

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Proposed Adjustments as Introduced				
(\$ in millions)				
	FY 2017 Proposed		FY 2018 Proposed	
	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>
2016-18 Base Budget, Ch. 665	\$1,821.3	\$994.9	\$1,821.3	\$994.9
Proposed Increases	97.5	20.9	107.7	21.3
Proposed Decreases	<u>(11.9)</u>	<u>(11.4)</u>	<u>(26.6)</u>	<u>(11.4)</u>
\$ Net Change	85.6	9.5	81.1	9.9
HB/SB 30, as Introduced	\$1,906.9	\$1,004.4	\$1,902.4	\$1,004.8
% Change	4.7%	1.0%	4.5%	1.0%
FTEs	17,630.32	2,413.18	17,639.32	2,413.18
# Change	(198.50)	79.00	(189.50)	79.00

- **Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security**

- *Transfer of Positions.* Transfers 3 positions from the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs to the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, consistent with Chapters 115 and 490 of the 2014 Acts of Assembly, which transferred responsibility for homeland security to the Secretary of Public Safety, based on the recommendations of the 2013 JLARC report on disaster preparedness.

- **Commonwealth’s Attorneys Services Council**

- *Additional Nongeneral Fund Revenues.* Adds \$1.1 million NGF each year to recognize the transfer from the Commonwealth’s Attorneys Training Fund, which was created pursuant to Chapters 226 and 212 of the 2015 Acts of Assembly. This fund was established in order for the Virginia Retirement System to manage \$18.0 million in cash received by the Council pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories settlement. Each year, up to 6 percent of the fund balance (less VRS management fees) may be used for prosecutorial training.

- **Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control**

- *Distribution of ABC Profits.* Provides for the transfer of profits (through language in Part 3) from ABC to the general fund, estimated at \$146.9 million the first year and \$147.5 million the second year.
- *Store Personnel.* Provides \$1.3 million NGF and 55 positions each year, of which 30 positions will be dedicated to opening 14 new stores in targeted, high-volume locations. The other 25 positions will be utilized to address coverage gaps at the 353 existing stores.
- *Warehouse Personnel.* Adds \$76,834 NGF each year and 5 positions to convert part-time warehouse employees to full-time status.
- *Information Technology Personnel.* Adds \$440,000 NGF each year and 3 positions to maintain the agency's new IT systems.
- *Compliance and Tax Audit Personnel.* Adds \$232,932 NGF each year and 5 positions to increase the number of compliance agents and tax audits
- *Financial System Replacement.* Includes \$2.9 million NGF the second year for the final payment on the acquisition of the new financial management system, for which the total cost is estimated at \$17.0 million. The first \$14.1 million for this project was included in the 2014-16 biennial budget.
- *Licensing System Replacement.* Provides \$1.5 million NGF the first year for the final payment on the acquisition of the new licensing system, for which the total cost is estimated at 3.2 million. The first 1.7 million for this project was included in the FY 2016 budget.

- **Department of Corrections**

- *Correctional Enterprises.* Reduces the appropriation for prison enterprises by \$5.0 million NGF each year to reflect anticipated revenues and expenditures.
- *Capital Construction Unit.* Reduces by \$1.0 million NGF each year the appropriation for inmate work crews assigned to capital projects within the department. Due to a variety of factors, there is less revenue and there are fewer suitable inmates available for the work crews, so the number of inmates assigned to this program has been reduced by more than half.
- *Community Corrections Facilities.* Reduces by \$0.8 million NGF each year the appropriation for community corrections. The source of these funds is the revenue from "room and board" charges assessed to offenders in diversion centers

who have outside work release assignments. Revenue from this source has declined due to the closure of several diversion centers.

- ***Mothball Funding for Botetourt Property.*** Eliminates \$58,896 GF each year for the upkeep of the former Botetourt Correctional Center. The property was transferred to the Department of Military Affairs in 2015 for use as a readiness center.
- ***Telephone Commissions.*** Includes \$1.0 million each year for security equipment associated with the inmate telephone system. This additional funding is required because the department has lowered the rates that inmates and their families pay for telephone calls, effective December 1, 2015. A companion amendment to the revenue page eliminates the revenues from “site commissions” paid by the department’s inmate call service provider, Global Tel*Link (GTL), estimated at \$2.6 million GF each year. Companion amendments included in HB/SB 29 make these adjustments in FY 2016.
 - The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has recently established caps on all inmate calling rates, substantially reducing the average rates for for the vast majority of inmate calls, and has capped or banned ancillary service charges.
 - The FCC ruling discourages “site commissions,” or payments by inmate call service (ICS) providers to correctional facilities or government agencies. Any “site commission” payments must be paid out of profits and are not considered a justified cost. While the FCC does not prohibit providers from paying “site commissions,” it strongly encourages parties to move away from these commissions, and urges states to take action on this issue.
 - In 2010, the average cost of a telephone call from a Virginia facility was \$4.06; with the new rates, the average call will cost \$0.69, according to the Governor’s announcement. The new rates took effect on December 1, 2015.
- ***Security Staffing.*** Includes \$2.0 million GF and 36 positions each year for additional correctional officers.
 - The additional positions are intended for those facilities at which the agency’s staffing guidelines suggest that security posts are under-staffed.
 - However, since DOC must already maintain a minimum vacancy rate of at least 3.3 percent, or about 325 positions, in order to live within its base budget, the effect of this amendment is essentially to permit the agency to fill existing vacancies (rather than adding new positions).

- ***Open Culpeper Facility.*** Provides \$17.0 million GF the first year, \$22.3 million GF the second year, and 255 positions each year to open the former Culpeper Juvenile Correctional Center as an adult women’s facility. The buildings are currently being retrofitted to house 500 women. The facility is expected to open in January 2017. A start-up appropriation is included in HB/SB 29.

- ***Electronic Medical Records.*** Provides \$0.6 million the first year and \$0.8 million the second year from the general fund, and \$2.3 million the first year and \$1.5 million the second year from nongeneral funds, and 8 positions each year, to develop an electronic medical records system for the women’s correctional centers, as a first step towards a department-wide system. The source of the nongeneral funds is revenue from housing out-of-state inmates.
 - The department is currently charging about \$2.0 million NGF per year for housing out-of-state inmates (including 66 beds for the Virgin Islands and two beds for Hawaii). Of this amount, \$600,000 per year is set aside to maintain the Corrections Information System (CORIS). The remaining revenue would be set aside for the medical records project. The higher additional amount proposed in the first year includes a supplement from the current balance in the Out-of-State Prisoner Revenue Fund.

- ***Medicaid Expansion Savings.*** Reduces the appropriation for inpatient hospital services for inmates in state correctional facilities by \$9.9 million GF the first year and \$24.7 million GF the second year, based on the proposal in the introduced budget to expand Medicaid eligibility.

- ***Inmate Medical Costs.*** Adds \$1.0 million GF the first year and \$8.2 million GF the second year for increased inmate medical costs. This adjustment is calculated based on an assumption that the department would provide medical services at all of its facilities using its own personnel (i.e. with state employees, plus contracting for part-time physicians or offsite medical costs). However, the department has extended its contract with Armor to provide inmate medical services for many of its facilities, so the budget as introduced may not necessarily reflect the projected cost of services as currently delivered.

- ***Recruitment Personnel.*** Eliminates \$400,000 GF and 5 (of the 6) positions each year which were added in Chapter 665 last year to assist the department in recruiting medical personnel to work at state correctional facilities.
 - In the introduced budget, the cost of inmate medical care is calculated as if the department were providing all services using its own personnel (i.e. with state employees or contracts for part-time physicians), with the exception of off-site inpatient or outpatient care. However, the department

has extended its comprehensive contract for many of its facilities, so the the department does not need the additional recruiter positions.

- ***Re-Entry Counselors.*** Adds \$0.3 million GF each year to assume the final 25 percent share of a federal Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) grant that supported re-entry counselors. This grant has been gradually reduced.
- ***Community Residential Programs.*** Provides \$1.2 million GF each year to cover contract cost increases for community residential beds. There are currently 162 beds supported by this appropriation, but without this amendment the number would drop to 119. The services provided include substance abuse treatment, individual and group counseling, urinalysis, basic life skills and job placement.
- ***Interface with Supreme Court Data System.*** Provides \$0.2 million GF the first year, \$0.1 million GF the second year, and one position each year to develop an interface between the Corrections Information System (CORIS) and the Supreme Court criminal history data system.
- ***Jail Re-Entry Programs.*** Provides \$1.6 million GF and 19 positions each year for pilot jail re-entry programs to assist state-responsible offenders housed in local or regional jails to improve their transition back to their communities.
- ***Mental Health Programs.*** Includes \$2.2 million GF each year and 11 positions for mental health specialists at district probation offices, emergency psychiatric services for offenders under community supervision, and establishment of pilot peer support groups. This also includes funding for establishment of cognitive programming at pilot sites in regional or local jails for state-responsible offenders who will be released directly from jail to probation supervision.
- ***Faith-Based Services.*** Provides \$170,000 NGF each year for organizations that work to enhance faith-based services for inmates. The source of the nongeneral funds is profits generated by commissary operations.
- ***Legal Materials.*** Adds \$95,000 GF each year for legal materials for law libraries in state correctional facilities.
- ***FETCH Program.*** Adjusts language to reflect the change of the name of the Pen Pals program to the FETCH program, which teaches inmates to train and socialize rescue dogs, with guidance and instruction from professional dog trainers.
- ***Prison Bedspace Impact of Proposed Legislation.*** Includes a series of six deposits of \$50,000 each totaling \$300,000 GF the first year into the Corrections Special Reserve Fund for the estimated prison bedspace impact of proposed sentencing legislation, pursuant to Section 30-19.1:4 of the *Code of Virginia*:

- \$50,000 GF the first year to require criminal history background checks for all firearms sales at gun shows;
 - \$50,000 GF the first year to classify as a felony offense the willful failure or refusal to pay wages to more than one employee if the value of the wages earned and not paid to each employee is \$10,000 or more;
 - \$50,000 GF the first year to add computer crimes to the definition of RICO offenses;
 - \$50,000 GF the first year to enhance the penalty for computer trespass;
 - \$50,000 GF the first year to require that tax forms be signed under the penalty of perjury; and,
 - \$50,000 GF the first year to make the operator of any child day care center or home, operating without a license and in which any child is seriously injured or killed, subject to a felony offense.
- ***Jail Construction - Cash.*** Adds \$ 766,483 GF for the 25 percent state share for three local jail construction or renovation projects, including:
- Newport News Public Safety Building: jail renovation and upgrades, enlarging intake area (\$609,255);
 - Southampton Jail Farm: construction of new kitchen and dining hall building (\$84,828); and,
 - Martinsville City Jail: addition of emergency power, upgrading security system (\$72,400).
- ***Jail Construction - Bond Authority.*** Adds language and general funds for debt service in the Treasury Board for the state share for three local and regional jail construction, expansion, or renovation projects, including:
- Chesapeake City Jail: supplement to the previously authorized project for construction of a dormitory to house minimum security, work release, and work force inmates (\$1.7 million is the additional 25 percent state share of the approved capital cost);
 - Hampton Roads Regional Jail: replacement of the facility’s integrated security control system, including all door, locking, intercom and video systems (\$1.8 million is the 50 percent state share); and,

- Piedmont Regional Jail: expansion of existing building to add booking and intake areas, ten single cells, one detoxification cell, and one group holding cell (\$2.1 million is the 50 percent state share).
 - *Acquisition of Headquarters Building.* Provides \$30,000 NGF in Part 2 (Capital Outlay) for transaction costs associated with the acquisition of the department’s office building in Richmond. Companion language authorizes the department to exercise the provisions of its capital lease to acquire the building.
 - *Conversion of Culpeper.* Adds \$1.7 million NGF in Part 2 from bond proceeds to supplement the capital project for conversion of the former Culpeper Juvenile Correctional Center to an adult women’s facility. These bond proceeds represent balances from other, completed capital projects, and will be used to purchase stand-alone equipment.
 - *Line of Credit.* Restores language in Part 3 (Transfers) establishing a \$300,000 line of credit to enable the department to process federal education grant payments more efficiently. This line of credit was previously available to the Department of Correctional Education before that agency was abolished.
- **Department of Criminal Justice Services**
 - *HB 599.* Adds \$6.7 million GF each year to increase state aid for localities with police departments, consistent with the projected increase in general fund revenues. The proposed amendment provides for an increase of 3.9 percent in FY 2017 over the amount for FY 2016.
 - *Mental Health Services in Jails.* Provides \$2.5 million GF each year for grants to local or regional jails for six pilot programs to improve services to inmates in jail who have serious mental illness, or to provide pre-incarceration crisis intervention services to divert the mentally ill from jail. Proposed language specifies that:
 - The intent of this initiative is to encourage jails, community services boards, community corrections agencies, courts, commonwealth’s attorneys, law enforcement and nonprofit agencies to work together to develop innovative approaches to address this issue;
 - The department, in consultation with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS), will designate the pilot programs;
 - The pilot programs will be required to use mental health screening and assessment instruments designated by DBHDS, establish crisis intervention teams, provide training for jail staff in dealing with mentally ill inmates, and use evidence-based programs and services;

- The grantees must supplement, not supplant, existing local spending; and,
 - A report on the evaluation of the implementation and effectiveness of the pilot programs will be provided by October 15, 2017 and 2018.
- ***Community Corrections.*** Includes \$2.0 million GF each year to establish local community corrections and pre-trial release programs in areas that do not currently have such programs.
 - ***CASA.*** Adds \$438,121 GF each year to restore the previous reductions in the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs, which provide specialized training to volunteers who represent the interests of children involved in custody and abuse and other similar cases before the juvenile court. With this additional funding, the grant for CASA would be restored to \$1.6 million each year -- the same amount as provided in the 2008 appropriation act.
 - ***Criminal Justice Academies.*** Includes language extending the moratorium on establishing and funding any new criminal justice training academies from June 30, 2016, to June 30, 2018.
 - ***Drive to Work.*** Adds \$75,000 GF each year for this program, which is a non-profit tax-exempt corporation assisting low-income and previously incarcerated persons to restore their driving privileges so they can drive to work and hold a job.
 - ***Technical Assistance.*** Provides \$0.4 million GF and 4 positions each year to restore the agency's technical assistance capabilities. The 4 positions, which were eliminated during the budget reductions of 2008 and 2009, include a trainer to update the law enforcement job task analysis program, an online training specialist, a field representative to serve as a liaison with the law enforcement training academies, and one position devoted to policy development.
 - ***Abbot Laboratories Settlement.*** Includes \$0.8 million NGF each year to account for the funding made available under this settlement. No language is included.
 - ***Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC).*** Adds \$0.9 million NGF each year to reflect higher projected revenues from court fees available for this program. Chapter 794 of the 2014 Acts of Assembly increased from \$10 to \$15 the fee placed on each felony or misdemeanor conviction assessed as court costs, pursuant to Section 17.1-275.12 of the *Code of Virginia*.
 - ***Federal Juvenile Services Grant Funding.*** Reduces the appropriation for this grant program by \$2.5 million NGF each year to reflect federal grant reductions.

- *Federal Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funding.* Reduces the appropriation for this program by \$3.0 million NGF each year to reflect federal grant reductions.
- **Department of Emergency Management**
 - *Vehicle Replacement.* Includes \$57,752 GF the first year and \$115,504 GF the second year to continue the emergency vehicle replacement program using the Master Equipment Lease Program.
 - *Computers and Communications Upgrades.* Provides \$355,000 GF the first year to upgrade agency computers and communications equipment at the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) and the Virginia Fusion Center.
 - *Interoperable Radios.* Includes \$300,000 GF the first year to replace radios for regional coordinators, hazardous materials officers, disaster response and recovery officers, and regional staff.
 - *Agency Telephone System.* Adds \$225,000 GF and \$225,000 NGF the first year to upgrade the Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) system at agency headquarters and the VEOC. This funding will also provide for a backup server to allow for continued operations in the event of an emergency.
 - *Damage Assessment Software.* Includes \$225,000 GF each year for a geographic information system (GIS) based damage assessment software application, which will use smartphone technology to facilitate the documentation of post-storm damage, including locational and photographic data. The software will provide real-time transfer of damage assessment data to make the assessment process more efficient and consistent.
 - *Computer-Aided Dispatch.* Provides \$503,000 GF the first year and \$35,000 GF the second year for a computer-aided dispatch system, to provide the agency with real time tracking of state and local managed assets during emergencies.
 - *Regional Satellite Communications.* Provides \$90,000 GF each year for satellite communications in rural areas, and which serve as the primary communications backup during a disaster when telephone service is unavailable.
 - *Planning Software.* Adds \$175,000 GF and \$175,000 NGF the first year, and \$25,000 GF and \$25,000 NGF the second year, to procure and implement a software application to enhance the planning, development and review of locally-developed continuity of operations (COOP) plans and programs.

- **Department of Fire Programs**

- *Data Management System.* Provides \$76,890 GF each year and \$115,335 NGF each year to purchase a real-time, integrated data system for the Division of Fire Services and the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The system will also provide a shared platform with local agencies to comply with the reporting requirements of the National Fire Incident Reporting System.
- *Training Positions.* Includes \$428,000 NGF each year and 5 additional positions to train local firefighters across the Commonwealth.

- **Department of Forensic Science**

- *Physical Evidence Recovery Kits.* Provides \$0.9 million GF each year and 6 scientist positions to meet the expected increase in requests for PERK kits along with an expected doubling of the related workload.
- *Utilities and Maintenance at Western Lab.* Adds \$0.5 million GF each year to cover the additional costs to operate and maintain the new Western Regional Laboratory in Roanoke. There is a companion amendment in HB/SB 29.
- *Maintenance at Northern Lab.* Adds \$75,918 GF the first year and \$82,820 GF the second year to fill 1 vacant maintenance position for the Northern Regional Laboratory in Prince William County.
- *Toxicology Section.* Includes \$0.4 million GF the first year and \$0.6 million GF the second year to fill 6 vacant toxicologist positions at the four regional laboratories. This will enable the department to address increased workload and reduce turnaround times for certificates of analysis.
- *Tracing Firearms Used in Crimes.* Provides \$592,681 GF the first year and \$343,500 million GF the second year and 2 scientist positions to perform ballistics evaluations and trace firearms used in crime. The first year amount includes \$343,137 to purchase equipment for processing and entering evidence in the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network, which facilitates identification of the “trigger pullers” in firearms-related violent crimes. The second year amount includes \$40,000 for ongoing maintenance of the new equipment. The funds also include \$88,240 GF each year for four part-time laboratory specialists.
- *Administrative Positions.* Adds \$0.2 million GF each year to fill 3 vacant positions in the Eastern, Northern and Western Regional Laboratories to reduce the need for scientists to perform administrative tasks, thereby allowing the department to improve turnaround time for forensic evidence analysis.

- ***Quality Assurance and Compliance.*** Includes \$0.1 million GF each year to increase the number of full-time quality assurance personnel from one part-time to two full-time employees. These positions support the department’s efforts to maintain laboratory accreditation through reliable and accurate testing.
 - ***Laboratory Equipment.*** Provides \$350,000 GF the second year to acquire scientific instrumentation for the toxicology sections at the four regional laboratories using the Master Equipment Lease Program (MELP). This equipment is intended to provide advanced testing for drugs and controlled substances.
 - ***Laboratory Information Management System.*** Adds \$58,300 GF each year for the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS), which supports forensic evidence processing, chain of custody tracking, and the issuing of forensic certificates of analysis.
- **Department of Juvenile Justice**
 - ***Reallocation of Savings from Facility Closure.*** Includes language directing the department to develop and implement a transformation plan to reduce the number of juvenile offenders in state facilities and provide alternative placements and services that offer treatment and supervision consistent with the levels of risk and need as determined by the department’s risk and needs assessment process.
 - The language directs the department to reallocate any savings from the reduced cost of operating state facilities to support the transformation plan, including increasing the number of local placement options, including community placement programs, independent living programs, and group homes, and ensuring the appropriate levels of educational, career readiness, rehabilitative, and mental health services.
 - The language calls for an annual report assessing the results of the transformation, including the impact on recidivism rates, fiscal impact on local and regional detention homes, changes in commitment orders by the courts, and the use of the savings redirected as a result of the transformation, including expenditures for contract programs and treatment services.
 - A companion amendment in Part 2 (Capital Outlay) for the 2016 Session Capital Construction Pool authorizes Virginia Public Building Authority bond proceeds for construction of two new juvenile correctional centers.
 - Identical language is included in HB/SB 29.

- *Juvenile Detention Center Block Grant.* Provides \$759,820 GF each year to correct a technical error in the calculation of the amounts of state funding which are to be distributed to local and regional juvenile detention facilities.

- **Department of Military Affairs**

- *Commonwealth ChalleNGe.* Provides \$150,000 GF the first year to replace a server for the National Guard ChalleNGe program at the State Military Reservation at Virginia Beach (Camp Pendleton).
- *Morale, Welfare, and Recreation.* Clarifies language to specify the department may operate, with nongeneral funds, a Morale, Welfare, and Recreation program for the benefit of the Virginia National Guard, Virginia Defense Force, employees, family members and other authorized users of the department's facilities, under such policies as approved by the agency.
- *Recreation and Billeting Revenues.* Reduces the nongeneral fund appropriation by \$0.5 million each year for recreation and billeting (housing and lodging of soldiers) at Fort Pickett and Camp Pendleton, to reflect a decrease in revenues.
- *Federal Revenues.* Increases the nongeneral fund appropriation by \$6.5 million NGF each year to reflect projected revenues for federal cooperative agreements.
- *Line of Credit.* Provides language authorizing a line of credit to support the department's reimbursable federal cooperative agreements.
- *Military Relief Fund.* Adds \$25,000 NGF each year to support payments made to families under the Virginia Military Relief Fund. The additional funds are from increased tax check-offs on individual state income tax returns.
- *Staunton Land Exchange.* Adds \$25,000 NGF the first year and includes language in Part 2 (Capital Outlay), authorizing the department to transfer approximately one acre of land within the City of Staunton in exchange for another similar-sized parcel of city-owned land, for a mutually beneficial boundary adjustment. The funding is provided to cover transaction costs.

- **Department of State Police**

- *Information Technology.* Provides \$3.2 million GF the first year, \$1.1 million GF the second year, and 4 positions to upgrade and maintain mission critical information technology systems.
 - Language in Central Appropriations (Item 476.I.) provides contingency funding of up to \$5.0 million GF the first year for unanticipated costs associated with mitigating security threats, information technology security

gaps, and data storage. Information technology and telecommunications equipment and services procured under VITA policies, procedures, standards and guidelines are eligible for reimbursement.

- ***Cyber-Crime Investigations.*** Adds \$1.4 million GF each year and 10 positions (eight sworn and two civilian) to strengthen the department’s capacity for cyber-crime investigations and digital forensic analysis, as well as efforts to combat child exploitation and abductions, and other crimes.
- ***Cyber-Crime Analysis at the Fusion Center.*** Adds \$325,000 GF each year and 4 cyber security analyst positions at the Virginia Fusion Center.
- ***Driver and Firearms Training Facility.*** Includes \$1.2 million GF and 9 positions the first year, and \$3.1 million GF and 18 positions the second year for the new training facility at Fort Pickett. The funding provides 15 sworn positions for driver safety and firearms training, and three civilian support positions.
 - Language is added authorizing State Police to charge a fee to other law enforcement agencies for use of the new facility at Blackstone. The revenue is to be deposited into a special dedicated fund and used to support the cost of major repairs and maintenance of the facility. The fee schedule is subject to review by the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, but is exempt from the Administrative Process Act.
- ***Restoration of Rights.*** Adds \$180,801 GF the first year, \$197,237 GF the second year, and 3 positions to manage the increased workload resulting from policy changes concerning the restoration of civil rights for felons.
 - These changes were made pursuant to Executive Order 13 of 2014, which directed State Police and Corrections to share criminal history record information with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, for the limited purpose of determining eligibility for automatic restoration of rights. This replaced Executive Order 65 of 2013.
- ***Information Exchange Program.*** Restores \$91,189 GF the first year and \$99,479 the second year to establish an information exchange program with those states that share a border with Canada or Mexico. Funding to support this program was removed during the 2014 Session when homeland security responsibilities were transferred to the Secretary of Public Safety. This funding is intended to support one vacant position at the Virginia Fusion Center.
- ***Tip Line for Illegal Gun Activity.*** Provides \$50,000 GF each year for a State Police tip line which will enable citizens to report violations of gun laws.

- ***STARS Report.*** Eliminates language containing a previous requirement for a report on STARS radio equipment needs for the Department of Military Affairs.
- ***Data Sharing for NSF Grant Study.*** Adds language authorizing State Police to share data from the Central Criminal Records Exchange (CCRE) with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, to be used in a study of the relationship between gun violence and mental health funded by the National Science Foundation. The data, which will be made anonymous before being used in the study, will be released to the NSF contractor (Duke University) and subcontractor (University of Virginia).
- ***Firearms Background Checks at Gun Shows.*** Adds \$100,000 GF and 1 position each year for additional administrative support of background checks for the purchase or transfer of firearms at gun shows.
- ***Land Exchange with the City of Staunton.*** Adds \$10,000 NGF the first year and includes language in Part 2 (Capital Outlay) authorizing the department to transfer just under one acre of land within the City of Staunton in exchange for another parcel of land (approximately one acre) owned by the Staunton Economic Development Authority (EDA). The language indicates the Staunton EDA will render the property suitable for use and ready for operation as the department's Area 17 Bureau of Criminal Investigation Office. The funding is provided to cover transaction costs
- ***Division Six Headquarters.*** Provides funding in Part 2 (Capital Outlay) for detailed planning for construction of the new Division Six Headquarters in Salem.
- **Virginia Parole Board**
 - ***Part-Time Positions.*** Adds \$115,003 GF each year for part-time investigator and parole examiner positions to address the increasing numbers of prisoners eligible for geriatric release which must be reviewed every year. The Parole Board is now required to review annually all inmates eligible for geriatric release.