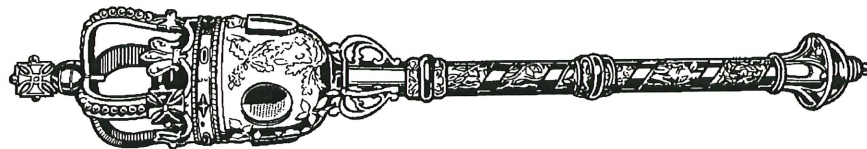


*Report of the
House Appropriations
Subcommittee*

on

Public Safety



*House Bill 29
&
House Bill 30*

February 18, 2018

REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE

on

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Each year the members of this Subcommittee must carefully consider the Commonwealth's many public safety needs, and balance those needs with the resources available to address them. This year has been no different.

Just a few weeks ago, the members of this Committee heard from the Department of Corrections about the success it has had in improving the outcomes of our correctional system, and that Virginia now has the lowest recidivism rate in the nation. We also heard about the many issues facing the Department, including its unmet operating needs, and the difficulties it has recruiting and retaining its correctional officers. In the interest of ensuring the continued improvement in the outcomes of our correctional system, the Subcommittee recommends \$3.0 million be provided to the Department in order to begin addressing its structural budget issues, and in doing so reduce the number of vacancies the Department is required to maintain to meet its operating needs.

The Public Safety Subcommittee also worked with the members of the Compensation and Retirement subcommittee to find the resources needed to address the issue of pay for our correctional officers. I am pleased to hear the recommendations made by Delegate Poindexter and his subcommittee, and I believe this pay increase is a much needed way to recognize the important public safety role played by the men and women who ensure the safe operation of our correctional facilities.

I am also pleased to hear the Compensation and Retirement Committee has recommended pay raises for our deputy sheriffs. These men and women work hard to keep our communities and schools safe, and I am glad our budget recognizes their contributions.

The Subcommittee report also includes funding the first year for the correctional impacts of legislation adopted by the body that either created or increased penalties on criminal behavior. These bills address a variety of public safety issues, from enacting harsher penalties for repeat violators of protection

orders as well as individuals who commit multiple acts of domestic violence, to strengthening protections for our children by enhancing the penalty for sex offenders who enter the grounds of our schools as well as those who commit prostitution-related offenses that in some way involve minors.

In our review of the introduced budget, the Subcommittee found many proposed items it has chosen to endorse. Such items include funding for additional drug courts and mental health dockets, which will provide our courts with additional resources to better meet its needs in facing the ongoing public safety concerns of addiction and mental illness in our Commonwealth.

The Subcommittee also endorses various proposals which aid state and local law enforcement. These include the proposal for \$2.8 million over the biennium and ten positions for State Police to establish an additional tactical team, which will provide State Police with additional resources to respond to serious public safety events such as what we saw this past August. In addition, the Subcommittee endorses the additional \$20.4 million included for aid to localities with police departments.


Mr. Chairman, the report of the Subcommittee is now before you and the Members of the Committee. Committee staff will review the report in more detail, and I hope it will be the Committee's pleasure to adopt the Subcommittee's report.

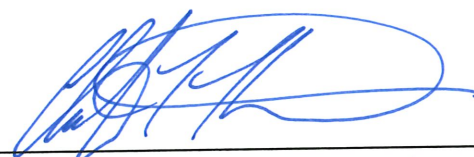
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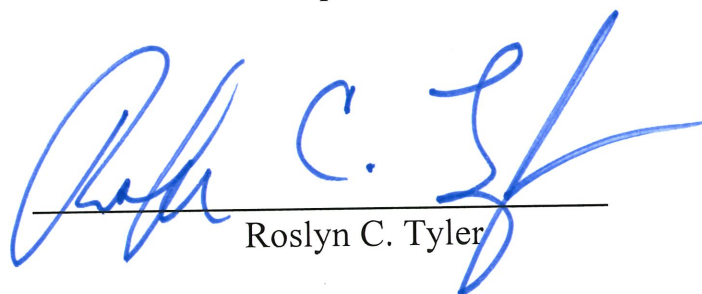

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Budget Amendment Recommendations

<u>Amendment</u>	<u>House Bill 29</u> <u>FY 2018</u>	<u>2018-20 Biennial Total</u>		
		<u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Nongeneral</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>FTE</u>
<u>JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT</u>				
Office of the Executive Secretary				
Electronic Filing System Work Group		Language		
Circuit Court Vacancies		577,644		
General District Court Vacancies		2,114,672		
Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court Vacancies		(528,668)		
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>				
Compensation Board				
Streamline Medicaid Enrollment Process		28,261	254,352	
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY</u>				
Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security				
COMLINC Assessment		(850,000)		
Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control				
Technical Correction - Enforcement			(2,120,496)	
ATM Pilot Program		Language		
Department of Corrections				
Base Operating Support		3,000,000		
Inmate Medical Costs		5,734,996		
Corrections Special Reserve Fund		Language		
State Responsible Inmates with SMI in Jails		Language		
Streamline Medicaid Enrollment Process		108,983	533,193	2.00
Department of Criminal Justice Services				
Limit Extension of Mental Health Pilots to One Year		(2,500,000)		
Department of Emergency Management				
Adjust Emergency Preparedness Training Funding		(1,950,000)		
Department of Fire Programs				
HB 729 - Modular Training Program			267,950	1.00
Department of Forensic Science				
HB 1249 - DNA Testing Materials and Supplies		463,946		
Department of Juvenile Justice				
Streamline Medicaid Enrollment Process			533,193	2.00
Department of Military Affairs				
New Cyber Security Assessments Funding		(200,000)		
Department of State Police				
Universal Background Checks		(915,497)		(7.00)
E-Summons Pilot		1,941,258		
Adjust Helicopter MELP Funding		(1,862,632)		
<u>VETERANS AND DEFENSE AFFAIRS</u>				
Department of Veterans Services				
Virginia Values Veterans Program Plan		Language		
Fully Fund Women's Veterans Coordinator		95,912		
<u>Part 3</u>				
Adjustments and Modifications to Fees				
Assessment of E-Summons Fees by Localities		Language		

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Item 38 #1h

Judicial Department

Supreme Court

Language

Language:

Page 29, after line 12, insert:

"O. The Executive Secretary shall convene a working group, to include a minimum of five circuit court clerks, to evaluate issues related to implementation of a statewide electronic case filing system. The evaluation shall include consideration of (i) the benefits of adopting a statewide electronic case filing system, (ii) which potential subscribers to an electronic case filing system should be permitted access to such system, (iii) the types of information to be made available to subscribers to the system or alternatively excluded from the system, (iv) how a subscription process may be established to provide a clear definition of the duties of the Office of the Executive Secretary and each circuit court clerk with respect to implementation and operation of the electronic case filing system, (v) the estimated one-time and ongoing costs of implementing and operating a statewide electronic case filing system, (vi) a fee schedule for subscribers to be codified in the Code of Virginia, and (vii) any potential loss of revenues by circuit court clerks reasonably attributed to the implementation of an electronic case filing system. The Executive Secretary shall provide a summary of the findings and recommendations of the working group to the Chairmen of the House Committees on Courts of Justice and Appropriations, and the Senate Committees on Courts of Justice and Finance no later than November 30, 2018."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court to convene a working group to consider the administrative and fiscal implications of the implementation of a statewide electronic case filing system, and by November 30, 2018, to report the findings and recommendations of the working group to the Chairmen of the House Committees on Courts of Justice and Appropriations, and the Senate Committees on Courts of Justice and Finance.)

Item 40 #1h

Judicial Department

FY18-19

FY19-20

Circuit Courts

\$288,822

\$288,822 GF

Language:

Page 30, line 2, strike "\$114,265,277" and insert "\$114,554,099".

Page 30, line 2, strike "\$114,265,277" and insert "\$114,554,099".

Page 31, after line 53, insert:

"K. The vacant Circuit Court judgeships to be filled as of July 1, 2018, are as follows:

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one each in the 1st, 6th, 8th, 17th, 29th, and 31st, for a total of six Circuit Court judgeships."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides authority and sufficient funding to fill six vacant Circuit Court judgeships as of July 1, 2018.)

Item 41 #1h

Judicial Department	FY18-19	FY19-20	
General District Courts	\$1,057,336	\$1,057,336	GF

Language:

Page 32, line 6, strike "\$117,429,801" and insert "\$118,487,137".

Page 32, line 6, strike "\$117,429,801" and insert "\$118,487,137".

Page 32, after line 44, insert:

"H. The vacant General District Court judgeships to be filled as of July 1, 2018, are as follows: one each in the 5th, 8th, 15th, 21st, 27th, and 30th for a total of six General District Court Judgeships."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides authority and sufficient funding to fill six vacant General District Court judgeships as of July 1, 2018.)

Item 42 #1h

Judicial Department	FY18-19	FY19-20	
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts	(\$264,334)	(\$264,334)	GF

Language:

Page 33, line 2, strike "\$99,769,065" and insert "\$99,504,731".

Page 33, line 2, strike "\$99,769,065" and insert "\$99,504,731".

Page 33, after line 34, insert:

"F. The vacant Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court judgeships to be filled as of July 1, 2018, are as follows: one each in the 3rd, 4th, 8th, 9th, 24th, 28th, and two in the 19th, for a total of eight judgeships."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides authority and sufficient funding to fill eight vacant Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court judgeships as of July 1, 2018.)

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Item 73 #1h

Administration	FY18-19	FY19-20
Compensation Board	\$28,261	\$0 GF
	\$254,352	\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 58, line 43, strike "\$4,008,780" and insert "\$4,291,393".

Page 62, after line 8, insert:

"T.1. Consistent with the provisions of House Bill 2183 of the 2018 Session of the General Assembly, the Executive Secretary of the State Compensation Board shall implement the recommendations relating to the State Compensation Board made by the Department of Medical Assistance Services in its November 30, 2017 report on streamlining the Medicaid application and enrollment process for incarcerated individuals.

2. For the purpose of implementing these recommendations, included in the appropriation for this item are \$28,261 the first year from the general fund, and \$254,352 the first year from nongeneral funds."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires the Compensation Board to implement the recommendations of the November 30, 2017 report by the Department of Medical Services that made several recommendations for streamlining the Medicaid application and enrollment process for incarcerated individuals. The amendment also increases the general fund and nongeneral fund appropriations to the Compensation Board for the one-time costs of implementing the recommendations.)

Item 381 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY18-19	FY19-20
Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security	(\$850,000)	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 338, line 3, strike "\$2,173,142" and insert "\$1,323,142".

Pages 338, line 28, strike "\$1,000,000" and insert "\$150,000".

Page 338, strike line 29.

Page 338, line 30, strike:

"Communications (COMLINC) system. Out of this appropriation up to \$150,000 may".

Page 338, line 32, after "interoperability." strike "The".

Page 338, strike line 33.

Page 338, line 34, strike:

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"interoperability among state, local and federal communications systems."

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces the general fund appropriation to the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security by \$850,000 in the first year. The introduced budget included \$1.0 million from the general fund the first year for the Secretary to (i) spend up to \$150,000 to identify the necessary system upgrades to ensure interoperability of state, local, and federal public safety radio systems, (ii) begin making identified upgrades, and (iii) report the findings of its evaluation to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees by November 1, 2018. This amendment provides \$150,000 for evaluation of necessary upgrades, and requires the Secretary to provide the recommendations of the evaluation to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees by November 1, 2018.)

Item 384 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security

FY18-19

FY19-20

Department of Alcoholic Beverage
Control

(\$1,060,248)

(\$1,060,248) NGF

Language:

Page 339, line 16, strike "\$21,148,223" and insert "\$20,087,975".

Page 339, line 16, strike "\$21,148,223" and insert "\$20,087,975".

Explanation:

(This amendment makes a technical correction to the amount provided for ABC's enforcement activities in the introduced budget. The introduced budget provided \$1.9 million from nongeneral funds each year to increase ABC enforcement activities, contingent upon the passage of House Bill 826, which increases several ABC licensing fees. The fiscal impact statement for the House Bill 826 estimates the increased licensing fees will generate \$839,752 annually in revenue. This amendment reduces the amount provided for ABC enforcement to reflect the estimated revenues generated by the bill.)

Item 385 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control

Language

Language:

Page 340, after line 16, insert:

"F. The Department shall implement a pilot program to evaluate the feasibility of installing automated teller machines (ATMs) in agency stores. The Department shall report the findings of

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the pilot program to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees no later than October 1, 2019."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires ABC to implement a pilot program evaluating the value of installing ATMs at state-owned stores, and to report the findings of the pilot program by October 1, 2019.)

Item 390 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY18-19	FY19-20	
Department of Corrections	\$0	\$3,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 343, line 11, strike "\$998,894,525" and insert "\$1,001,894,525".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.0 million the second year from the general fund to increase base operating support for the Department of Corrections. These amounts will reduce the number of vacancies the Department must maintain in order to fund its operating costs.)

Item 390 #2h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY18-19	FY19-20	
Department of Corrections	\$5,734,996	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 343, line 11, strike "\$1,000,443,034" and insert "\$1,006,178,030".

Explanation:

(This amendment restores \$5.7 million the first year from the general fund to the Department of Corrections for inmate medical costs based upon revised estimate of savings from Medicaid expansion.)

Item 391 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Corrections

Language

Language:

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Page 347, strike lines 8 through 20 and insert:

"M. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$350,000 the first year from the general fund for the estimated net increase in the operating cost of adult correctional facilities resulting from the enactment of sentencing legislation as listed below. This amount shall be paid into the Corrections Special Reserve Fund, established pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, Code of Virginia.

1. House Bill 525 -- \$50,000
2. House Bill 622 -- \$50,000
3. House Bill 661 -- \$50,000
4. House Bill 1440 -- \$50,000
5. House Bill 1469 -- \$50,000
6. House Bill 1516 -- \$50,000
7. House Bill 1580 -- \$50,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$350,000 the first year from the general fund to be deposited in the Corrections Special Reserve Fund to reflect the estimated bedspace impact of seven House Bills affecting criminal sentencing. The introduced budget included \$350,000 for the impacts of introduced legislation affecting criminal sentencing, therefore no net change in the appropriation provide for this item is made by this amendment.)

Item 391 #2h

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Corrections

Language

Language:

Page 347, after line 24, insert:

"O. The Department of Corrections shall evaluate potential options to reduce the number of state-responsible inmates with serious mental illness who serve the entirety of their state-responsible sentences in, and are released directly from, local and regional jails. In its evaluation, the Department shall give consideration to (i) the number of state-responsible inmates with serious mental illness held in regional jails, the jails in which they are held, their diagnosis and the acuity of their symptoms, the length of their state-responsible sentence and the severity of their offense, and other such relevant demographic information; (ii) which among these offenders should be prioritized for transfer to a state correctional facility; (iii) the current inmate population with serious mental illness held in state correctional facilities, their diagnosis and the acuity of their symptoms, and the length of their sentence and the severity of their offenses; (iv) the facilities and services currently provided for the treatment of inmates with serious mental illness held in state correctional facilities; and, (v) what additional capital and operating resources would be needed by the Department to facilitate a reduction in the number of state-responsible of inmates with serious mental illness serving the entirety of their

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sentence in local and regional jails. The Department shall provide the results of its evaluation to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees no later than October 15, 2018."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires the Department of Corrections to evaluate options to reduce the number of state-responsible inmates with serious mental illness serving the entirety of their state-responsible sentences in local and regional jails, and to report the findings of its evaluation to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees by October 15, 2018.)

Item 391 #3h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY18-19	FY19-20	
Department of Corrections	\$71,503	\$37,400	GF
	\$420,993	\$112,200	NGF
	2.00	2.00	FTE

Language:

Page 345, line 18, strike "\$103,832,536" and insert "\$104,325,032".

Page 345, line 18, strike "\$103,482,536" and insert "\$103,632,136".

Page 347, after line 24, insert:

"O.1. Consistent with the provisions of House Bill 2183 of the 2018 Session of the General Assembly, the Director, Department of Corrections, shall implement the recommendations relating to the Department of Corrections made by the Department of Medical Assistance Services in its November 30, 2017 report on streamlining the Medicaid application and enrollment process for incarcerated individuals.

2. For the purpose of implementing these recommendations, included in the appropriation for this item are \$71,503 the first year and \$37,400 the second year from the general fund, and \$420,993 the first year and \$112,200 the second year from nongeneral funds and two positions."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires the Department of Corrections to implement the recommendations of the November 30, 2017 report by the Department of Medical Services that made several recommendations for streamlining the Medicaid application and enrollment process for incarcerated individuals. The amendment also increases the general fund and nongeneral fund appropriation to the Department to implement the recommendations, and provides two positions.)

Item 395 #1h

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Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY18-19	FY19-20	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$0	(\$2,500,000)	GF

Language:

Page 348, line 22, strike "\$109,138,192" and insert "\$106,638,192".

Page 351, line 46, after "first year" strike "and \$2,500,000".

Page 351, line 47, strike "the second year".

Explanation:

(This amendment limits the extension of the jail mental health pilot program to a single year. The pilots were originally approved by the 2016 General Assembly, and were expected to last 18 months. The Governor's introduced budget included \$2.5 million from the general fund each year to extend the pilots to a total of 42 months. This amendment allows the pilot programs to operate for a total of 30 months, and will provide an opportunity for the General Assembly to review the performance and outcomes of these pilots when the Department of Criminal Justice services provides its evaluation in October 2018.)

Item 399 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY18-19	FY19-20	
Department of Emergency Management	(\$650,000)	(\$1,300,000)	GF

Language:

Page 353, line 21, strike "\$27,228,746" and insert "\$26,578,746".

Page 353, line 21, strike "\$27,908,283" and insert "\$26,608,283".

Page 353, line 43, strike "\$1,150,000" and insert "\$500,000".

Page 353, line 43, strike "\$1,800,000" and insert "\$500,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 each year from the general fund for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to conduct emergency preparedness training. The introduced budget included \$1.15 million the first year and \$1.8 million the second year for this purpose.)

Item 404 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY18-19	FY19-20	
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Department of Fire Programs	\$144,850	\$123,100	NGF
	1.00	1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 356, line 29, strike "\$8,734,151" and insert "\$8,879,001".

Page 356, line 29, strike "\$8,734,151" and insert "\$8,857,251".

Page 356, line 42, before "Notwithstanding" insert "A. "

Page 356, after line 45, insert:

"B. Included in the amounts appropriation for this items is \$144,850 the first year and \$123,100 the second year from the Fire Programs Fund to implement a modular training program for volunteer firefighters in accordance with House Bill 729 of the 2018 Session of the General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$144,850 the first year and \$123,100 the second year from the Fire Programs Fund and one position to implement training programs as required by House Bill 729.)

Item 407 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY18-19	FY19-20	
Department of Forensic Science	\$231,973	\$231,973	GF

Language:

Page 357, line 20, strike "\$47,716,944" and insert "\$47,948,917".

Page 357, line 20, strike "\$48,072,444" and insert "\$48,304,417".

Page 358, after line 10, insert:

"D. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$231,973 each year from the general fund for the estimated costs of materials needed for the additional DNA testing required pursuant to House Bill 1249 of the 2018 Session of the General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides to the Department of Forensic Science \$231,973 each year from the general fund for additional DNA testing pursuant to the provisions of House Bill 1249 of the 2018 Session of the General Assembly. An companion amendment to the front page reflects the \$167,769 in additional general fund revenue expected to be collected each year as a result of enacting the bill.)

Item 413 #2h

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Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY18-19	FY19-20	
Department of Juvenile Justice	\$420,993	\$112,200	NGF
	2.00	2.00	FTE

Language:

Page 362, line 7, strike "\$19,032,877" and insert "\$19,453,870".

Page 362, line 7, strike "\$19,032,877" and insert "\$19,145,077".

Page 362, after line 18, insert:

"A.1. Consistent with the provisions of House Bill 2183 of the 2018 Session of the General Assembly, the Director, Department of Juvenile Justice, shall implement the recommendations relating to the Department of Juvenile Justice made by the Department of Medical Assistance Services in its November 30, 2017 report on streamlining the Medicaid application and enrollment process for incarcerated individuals.

2. For the purpose of implementing these recommendations, included in the amounts appropriated for this item is \$420,993 the first year and \$112,200 the second year from nongeneral funds and two positions."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires the Department of Juvenile Justice to implement the recommendations of the November 30, 2017 report by the Department of Medical Services that made several recommendations for streamlining the Medicaid application and enrollment process for incarcerated individuals.)

Item 416 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY18-19	FY19-20	
Department of Military Affairs	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)	GF

Language:

Page 362, line 46, strike "\$52,568,404" and insert "\$52,468,404".

Page 362, line 46, strike "\$52,568,404" and insert "\$52,468,404".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes new funding included in the introduced budget to reimburse the Department of Military Affairs for the conduct of cyber security assessments for state and local governments. The Department is currently reimbursed for the costs incurred for these assessments by the Center for Information Technology.)

Item 419 #1h

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Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY18-19	FY19-20	
Department of State Police	(\$392,356) -7.00	(\$523,141) -7.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 364, line 10, strike "\$60,752,872" and insert "\$60,360,516".

Page 364, line 10, strike "\$60,883,657" and insert "\$60,360,516".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes funding and positions included in the introduced budget related to proposed legislation which would have required universal background checks for firearm purchases. House Bill 140 and House Bill 977 were not passed by the chamber.)

Item 419 #2h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY18-19	FY19-20	
Department of State Police	\$1,678,929	\$262,329	GF

Language:

Page 364, line 10, strike "\$60,752,872" and insert "\$62,431,801".

Page 364, line 10, strike "\$60,883,657" and insert "\$61,145,986".

Page 365, after line 32, insert:

"K. Included in the amounts provided for this item is \$1,678,929 the first year and \$262,329 the second year from the general for the Department to implement and operate an electronic summons system in Division 7. The Department shall work in cooperation with the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court to implement the system, and shall provide a report on the its activities and the outcomes of the system implementation by November 1, 2019."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.7 the first year and \$262,000 the second year from general funds for the Department of State Police to implement an electronic summons system in Division 7.)

Item 420 #1h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY18-19	FY19-20	
Department of State Police	(\$1,862,632)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 365, line 34, strike "\$286,506,138" and insert "\$284,643,506".

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Page 367, line 21, strike the first instance of "\$3,406,365" and insert "\$1,543,733".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces by \$1,862,632 the first year the general fund appropriation provided to State Police for replacement of two helicopters through the Commonwealth's Master Equipment Lease Program (MELP). Given delivery of the helicopters is expected in January 2020, the first MELP-related payment for the helicopters is not expected to occur until the second year.)

Item 466 #1h

Veterans and Defense Affairs

Department of Veterans Services

Language

Language:

page 407, after line 36, insert:

"D. The Department is hereby direct to develop a plan to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the Virginia Values Veterans program. At a minimum, the plan shall (i) assess the impact of the program on employer knowledge of the veteran workforce and their decision to hire veterans, (ii) an assessment of the roles and responsibilities of program staff and contractors, (iii) the ease and efficiency of the employer certification process, and (iv) recommendations to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the program identified in the course of its assessment. The Department shall provide its plan and recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees no later than November 1, 2018."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires the Department of Veterans Services to develop a plan to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Virginia Values Veterans program, and report its findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees no later than November 1, 2018.)

Item 466 #3h

Veterans and Defense Affairs

FY18-19

FY19-20

Department of Veterans Services

\$73,303

\$22,609 GF

Language:

Page 406, line 39, strike "\$17,562,437" and insert "\$17,635,740".

Page 406, line 39, strike "\$17,873,835" and insert "\$17,896,444".

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$73,000 the first year and \$23,000 the second year from the general fund to fully-fund the amounts requested by the Department of Veterans Services to establish a new position of Women Veterans Coordinator. The Department requested \$124,000 per year for the position, but the Governor's introduced budget included \$51,000 the first year and \$101,000 the second year.)

Item 3-6.04 #1h

Language

Language:

Page 469, after line 28, insert:

"§ 3-6.04 ASSESSMENT OF ELECTRONIC SUMMONS FEE BY LOCALITIES

Notwithstanding the provisions of § 17.1-279.1, Code of Virginia, no local governing body may assess an electronic summons fee upon any summons issued by a sworn officer of the Virginia State Police."

Explanation:

(This amendment prohibits localities from assessing an electronic summons fee on any summons issued by Virginia State Police troopers.)
