	\$ 2,131,489	\$ 2,131,489
4	General Assembly: SB 447 - Men and Boys Commission	\$ 44,184	\$ 44,184	\$ 88,368
5	General Assembly: Autism Advisory Council (SB 280)	\$ 7,200	\$ 7,200	\$ 14,400
6	Commission on Electric Utility Regulation: Funding for an Attorney Position	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 400,000
7	Joint Commission on Health Care: Medicaid Oversight Position	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 300,000
8	Commission on Youth: Funding for Third Staff Position	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 110,000
9	Crime Commission: Mary Jane Burton Review Panel	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 50,000
10	Division of Legislative Services: Commission on Civic Education Website	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000
11	JCOTS: SB 374 - Independent Verification Organizations	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000
12	Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council: SB 530 Electronic Disclosure by Locals	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 100,000
13	Commission on Youth: Child Advocacy Center Workgroup		Language	
14	JLARC: Access to Medicaid Information		Language	
15	JLARC: Aid to Localities Report		Language	
16	Various Language Amendments		Language	
17				
18	Subtotal, Legislative Department	\$ 2,055,864	\$ 4,152,353	\$ 6,208,217
19				
20	Judicial Department			
21	Collection Period Court Fines and Costs (SB 180)	\$ 74,000	\$ -	\$ 74,000
22	Deed Fraud Protection (SB 316)	\$ 397,614	\$ -	\$ 397,614
23	Appellate Case Management System Modernization	\$ 3,726,400	\$ 3,529,620	\$ 7,256,020
24	Judgeships (SB 158) & Study	\$ 1,318,233	\$ 1,975,810	\$ 3,294,043
25	Resentencing for Marijuana-Related Crimes (SB 62)	\$ 1,423,554	\$ -	\$ 1,423,554
26	Public Defender Support Staff	\$ 3,707,891	\$ 3,707,891	\$ 7,415,782
27	Defer Videoconferencing Funding	\$ (1,107,964)	\$ (2,263,141)	\$ (3,371,105)
28	Various Language Amendments			
29	Subtotal, Judicial Department	\$ 9,539,728	\$ 6,950,180	\$16,489,908
30				
31	Executive Offices			
32	Office of the Attorney General: Operations and Staffing Costs	\$ 3,540,042	\$ 3,540,042	\$ 7,080,084

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Amendment		General Fund		
		FY 2027	FY 2028	Biennium
33	Office of the Attorney General: Staffing Costs for Legislation	\$ 312,735	\$ 767,664	\$ 1,080,399
34	Office of the Attorney General: Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Reporting	Language		
35	Secretary of the Commonwealth: Impact of Legislation	\$ 110,392	\$ 110,392	\$ 220,784
36				
37	Subtotal, Executive Offices	\$ 3,963,169	\$ 4,418,098	\$ 8,381,267
38				
39	Administration Secretariat			
40	Compensation Board: Victim Notification Service Cost Increase	\$ 127,269	\$ 127,269	\$ 254,538
41	Compensation Board: Restore Underfunded Salaries for Assistant Commonwealth's Attorneys	\$ 329,320	\$ 359,258	\$ 688,578
42	Compensation Board: Shared Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney 9th Circuit	\$ 80,243	\$ 89,142	\$ 169,385
43	Compensation Board: Increase Paralegal Salaries	\$ 1,599,229	\$ 1,744,614	\$ 3,343,843
44	Compensation Board: Career Development Program Commonwealth's Attorneys' Offices	\$ 600,165	\$ 654,725	\$ 1,254,890
45	Compensation Board: Career Development Program Circuit Court Clerks' Offices	\$ 459,927	\$ 510,937	\$ 970,864
46	Compensation Board: Career Development Program Local Treasurers' Offices	\$ 108,717	\$ 118,600	\$ 227,317
47	Compensation Board: Defer Deputy Sheriff Position Increases	\$ (3,900,000)	\$ (3,900,000)	\$ (7,800,000)
48	DHRM: State Health Plan Coverage of Weight Loss Drugs	Language		
49	DHRM: Virginia Management Fellows Program	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 800,000
50	DHRM: SB 286 - Internship Coordinator	\$ 175,224	\$ 175,224	\$ 350,448
51	DHRM: Remove Leadership Academy	\$ (200,000)	\$ -	\$ (200,000)
52	ELECT: Referendum Costs	\$ 615,000	\$ -	\$ 615,000
53	ELECT: Rejoin Electronic Registration Information System (ERIC)	\$ 100,000	\$ 110,000	\$ 210,000
54	ELECT: SB 162 - Voter Registration	\$ 50,400	\$ -	\$ 50,400
55	DGS: Capitol Square Confederate Statue Removal (SB 650)	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
56	VITA: Substance Use Disorder Analytics Platform Expansion (NGF)	NGF		
57				
58	Subtotal, Administration Secretariat	\$ 2,545,494	\$ 389,769	\$ 2,935,263
59				
60	Finance Secretariat			
61	TAX: Affordability Rebate of \$100/\$200	\$ 499,040,000	\$ -	\$ 499,040,000
62	TAX: Fund Impact of Legislation	\$ 550,000	\$ 128,308	\$ 678,308
63	TAX: Awards for Tax Underpayment Detection Assistance (SB 224)	\$ 61,863	\$ 121,692	\$ 183,555
64	Treasury: Administrative Costs for Tax Relief	\$ 1,815,000	\$ -	\$ 1,815,000
65	Treasury: Bond Authority for Approved Jail Projects	Language		

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Amendment	General Fund		
	FY 2027	FY 2028	Biennium
66 TAX: Underpayment Detection Reporting		Language	
67 DOA: Update to Cardinal Systems (SB 378)		Language	
68 Treasury: Direct Revenues Per the Code		Language	
69 Virginia Energy Leasing Program Review		Language	
70			
71 Subtotal, Finance Secretariat	\$ 501,466,863	\$ 250,000	\$ 501,716,863
72			
73 Central Appropriations			
74 Fund 3.0 Percent Salary Increase for State Employees	\$ 48,757,454	\$ 109,039,428	\$ 157,796,882
75 Medicaid Reserve	\$ 90,000,000	\$ -	\$ 90,000,000
76 DOE Systems	\$ 50,000,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000,000
77 Adjust Funding for Rent Plan	\$ 3,170,619	\$ 3,170,619	\$ 6,341,238
78 Establish Public Employee Relations Board	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 6,500,000
79 Reflect Impact of Minimum Wage Legislation on State Agencies	\$ 546,761	\$ 2,573,516	\$ 3,120,277
80 Fund Impact of Legislation on State Employee Health Insurance	\$ 428,000	\$ 758,000	\$ 1,186,000
81 Reflect Impact of Minimum Wage Legislation on Constitutional Officers	\$ -	\$ 210,442	\$ 210,442
82 Fund Impact of SB 523 on LODA Premiums	\$ 63,100	\$ 63,100	\$ 126,200
83 Contingent Surplus		Language	
84			
85 Subtotal, Central Appropriations	\$ 195,465,934	\$ 119,815,105	\$ 315,281,039
86			
87 Independent Agencies			
88 Cannabis Control Authority: Reduce GF to Account for Increased NGF Fee Revenue	\$ -	\$ (6,220,439)	\$ (6,220,439)
89 VRS: Administrative Costs (NGF)	\$	\$	\$
90 Marketplace Health Insurance Subsidies	\$ 200,000,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000,000
91 SCC: Administrative Costs of Legislation (NGF)	\$ -	\$ -	
92 SCC: Fund Federal Defrayal Costs of Legislation Impacting Individual Health Insurance	\$ -	\$ 277,475	\$ 277,475
93 SCC: Short Term Loan Database		Language	
94 Workers' Compensation Commission: Reimbursement for Forensic Services for Victims (SB 812)	\$ 160,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 260,000
95 Lottery: Revenue Replacement for Age Verification Technology		Language	
96 Commonwealth Savers Plan: Remove Transfer of Surplus Funds		Language	
97			
98 Subtotal, Independent Agencies	\$ 200,160,000	\$ (5,842,964)	\$ 194,317,036

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Amendment	General Fund		
	FY 2027	FY 2028	Biennium
99			
100 Part 3: Miscellaneous			
101 Auditor of Public Accounts Intercollegiate Athletics Program Attestation Services		Language	
102 Remove Line of Credit for Workforce Development		Language	
103 Various Language Amendments		Language	
104			
105 Part 4: General Provisions			
106 Update Capital Lease Language		Language	
107 Update Local Fiscal Distress Language		Language	
108 Clarify State Employee Parking Fees		Language	
109 Clarify Use of General Fund for Athletics		Language	
110 Turnover and Vacancy Analysis		Language	
111 Carryforward Requirements		Language	
112 Legislative Standing to Intervene		Language	
113 Agency Limitation on Loans		Language	
114 Various Language Amendments		Language	

Item 32 #1s

Judicial Department	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Court of Appeals of Virginia	\$3,726,400	\$3,529,620	GF

Language:

Page 33, line 37, strike "\$23,087,457" and insert "\$26,813,857".

Page 33, line 37, strike "\$23,087,457" and insert "\$26,617,077".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.7 million GF the first year and \$3.5 million GF the second year to modernize the appellate case management system, including costs for personnel to implement and integrate the new system, software licenses, subscriptions, hardware, and hardware maintenance.)

Item 40 #1s

Judicial Department	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Indigent Defense Commission	\$3,707,891 45.00	\$3,707,891 45.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 39, line 23, strike "\$94,773,343" and insert "\$98,481,234".

Page 39, line 23, strike "\$94,773,343" and insert "\$98,481,234".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.7 million GF and 45.0 positions each year for additional support staff in public defender offices, including paralegals, mitigation specialists, investigators, and legal assistants. In 2023, JLARC recommended funding additional mitigation specialist and paralegal positions to help public defenders manage their workloads.)

Item 80 #1s

Administration	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Virginia Information Technologies Agency	\$2,600,000	\$800,000	NGF

Language:

Page 83, line 31, strike "\$25,322,123" and insert "\$27,922,123".

Page 83, line 31, strike "\$25,389,125" and insert "\$26,189,125".

Page 84, line 14, after "appropriation," strike "\$1,340,053", insert "\$3,940,053".

Page 84, line 14, after "first year and", strike "\$1,407,055", insert "\$2,207,055".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.6 million NGF the first year and \$800,000 NGF the second year from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation (COAR) fund for the procurement of services to expand and enhance the cloud-based data analytics platform that provides substance use disorder analytics.)



REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON CAPITAL OUTLAY & TRANSPORTATION

SENATE FINANCE &
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 22, 2026





Report of the Capital Outlay and Transportation Subcommittee
The Honorable Jeremy S. McPike Chair
February 22, 2026

Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

The Capital Outlay and Transportation Subcommittee reviewed the introduced budget as it relates to capital outlay and transportation.

As we worked towards amending the adopted budget, we continued to focus on pay-as-you-go capital funding with the available one-time resources. Our actions in capital provide \$448.2 million in general fund cash and reduce tax-supported debt by \$39.2 million. With these investments and endorsements of the introduced budget, the capital outlay program totals \$1.3 billion in general fund cash and \$1.1 billion in tax-supported debt.

The Commonwealth's top priority should be maintaining its existing capital assets. To support this goal, we include language implementing JLARC recommendations to ensure the Commonwealth has reliable information on its assets, including facility condition indices. The Subcommittee fully supports renovating existing buildings and investing in life-safety and deferred maintenance projects.

Our proposed amendments as compared to the introduced biennial budget include:

- \$33.0 million from the general fund to complete planning for a new state office building at the Virginia Department of Transportation Annex site;
- \$40.0 million from the general fund to support deferred maintenance at state parks;
- \$26.5 million from the general fund across state agencies and higher education institutions for deferred maintenance projects;

- \$15.8 million from the general fund for site improvements at Fort Monroe Authority; and
- \$316.6 million from the general fund to include an additional five higher education projects in the capital construction pool.

In Transportation, the Subcommittee continues the prudent practice of limiting general fund support, using it only when one-time funding is available. Retiring the data center sales and use tax exemption will provide \$291.7 million over the biennium to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund to support all modes of transportation. This new, ongoing revenue will continue to grow and support highway maintenance while also investing in transit systems that affordably move Virginians. Transit providers will receive \$15.6 million over the biennium for operating and capital needs from the Mass Transit Fund, along with a one-time \$19.0 million general fund cash infusion specifically for their capital needs.

The Subcommittee's actions increase state funding for the Washington Metropolitan Transportation Authority by \$205.7 million over the biennium. This includes \$15.3 million from required Mass Transit Fund distributions from the higher sales tax base. The amendments also direct \$156.1 million over the biennium from the higher Northern Virginia regional transportation sales tax base to WMATA's capital fund and raises the regional hotel tax in Northern Virginia by one percentage point, which is expected to generate \$34.3 million over the biennium. Our proposal ensures hardworking Virginians are not left to carry the full burden of transit costs by ensuring our visitors support the roads, transit, and amenities that they are enjoying. Together, these changes provide WMATA with additional funding that will continue to grow in future years.

This completes the report of the Subcommittee on Capital Outlay and Transportation, and I would like to conclude by expressing my appreciation to the members of the Subcommittee for their efforts in shaping these recommendations.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Honorable Jeremy S. McPike, Chair

The Honorable R. Creigh Deeds

The Honorable Mamie E. Locke

The Honorable Ryan T. McDougale

The Honorable Mark D. Obenshain

The Honorable Jennifer B. Boysko

Report of the Subcommittee on Capital Outlay and Transportation

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

Amendment	GF	Tax Supported Debt	NGF	9(c) Bonds	9(d) Bonds	Total
1 Capital Outlay						
2 JLARC Capital Study Recommendations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Language
3 DGS - New State Agency Building (Planning/Demolition)	\$ 33,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,000,000
4 DGS - Fort Monroe Visitor Amenity Improvements & Landscape Action Plan	\$ 3,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000
5 DGS - Fort Monroe Inner Fort Utility Master Plan Improvements	\$ 12,800,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,800,000
6 GMU - Address Deferred Maintenance	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000,000
7 CNU - Address Deferred Maintenance	\$ 5,542,078	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,542,078
8 VCCS - Property Acquisition Laurel Ridge Community College	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500,000
9 JYF - Address Deferred Maintenance	\$ 11,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,000,000
10 DCR - Defer Future State Park Acquisition Oak Hill	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
11 DCR - State Park Deferred Maintenance	\$ 40,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000,000
12 DCR - State Park Land Acquisition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
13 DMV - Renovate Headquarters (scope study)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Language
14 2020 VPBA Pool - Water Infrastructure to State Facilities in Nottoway (scope)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Language
15 Maintenance Reserve	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Language
16 Capital Equipment Pool	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000,000
17 Central Capital Planning Pool	\$ 6,214,338		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,214,338
18 2026 Capital Construction Pool	\$ 316,624,405	\$ (39,197,000)	\$ 78,785,987	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 356,213,392
19 SCC - Tyler Building Renovation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 94,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 94,000,000
20 Various Language Amendments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Language
21 Total Capital Outlay	\$ 448,180,821	\$ (39,197,000)	\$ 178,285,987	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 587,269,808
22						
23 Central Capital Planning Pool						
24 VIMS - Replace Fisheries Science Research Building						
25 UMW - Renovate Simpson Library						
26						
27 2026 Capital Construction Pool						
28 UVA - Construct Center for the Arts						
29 UVA Wise - Renovate Darden Hall						
30 JMU - College of Health and Behavioral Studies Expansion						
31 VT - Renovate Derring Hall						
32 RHEC - Window Replacement						
33 VCU - Defer Acquire Altria Building						

Report of the Subcommittee on Capital Outlay and Transportation

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

34	35	Amendment	General Fund		Nongeneral Fund	
			FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2027	FY 2028
36		Transportation				
37		Commonwealth Transportation Fund - Revenue from DCSUT Expiration	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 84,500,000	\$ 207,200,000
38		Northern Virginia Regional Transient Occupancy Tax 1% Increase (for WMATA Capital)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,000,000	\$ 17,300,000
39		Transit One-Time Capital Assistance	\$ -	\$ 19,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
40		Ticket Reciprocity & Out-of-State Registering Study	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
41		SB 399: Driver Training Schools	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 124,579	\$ -
42		Public Policy Day Washington DC Auto Show	Language	Language		
43		ERC Toll Relief Language	Language	Language		
44		Various Language Amendments	Language	Language		
45		Total Transportation	\$ 150,000	\$ 19,000,000	\$ 101,624,579	\$ 224,500,000

Item 433 #3s

Transportation	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Rail and Public Transportation	\$0	\$19,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 508, line 8, strike "\$862,989,928" and insert "\$881,989,928".

Page 508, line 28, after "Fund" insert:

"and \$19,000,000 the second year from the general fund"

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$19.0 million GF the second year for one-time transit capital investments.)

Item 437 #1s

Transportation		Language
Department of Transportation		

Language:

Page 510, line 35, after "needs.", insert:

"Included in the amounts in this item, \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the second year from the allocation for the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment is provided for sponsorship of the annual Public Policy Day (formerly Mobility Talks International) at the Washington, DC Auto Show."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50,000 NGF each year from the allocation for the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment to support the 11th and 12th annual Public Policy Day (formerly Mobility Talks International) at the Washington, DC Auto Show that will take place in January 2027 and January 2028, respectively.)

Item C-15.1 #1s

Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$40,000,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 571, after line 31, insert:

"C-15.1 Improvements: State Park Deferred Maintenance (18654)	\$40,000,000	\$0
Fund Sources: General	\$40,000,000	\$0 "

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$40.0 million GF the first year to address deferred maintenance at the state parks.)

	Item C-29 #1s	
Central Appropriations	FY26-27	FY27-28
Central Capital Outlay	\$316,624,405	\$0 GF
	\$39,588,987	\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 577, line 36, strike "\$1,336,094,534" and insert "\$1,692,307,926".

Page 578, after line 19, insert:

"207 University of Virginia Construct Center for the Arts (18602)

208 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Renovate Derring Hall (18674)".

Page 578, after line 38, insert:

"216 James Madison University Expand College of Health and Behavioral Studies Building (18739)".

Page 578, strike lines 43 and 44.

Page 578, after line 46, insert:

"246 University of Virginia's College at Wise Renovate Darden Hall (18760)".

Page 578, after line 56, insert:

"935 Roanoke Higher Education Authority Replace windows".

Page 579, strike lines 5 through 10, and insert:

"D.1. The scope of the Department of General Services (DGS) project for the Commonwealth Courts Building (194-18537), as previously authorized in Item C-1.30, Chapter 552, 2021 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, and amended in Item C-2, Chapter 1, 2023 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, and in Item C-2 of Chapter 725 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly, is hereby revised to include improvements and safety and security enhancements to be constructed or installed within the sidewalk areas lying within the northern portion of the right-of-way of East Main Street (between North 9th Street and North 10th Street), within the eastern portion of North 9th Street (between East Main Street and Bank Street), which rights-of-way are owned by the City of Richmond (City), and more specifically as determined by the DGS project team and in collaboration with the City with respect to such rights-of-way. Accordingly, the City and

DGS shall enter into a deed of easement or other proper instruments, in such form approved by the Offices of the City Attorney and of the Commonwealth Office of the Attorney General, whereby the City, without charge to the Commonwealth, shall grant to DGS, as agent of the Commonwealth, where mutually agreeable across, over, under, and above the referenced right-of-way of East Main Street and North 9th Street, (a) the perpetual and irrevocable right, privilege and easement to construct, install, use, operate, inspect, maintain, repair, replace, rebuild, improve, alter and remove (i) any construction or installation contracted for by DGS either as part of the referenced construction projects or at any time with respect to safety and security enhancements around the perimeter of Capitol Square deemed appropriate by DGS, and (ii) all equipment, accessories, utilities and appurtenances necessary to support such construction projects and such incorporation of safety and security enhancements, (b) the perpetual and irrevocable right, privilege and easement to inspect, maintain, repair, replace and rebuild the sidewalks and elements thereof (but not traffic control devices and signage or street lighting located thereupon) of the referenced right-of-way of East Main Street and North 9th Street, and (c) any necessary or appropriate temporary construction easements, upon terms approved by the Mayor of Richmond and the Governor, pursuant to § 2.2-1149, Code of Virginia; approval by Richmond City Council shall not be required.

2. The City, without expending City funds, shall cooperate with DGS (i) to support the referenced construction project work and incorporation of safety and security enhancements at and along East Main Street and North 9th Street, (ii) to relocate any utilities located in the agreed upon easement area, if necessary, and (iii) to coordinate any closure or other traffic flow controls of East Main Street and North 9th Street during the performance of the construction projects and the incorporation of any safety and security features that will enhance safety and security around the perimeter of Capitol Square. At no time shall DGS make any permanent changes to the East Main Street or North 9th Street rights-of-way without the prior approval of the Chief Administrative Officer of the City or the City hinder or delay construction of the referenced construction projects. Notwithstanding the foregoing, DGS may commence the construction project work and safety and security enhancements within the referenced right-of-way of East Main Street and North 9th Street prior to the execution of a deed of easement or other proper instruments, if deemed necessary by DGS to avoid delay in the implementation of the construction project work or safety and security enhancements."

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes five capital projects for full construction funding, including University of Virginia Construct Center for the Arts, Virginia Tech Renovate Derring Hall, James Madison University Expand College of Health and Behavioral Studies Building, UVA Wise Renovate Darden Hall and Roanoke Higher Education Authority Replace Windows. The amendment defers acquisition of the Altria Building for Virginia Commonwealth University.)



**REPORT OF THE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY & CLAIMS**

SENATE FINANCE &
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 22, 2026





Report of the Public Safety and Claims Subcommittee
The Honorable Jennifer B. Boysko, Chair
February 22, 2026

Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

The Public Safety and Claims Subcommittee has reviewed the proposed budget for the agencies of Public Safety and Homeland Security and Veterans and Defense Affairs. The Subcommittee continues to prioritize investments in community violence reduction, victim services, first responders, and prison safety.

The Subcommittee recommends an additional \$25.1 million for grants managed by the Office of Safer Communities for a total of \$98.4 million over the biennium. A recent review by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission found that grants are likely achieving positive outcomes and recommended additional data collection on key metrics. Therefore, the Subcommittee report expands programs to additional high-need localities and maintains funding to continue grant performance evaluation. The Subcommittee also recommends \$4.8 million to increase the availability of court-appointed special advocates, who judges appoint to help speak for abused and neglected children during court proceedings.

The Subcommittee adopts the \$93.8 million proposed in the introduced budget for Virginia State Police personnel and operations, including support for three of the largest trooper training schools in recent history. The third trooper school is delayed until fiscal year 2028 to give the State Police time to provide additional information to the General Assembly about recent increases in personnel expenditures and budget needs.

Another priority for the Subcommittee is improving conditions in Virginia's correctional facilities. To that end, the Subcommittee recommends

\$8.2 million for retention bonuses for employees working in Department of Corrections and Department of Juvenile Justice facilities. Funding is also provided for additional body-worn cameras in high-security prisons. These investments support the safety and well-being of correctional officers and incarcerated individuals in the Commonwealth.

Finally, the Subcommittee report provides \$20.0 million for one-time grants to fiscally distressed localities to purchase firefighting vehicles and equipment. Many fire departments are struggling to afford these necessities amidst declining volunteerism and rising costs. This funding will go a long way to help meet the requested fire safety needs of these communities.

Madam Chair, this concludes the Public Safety and Claims Subcommittee report. I hope it will be the pleasure of the Committee to adopt our amendments.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Honorable Jennifer B. Boysko, Chair

The Honorable L. Louise Lucas

The Honorable Ryan T. McDougale

The Honorable Todd E. Pillion

Report of the Subcommittee on Public Safety & Claims

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

Amendment	General Fund		
	FY 2027	FY 2028	Biennium
1 Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security			
2 Department of Corrections			
3 Facility Staff Retention Bonus	\$ 7,837,000	\$ -	\$ 7,837,000
4 Body-Worn Cameras for High-Security Facilities	\$ 1,605,215	\$ 1,186,075	\$ 2,791,290
5 Software to Improve Inmate Placements	\$ 2,140,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 2,590,000
6 Recruitment Support	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 300,000
7 Legislation (Corrections Special Reserve Fund Deposits, SB 62)	\$ 1,251,627	\$ -	\$ 1,251,627
8 Subtotal, Department of Corrections	\$ 13,133,842	\$ 1,636,075	\$ 14,769,917
9			
10 Department of Criminal Justice Services			
11 Community Violence Reduction Grants	\$ 13,550,000	\$ 11,550,000	\$ 25,100,000
12 Court-Appointed Special Advocates	\$ 2,385,000	\$ 2,385,000	\$ 4,770,000
13 Legislation (SB 182, SB 543, SB 647)	\$ 706,104	\$ 708,614	\$ 1,414,718
14 Adjust School Resource Officer Grants to Reflect Utilization	\$ (4,726,025)	\$ (4,329,560)	\$ (9,055,585)
15 Subtotal, Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$ 11,915,079	\$ 10,314,054	\$ 22,229,133
16			
17 Department of Emergency Management			
18 Legislation (SB 98, SB 635)	\$ 130,000	\$ -	\$ 130,000
19 Defer Emergency Management Operations Funding	\$ (5,000,000)	\$ (7,000,000)	\$ (12,000,000)
20 Regional Approach Emergency Communications Devices	\$ (386,900)	\$ (262,800)	\$ (649,700)
21 Subtotal, Department of Emergency Management	\$ (5,256,900)	\$ (7,262,800)	\$ (12,519,700)
22			
23 Department of Fire Programs			
24 Fire Equipment & Vehicle Grants	\$ 20,000,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000,000
25 Legislation (SB 140)	\$ 188,100	\$ -	\$ 188,100
26 Subtotal, Department of Fire Programs	\$ 20,188,100	\$ -	\$ 20,188,100

Report of the Subcommittee on Public Safety & Claims

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

Amendment	General Fund		
	FY 2027	FY 2028	Biennium
27 Department of Juvenile Justice			
28 Facility Staff Retention Bonus	\$ 376,000	\$ -	\$ 376,000
29 Position Related to State Inspector General Recommendations	\$ 126,403	\$ 126,403	\$ 252,806
30 Subtotal, Department of Juvenile Justice	\$ 502,403	\$ 126,403	\$ 628,806
31			
32 Department of State Police			
33 Modify Third Trooper School to Second Year	\$ (20,641,375)	\$ -	\$ (20,641,375)
34 Missing Persons Alerts	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 200,000
35 Legislation (SB 115, SB 160, SB 542)	\$ 469,215	\$ 406,192	\$ 875,407
36 Subtotal, Department of State Police	\$ (20,072,160)	\$ 506,192	\$ (19,565,968)
37			
38 Various Language & NGF Amendments	<i>Language</i>	<i>Language</i>	<i>Language</i>
39			
40 Total Secretariat of Public Safety and Homeland Security	\$ 20,410,364	\$ 5,319,924	\$ 25,730,288
41			
42 Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs			
43 Department of Veterans Services			
44 Defer Second-Year Veterans Care Center Start-Up Funding	\$ -	\$ (1,556,840)	\$ (1,556,840)
45 Redirect Unconstitutional Appropriation	\$ (300,000)	\$ (300,000)	\$ (600,000)
46 Increase Veterans Support	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000
47 Subtotal, Department of Veterans Services	\$ 200,000	\$ (1,856,840)	\$ (1,656,840)
48			
49 Department of Military Affairs			
50 Defer Fort Pickett Positions	\$ (481,127)	\$ (481,177)	\$ (962,304)
51 Subtotal, Department of Military Affairs	\$ (481,127)	\$ (481,177)	\$ (962,304)
52			
53 Various Language & NGF Amendments	<i>Language</i>	<i>Language</i>	<i>Language</i>
54			
55 Total Secretariat of Veterans and Defense Affairs	\$ (281,127)	\$ (2,338,017)	\$ (2,619,144)

Item 391 #1s

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$125,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 469, line 4, strike "\$6,193,054" and insert "\$6,318,054".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$125,000 GF the first year to support implementation of Senate Bill 647, which requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to establish a model policy for law enforcement operation of unmanned aircraft systems in accordance with state law.)

Item 391 #2s

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$453,594 3.00	\$453,594 3.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 469, line 4, strike "\$6,193,054" and insert "\$6,646,648".

Page 469, line 4, strike "\$6,193,054" and insert "\$6,646,648".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$453,594 GF and 3.0 positions each year to support implementation of Senate Bill 543, which relates to enforcement of marijuana laws in the Commonwealth. The funding would support the bill's requirement that the Department of Criminal Justice Services establish compulsory minimum and in-service training standards for law enforcement officers on enforcement of Virginia's Cannabis Control Act and hemp-related laws.)

Item 394 #2s

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$2,385,000	\$2,385,000	GF

Language:

Page 471, line 8, strike "\$233,685,032" and insert "\$236,070,032".

Page 471, line 8, strike "\$231,685,032" and insert "\$234,070,032".

Page 472, line 5, strike "\$1,615,000" and insert "\$4,000,000".

Page 472, line 6, strike "\$1,615,000" and insert "\$4,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.4 million GF each year to increase the total appropriation for Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs to \$4.0 million GF each year. CASA provides judges with trained volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children.)

Item 394 #7s

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$1,000,000	\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 471, line 8, strike "\$233,685,032" and insert "\$234,685,032".

Page 478, after line 27, insert:

"Y. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$1,000,000 from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund for deposit in the Jail-Based Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Transition Fund."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million NGF the first year from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund for the Jail-Based Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Transition Fund. The Fund was previously provided a one-time appropriation of \$2.0 million NGF in FY 2024. This is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care.)

Item 405 #1s

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Fire Programs	\$188,100	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 485, line 20, strike "\$11,905,518" and insert "\$12,093,618".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$188,100 GF the first year to support the development of a training program on mental health awareness for fire department personnel that satisfies the criteria in current law and the provisions of Senate Bill 140.)

	Item 415 #2s		
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of State Police	\$206,682 1.00	\$206,682 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 492, line 17, strike "\$135,665,872" and insert "\$135,872,554".

Page 492, line 17, strike "\$135,661,900" and insert "\$135,868,582".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$206,682 GF and 1.0 position each year to support implementation of Senate Bill 115, which requires the Department of State Police to determine which other states have concealed weapon permit laws that are substantially similar to those in Virginia and adjust permit reciprocity agreements accordingly.)



REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON RESOURCES

SENATE FINANCE &
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 22, 2026



Respectfully Submitted,

The Honorable L. Louise Lucas, Chair

The Honorable R. Creigh Deeds

The Honorable Mamie E. Locke

The Honorable Ryan T. McDougale

Report of the Subcommittee on Resources
(Proposed Amendments to SB 30 as Introduced, 2026 Session)

General Fund	HB 29, as enrolled	SB 30		
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	Biennium
1				
2 Unappropriated Balance, as Introduced	\$ 2,124,733,900	\$ 721,045,559	\$ (415,695,398)	\$ 305,350,161
3 Changes to Balances Forward	0	191,664,693	0	\$ 191,664,693
4 Changes to Resources	195,700,000	1,303,142,087	1,316,100,000	2,619,242,087
5 Net Spending (subtraction)	4,035,307	2,208,064,877	890,613,229	3,098,678,106
6 Ending Balance/Unappropriated Balance	\$ 2,316,398,593	\$ 7,787,462	\$ 9,791,373	\$ 17,578,835
7				
8 BALANCES/REVENUES/TRANSFERS		FY 2027	FY 2028	Biennium
9				
10 Changes to Balances				
11 Chapter 6 (HB 1384 Torian), 2026 Session	\$ (5,200,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0
12 Reported FY 2026 GF Cash Balance	-	500,000,000	-	500,000,000
13 Total Changes to Balances	\$ (5,200,000)	\$ 500,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 500,000,000
14				
15 Changes to Revenues				
16 Remove Introduced Tax Actions	\$ 101,600,000	\$ 242,500,000	\$ 390,200,000	\$ 632,700,000
17 Conformity HB 29, as enrolled	99,300,000	156,100,000	117,400,000	273,500,000
18 Sports Betting Revenue Reforecast	-	15,000,000	15,000,000	30,000,000
19 SB 542 Cannabis Excise Tax	-	21,300,000	49,800,000	71,100,000
20 SB 763 Sales and Use Tax Firearm and Ammunition	-	28,900,000	69,400,000	98,300,000
21 SB 96 Braille Labeling Program Income Tax Credit	-	(500,000)	(500,000)	(1,000,000)
22 Sales and Use Tax Exemption Data Center Equipment and Software Expiration	-	282,900,000	694,200,000	977,100,000
23 Standard Deduction (\$9,200/\$18,400)	-	(51,000,000)	(108,400,000)	(159,400,000)
24 Total Changes to Revenues	\$ 200,900,000	\$ 695,200,000	\$ 1,227,100,000	\$ 1,922,300,000
25				
26 Changes to Transfers				
27 Property Dispositions (Forensic Science Laboratory and 7th and Main St)	\$ -	\$ 42,780,000	\$ -	\$ 42,780,000
28 Sales and Use Tax Exemption Data Center Equipment and Software Expiration - K-12 Transfer	-	34,200,000	84,000,000	\$ 118,200,000
29 Racing Commission Revenue Update	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	\$ 10,000,000
30 Interest Earnings and Unused Nongeneral Fund Balances	-	25,962,087	0	\$ 25,962,087
31 Total Changes to Revenues	\$ 0	\$ 107,942,087	\$ 89,000,000	\$ 196,942,087
32 Various Language Amendments in Part 3 and Part 4				
33				
34 Total, Committee Changes to Revenues/Resources	\$ 195,700,000	\$ 1,303,142,087	\$ 1,316,100,000	\$ 2,619,242,087