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APPROPRIATIONS  
COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN LUKE E. TORIAN

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REPORT OF THE  
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON

**HEALTH & HUMAN  
RESOURCES**

House Bill 29 & House Bill 30



# **REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE**

## **ON**

### **HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES**

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

It is no secret that Virginia is still facing a mental health crisis impacting children and adults all over the state. Virginia has committed significant investments to our mental health system in recent years, but the Subcommittee knew there was still more work to be done, which is why we are recommending over \$457 million over the biennium to support behavioral health and substance use disorder services. We recommend adding nearly \$55 million dedicated to crisis services to provide immediate support to individuals who need it most. This includes developing more crisis receiving centers and crisis stabilization units, further building out the MARCUS Alert program by adding additional crisis co-responder teams, expanding alternative transportation and custody programs, and adding more mobile crisis teams throughout the state.

While we know that it's critical to invest in crisis services Mr. Chairman, we also need to be cognizant of where these individuals go once they're out of crisis, which is why the Subcommittee recommends adding over \$350 million in dedicated services to ensure individuals can get the support they need within their communities. We support providing an additional \$12 million for discharge assistance planning for patients on the extraordinary barriers list to help ready individuals leave the hospital and to prevent rehospitalization. To help provide a place for individuals to go after leaving the hospital, we recommend bringing the annual funding amount for permanent supportive housing to \$85.6

million to insure individuals with serious mental illness have a safe and supportive place to live. Additionally, we recommend \$9 million to bolster STEP-VA, especially when it comes to outpatient services. The Subcommittee also wanted to ensure children were receiving targeted services, which is why we're recommending \$30 million to develop school-based health centers to provide mental health and primary medical care to students and their families within their school, preventing the need to find transportation to the doctor and taking time off of school and work. We believe our investments in these initiatives will continue to improve our state's mental health system and allow more individuals to remain safe, supported, and healthy in their homes.

In addition to behavioral health care, the Subcommittee continued to focus on ensuring Medicaid Developmental Disability (DD) waiver slots grow to meet the needs of individuals on the Priority 1 Wait List. As you know, the introduced budget contained a proposal to fund 3,440 Priority 1 waiver slots over the biennium -- 1,720 slots each year. While a great sound bite, the Subcommittee was concerned that our service providers may not have the capacity to absorb a large influx in demand for community-based services. Consequently, we are proposing a rational approach to providing the waiver slots over the biennium by phasing them in quarterly. In addition, we are providing a modest increase in DD waiver service rates to assist providers in serving these individuals. With this 2-pronged approach, we expect to see an additional 3,440 individuals with a DD waiver slot and receiving services by the end of the biennium.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to address the Subcommittee's approach to funding the Medicaid program. We handled many worthy requests this Session to expand the Medicaid program to add services

and serve more individuals in the program. But forces have combined that have led us to use caution in expanding the program at this time.

The program is in the middle of a huge transition as it works through the process of redetermining eligibility for two million Medicaid recipients whose eligibility has to be redetermined post pandemic.

While our state agencies have done a great job in managing this process, we are continuing to experience growing Medicaid rolls that were not anticipated when the Medicaid forecast was completed in November. This is putting pressure on our monthly program expenditures and is causing some concern until all cases are closed for those not meeting the program's eligibility criteria. In addition, Medicaid expenditures are facing potential upward increases as the agency completes its process to rebase hospital rates later this year. As a precautionary measure, the Subcommittee is recommending we set aside \$125.0 million as a reserve against an unexpected increase in Medicaid expenditures. We are also recommending amendments aimed at implementing additional automated tools to assist in timely and accurate eligibility determinations and to streamline the application and renewal processes.

The Subcommittee's package also recommends funding to fulfill prior commitments that have been made by this body. First, the Subcommittee recommends providing \$138.7 million in total funds to fund the Medicaid impact of HB 1 passed by the House on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, which raises the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by January 1, 2026. This funding will increase wages for consumer-directed personal care attendants that provide critical care that helps aged and disabled individuals to remain in their homes

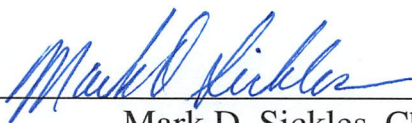
The Subcommittee report also includes \$81.6 million to continue efforts to improve care in Virginia's nursing homes through our policy of basing payments on value. Nursing homes will have to earn a greater portion of their payments by improving performance in areas such as nursing hours, hospital admissions, outpatient Emergency Department visits, and other care requirements.

Mr. Chairman, the Subcommittee is also recommending several changes to strengthen our safety net services. Amendments before you add:

- \$7.0 million for community health care centers and free clinics,
- \$6.4 million to continue funding of community health workers in our local health districts, and
- \$6.5 million for brain injury services and workforce retention efforts for these service providers.

The Subcommittee's report is contained within the attachment before you. Committee staff will review the report in more detail at this time, and I hope it will be the Committee's pleasure to adopt the report.

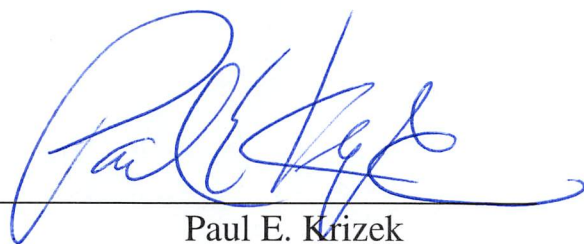
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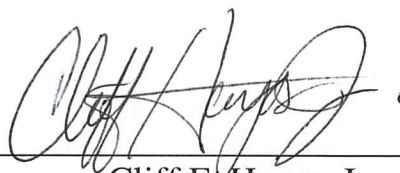
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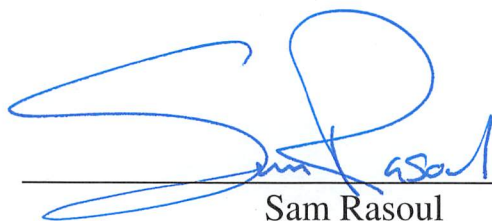
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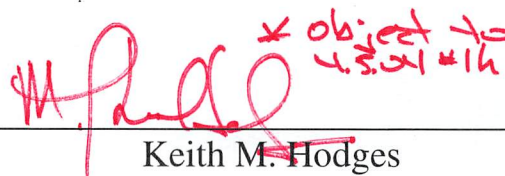
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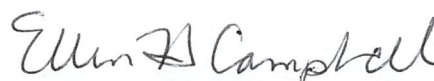
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Health & Human Resources HB 29 Amendments	2022-24 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTEs
<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES</b>			
<b>Department of Medical Assistance Services</b>			
Align Medicaid Requirements with New Federal Rules on Third Party Liability	Language		
Adjust Nongeneral Funds for Administrative Contact		2,849,486	
Adjust Nongeneral Fund Appropriation for Admin. Contracts		1,710,820	
<b>Department of Social Services</b>			
Percentage of Income Payment Program	Language		
Capture Balances in Auxiliary Grant Program	Language		
<b>Central Appropriations</b>			
American Rescue Plan Act Funds - Redirect Portion of Earn to Learn Program	Language		
Redirect DSS American Rescue Plan Act Funds for Redeterminations	Language		



Health & Human Resources	2025-26 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
HB 30 Amendments	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTEs
HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES			
Secretary of Health and Human Resources			
Opioid Data Tracking System	Language		
Virginia Department of Health			
Expand Mental Health Professionals Eligible for Behavioral Health Loan Repayment Program	(1,500,000)		
Northern Virginia Firefighter Occupational Cancer Screening Pilot	1,720,000		
Remove Fire and Rescue Fingerprint Card Requirement	Language		
HB 831 - Maternal Mortality Review Team Data Collection & Analysis	230,000		
Naloxone Distribution in Public Schools	100,000		
HB 93 Add Alpha-gal Syndrome to List of Reportable Diseases	262,835		
HB 1185 Data Sharing with Opioid Abatement Authority	135,000		
Transfer Funding for Opioid Reversal Agents to OAA		(11,038,290)	
Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority	2,634,544		
HB 514 Extend Sunset for Advisory Council on PANDAs and PAN	Language		
HB 252 Sickle Cell Disease Registry	810,520		
Community Health Workers in Local Health Districts	6,400,000		
Funding for Federally Qualified Health Centers	3,000,000		
Free Clinic Funding	3,967,740		
Rx Partnership	100,000		
Prince William UVA Health Mobile 3D Mammography Screening	500,000		
Transfer Fentanyl Wastewater Surveillance Project to OAA		(400,000)	
HB 570 Prescription Drug Affordability Board	1,296,000		3.00
Department of Health Professions			
HB 1185 Prescription Monitoring Program System Changes	Language		
License Requirements for Prescribers of Behavioral Health Medication	Language		
HB 995 Temporary Licensure of Physicians Licensed in a Foreign Country	Language		1.00
Department of Medical Assistance Services			
Medical Services for Involuntary Mental Commitments	(1,000,000)		
HB 1 Minimum Wage Impact on Medicaid Rates for Personal Care	63,854,262	74,858,595	
Dev. Disability Waiver Slots and Waiver Rate Increases	41,128,665	41,780,262	

Health & Human Resources HB 30 Amendments	2025-26 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTEs
Requirements for Medicaid Consumer-Directed Facilitators	Language		
Nursing Facility Value Based Purchasing Program	40,000,000	41,615,996	
Locally-owned Nursing Facilities Unreimbursed Costs	7,400,000		
Inflation Adj. for Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities	Language		
Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters	5,400,000	5,400,000	
Modify Supplemental Payment Program for Private Acute Care Hospitals	Language		5.00
Graduate Medical Education Residency Slots for OB/GYNs	1,000,000	1,000,000	
Medicaid Reimbursement for FQHC Changes in Scope of Services	Language		
Eliminate New Limit for Weight Loss Medications in Medicaid	Language		
Medicaid Reserve Fund	100,000,000		
Medicaid Third Party Liability Activities	734,680	734,680	9.00
Increase Automation for Medicaid Eligibility Determinations	3,301,684	19,048,226	
Centralize Mail Operations for Medicaid Applications & Renewals	6,169,825	13,681,850	
Nurse Manager Position	150,000	150,000	1.00
<b>Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services</b>			
Reallocate Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Programs Funding	(10,000,000)		
Reduce Number of Developmental Disabilities Office Positions	(644,212)	(644,212)	(5.00)
Repurpose Peer to Peer Mentoring Funding	(428,500)		
Reallocate Youth Mental Health Services Database Funding	(2,000,000)		
Repurpose Funding for Mental Health Workforce Initiatives	(1,241,752)		(1.00)
Report on CSB Performance, Billing, and Workforce Data	Language		
Fund School-Based Health Centers	Language		
HB 515 Discharge Pilot Program	Language		
Repurpose Crisis System Funding	(7,967,146)		
Expand Discharge Assistance for the Extraordinary Barriers List	12,000,000		
Virginia Association of Recovery Residences	1,000,000		
Expand Permanent Supportive Housing	10,000,000		
Grants for Adult-Size Changing Tables	500,000		
Increase Funding for STEP-VA	9,000,000		
Expand Funding for Children's Mental Health Services	4,800,000		
CCCA Alternative Placements	Language		
State Hospital Scheduling Software	815,114		

Health & Human Resources HB 30 Amendments	2025-26 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTEs
<b>Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services</b>			
Brain Injury Services Providers	1,550,000		
Community Brain Injury Services	5,000,000		
Dementia Plan of Care and Case Management	400,000		
No Wrong Door Dementia Capability Project	200,000		
<b>Department of Social Services</b>			
Repurpose Funding for Fatherhood Programs	(4,000,000)		
Training Academy Model for Family Services Programs	5,844,524	2,412,193	
Fund Kin First Consultants	504,154		2.00
Reallocate Supports for Kinship Placements	(1,611,521)		(1.00)
Percentage of Income Payment Program	Language		
Support Relative Maintenance Payments	2,000,000		
Driver's License Program for Foster Care Youth	620,000		
CASA Prince William and Fairfax	2,000,000		
Fund Child Advocacy Centers	5,477,158		
Language Access Funding	5,000,000		
Buffalow Family and Friends	600,000		
Support for Tonsler League in the City of Charlottesville	250,000		
Nepali Community Center	250,000		
Lighthouse Community Center		220,000	
Virginia CASH Campaign	1,500,000		
Repurpose Funding for Medicaid Recipients Pilot	(50,000)	(50,000)	
Human Centered Benefits Delivery CommonHelp VaCMS Replacement	16,834,293	16,540,594	
<b>Opioid Abatement Authority</b>			
Opioid Abatement Authority		30,438,290	
Relocate Opioid Abatement Authority to Independent Agencies	Language		
<b>State Corporation Commission</b>			
Commonwealth Health Reinsurance Program	Language		
<b>Part IV</b>			
Funding for Abortion Services	Language		



Item 304 #1h

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 113, line 33, after "T.", insert "1."

Page 113, after line 39, insert:

"2. Liable third-party payers are barred from refusing payment for an item or service solely on the basis that such item or service did not receive prior authorization under the third-party payer's rules.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds language to align Medicaid policy and rules with new federal rules regarding third party payments that will go into effect on July 1, 2024. Third party payments currently come from a number of sources, including child support orders requiring a custodial or non-custodial parent to enroll a child in a health insurance plan.)

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Item 307 #1h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY22-23**

**FY23-24**

Department of Medical Assistance  
Services

\$0

\$2,849,486 NGF

**Language:**

Page 137, line 17, strike "\$47,421,627" and insert "\$50,271,113".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds \$2.8 million to adjust the nongeneral fund appropriation for the Department of Medical Assistance Services for administrative contracts use to serve the Medicaid expansion population. This amendment shall be enrolled in Item 307, Chapter 1, 2023 Special Session 1, during enrolling of House Bill 29.)

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Item 308 #1h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY22-23**

**FY23-24**

Department of Medical Assistance  
Services

\$0

\$1,710,820 NGF

*Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 29, as Introduced*

**Language:**

Page 137, line 18, strike "\$288,261,699" and insert "\$289,972,519".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds \$2.8 million to adjust the nongeneral fund appropriation for the Department of Medical Assistance Services for administrative contracts use to serve the Medicaid expansion population. This amendment shall be enrolled in Item 308, Chapter 1, 2023 Special Session 1, during enrolling of House Bill 29.)

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Item 340 #1h

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Social Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 150, line 20, after "million.", strike the remainder of the line and insert:

"Ongoing administrative costs borne by Virginia Department of Social Services, local department of social services, and the Department of Housing and Community Development shall be submitted annually with each respective utility's administrative costs and program costs to the State Corporation Commission, per PUR-2020-00109 and PUR-2020-00117, and be reimbursed from the Percentage of Income Payment Fund per § 56-585.6."

Page 150, strike lines 21 and 22.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment clarifies that nongeneral funds from the Percentage of Income Payment Program (PIPP) Fund shall be used to reimburse local departments of social services, DSS, and DHCD for the administration of PIPP, consistent with § 56-585.6 of the Code of Virginia.)

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Item 344 #1h

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Social Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 155, line 47, strike "\$3,000,000" and insert "\$4,000,000".

**Explanation:**



***Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 29, as Introduced***

(This amendment captures \$4.0 million in balances the second year in the Auxiliary Grant program within the Department of Social Services.)

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Item 486.10 #1h

**Central Appropriations**

Central Appropriations

Language

**Language:**

Page 202, line 42, strike "Not set out." and insert:

"1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Item 486 of this act, the funding provided pursuant to paragraph A.2.1.1) of Item 486 shall be reallocated in the following manner:

2. \$28,057,684 in the first year to the Department of Medical Assistance Services (602) to procure a one-time vendor to assist in the redetermination of Medicaid enrollees over the twelve months following the end of the federal continuous Medicaid coverage requirement.

3. ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$7,000,000 in the first year to the Department of Social Services (765) to cover the one-time cost of supporting local departments of social services staff with efforts to perform benefit program redeterminations and appeals work in the ~~twelve~~ *seventeen* months following the end of the federal continuous Medicaid coverage requirement.

4. All funds allocated in paragraphs 2 and 3 shall only be used to support one-time eligibility redetermination efforts necessary to meet federal post public health emergency (unwinding) requirements. Prior to the transfer of any funds, impacted agencies shall provide the Department of Planning and Budget and Task Force on Eligibility Redetermination with an accounting of all agency unwinding activities and how any transferred funds will supplement those efforts."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment redirects \$3.0 million in unspent federal American Rescue Plan Act funds (ARPA) for DSS redetermination efforts and extends the amount of time the Department has to spend these funds from twelve to seventeen months following the end of the federal continuous Medicaid coverage requirement. There is a companion amendment in Item 486 for the Virginia Tourism Authority to receive these funds for a marketing campaign to increase inbound visitor demand.)

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**Health and Human Resources**

Secretary of Health and Human Resources

Language

**Language:**

Page 301, after line 48, insert:

"I.1. The Secretary of Health and Human Resources, in cooperation with the Secretary of Administration and the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, shall assess the need, cost and options to continue or replace a data analytics platform that collects, analyzes, interprets, and shares opioid related data from relevant agencies across the Commonwealth of Virginia. As part of this assessment, the Secretary shall establish a committee to review existing state software platforms, datasets, functional requirements. data governance, and costs. The committee shall make recommendations based on their review. The committee shall include the Chief Information Officer of the Commonwealth, the Chief Data Officer of the Commonwealth. the Executive Director of the Opioid Abatement Authority, the Commissioner of Health, the Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Director of the Department of Medical Assistance Services, the Commissioner of Social Services, the Director of the Department of Criminal Justice Services, the Director of the Department of Corrections, a representative from the Prescription Monitoring Program within the Department of Health Professions, a representative from Virginia Health Information, a representative from the Virginia Center for Health Information, and any other state agency that may house opioid related data or programs. The committee shall solicit stakeholder involvement in the needs assessment from organizations that represent local governments and addiction service providers such as the Virginia Association of Counties, the Virginia Municipal League, the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards, and the Virginia Association of Recovery Residences, among others.

The Secretary of Health and Human Resources, in cooperation with the Secretary of Administration and the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security shall report on the committee's analysis and recommendations by December 1, 2024 to the Governor and Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment rethe Secretary of Health and Human Resources, in coordination with the Secretaries of Administration and Public Safety and Homeland Security to assess the need, cost and options of continuing or replacing a a data analytics platform for the purpose of tracking and sharing opioid related data across the Commonwealth. Language sets up a committee of relevant state officers, agencies and stakeholders to assist with this assessment. It requires a report to the Governor and chairs of the money committees by December 1, 2024.)

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Item 271 #1h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Health

(\$750,000)

(\$750,000) GF

**Language:**

Page 299, line 43, strike "\$20,757,021" and insert "\$20,007,021".

Page 299, line 43, strike "\$20,757,021" and insert "\$20,007,021".

Page 300, line 7, strike "\$8,100,000" and "\$8,100,000" and insert: "\$7,350,000" and "\$7,350,000".

Page 300, line 11, after "adolescent psychiatrist, insert: "child and adolescent psychiatry Fellows".

Page 300, line 20, strike "three" and insert "two".

Page 300, line 25, after "centers", insert: "academic medical centers".

Page 300, strike lines 31 through 33 and insert:

"3. Of the amounts appropriated in C.1., \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided for awards for eligible mental health service professionals defined in § 54.1-2400.1 of the Code of Virginia who are not set forth in C.1. as Tier I or Tier II providers."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment redirects a portion of the funding contained in the introduced budget which would have expanded the Behavioral Health Loan Repayment Program to serve eligible behavioral health professionals who are school-based. Together with actions contained in Chapter 1, 2023 Special Session I, the program will have \$4.8 million more for loan repayments over the fiscal year 2023 appropriation. The amendment redirects \$250,000 each year from the general fund to expand the program to include mental health professionals as defined in § 54.1-2400.1 who do not already qualify for the program. In addition, the amendment adds child and adolescent psychiatry Fellows to the list of Tier 1 providers eligible for the program, and adds academic medical centers as a preferred practice site. Child and adolescent psychiatry Fellows are licensed psychiatrists in other states, but it general takes six months or more to become licensed in Virginia. This change will help in efforts to recruit these practitioners to Virginia, with the goal of retaining them in Virginia's behavioral healthcare workforce. The amendment also replaces language contained in the introduced budget which proposed to change the minimum term of practice from two to three years, returning it to the original two-year requirement.)

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Item 272 #1h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

***Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 30, as Introduced***

Department of Health	\$860,000	\$860,000	GF
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**Language:**

Page 301, line 49, strike "\$50,649,420" and insert "\$51,509,420".

Page 301, line 49, strike "\$50,649,420" and insert "\$51,509,420".

Page 302, after line 49, insert:

"I.1. Out of this appropriation, \$860,000 the first year and \$860,000 the second year shall be provided to the Virginia Department of Health to implement the Northern Virginia Firefighter Occupational Cancer Screening Pilot Program. The pilot program shall be designed to (i) contract with a health system-affiliated cancer screening center located in Planning District 8 to implement the pilot program, (ii) be multi-year, and (iii) screen at least 450 firefighters annually, distributed among firefighters serving localities in Planning District 8. The design of the pilot program should include: (i) the use of an occupational cancer screening and risk assessment for eligible firefighters within a defined age and risk band; (ii) a randomized clinical trial investigating the optimal type of full-body imaging for cancer early-detection for the unique occupational cancer risk of firefighters; and (iii) an independent evaluation of the pilot program, assessing the effectiveness of the screening program and results of the clinical trials and their potential for use by other hospitals and health systems across Virginia, in partnership with the public safety divisions in their localities.

2. The Virginia Department of Health shall provide an interim report on the pilot program to the Chairs of the House Appropriations Committee and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee by December 1, 2025 and a report on the evaluation upon completion of the pilot program. Funding is contingent upon demonstration of matching funds from the health system-affiliated cancer screening center."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$860,000 each year from the general fund to the Virginia Department of Health to contract with a health system-affiliated cancer screening center in Planning District 8 for the purposes of executing the Northern Virginia Firefighter Occupational Cancer Screening Pilot. Funding is contingent upon demonstration of matching funds provided by the center. The pilot will screen at least 900 firefighters (450 each year) distributed across Northern Virginia for occupational cancers and support a research study to identify the most effective screening modalities for occupational cancers in the firefighting profession. Language requires a report after two years to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, as well as a final report on the pilot program.)

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Item 272 #2h

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Health

Language

*Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 30, as Introduced*

**Language:**

Page 302, strike lines 5 through 8.

Page 302, line 45, strike "The Virginia".

Page 302, strike lines 46 through 49.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes language that requires local volunteer fire and rescue and emergency medical services personnel to submit fingerprint cards for background checks on volunteers applying to be a member of local EMS agencies. The process has changed significantly to obtain background checks and the submission of fingerprint cards is now outdated.)

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Item 273 #1h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Health

\$115,000

\$115,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 302, line 50, strike "\$20,609,550" and insert "\$20,724,550".

Page 302, line 50, strike "\$20,609,550" and insert "\$20,724,550".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$115,000 each first year of the biennium for contractual support in the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to assist with the implementation of House Bill 831, which expands the collection and analysis of maternal morbidity data for use by the Maternal Mortality Review Team.)

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Item 275 #1h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Health

\$0

\$100,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 303, line 24, strike "\$245,663,468" and insert "\$245,763,468".

Page 364, line 53, strike "\$5,519,145" and insert "\$5,619,145".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds \$100,000 from the general fund the second year for the purchase and distribution of additional opioid reversal agents for public schools. divisions by the Virginia Department of Health. The funding will enable the Department of Health to distribute a supply of opioid antagonists in an amount equivalent to at least two unexpired 20 doses to every public

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elementary and secondary school in the Commonwealth for the 2025-2026 school year. This will assist School Boards in complying with the provisions set forth in House Bill 732.)

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Item 275 #2h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Health

\$111,612

\$151,223 GF

**Language:**

Page 303, line 24, strike "\$245,718,468" and insert "\$245,830,080".

Page 303, line 24, strike "\$245,663,468" and insert "\$245,814,691".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$111,612 the first year and \$151,223 the second year from the general fund for the fiscal impact of House Bill 93, which directs the Board of Health to add alpha-gal syndrome to the list of reportable diseases. Funding allows for the Department of Health to implement a surveillance program to analyze the reported data.)

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Item 275 #3h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Health

\$110,000

\$25,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 303, line 23, strike "\$245,718,468" and insert "\$245,828,468".

Page 303, line 23, strike "\$245,663,468" and insert "\$245,688,468".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$110,000 the first year and \$25,000 the second year from the general fund for the fiscal impact of House Bill 1185, which requires data sharing from the Emergency Department Care Coordination/Smartchart program with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to allow for the display of patient non fatal overdose information in near real time at the point of prescribing. Funding will be used to modify the systems to allow for the sharing of data through a contract between the Virginia Department of Health and a nonprofit organization, Virginia Health Information, which reports such data. A companion amendment in item 285 provides funding for systems changes to the Department of Health Professions Prescription Monitoring Program through funding from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation (COAR) opioid settlement funds.)

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Item 275 #4h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Health

(\$5,519,145)

(\$5,464,145) NGF

**Language:**

Page 303, line 24, strike "\$245,718,468" and insert "\$240,199,323".

Page 303, line 24, strike "\$245,663,468" and insert "\$240,199,323".

Page 304, strike lines 53 through 56.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment transfer \$5.5 million each year from the Commonwealth Opioid and Remediation (COAR) Fund for the purchase and distribution of opioid reversal agents and test kits and for the development of tracking software from the Department of Health to the consolidated funding for COAR within the Opioid Abatement Authority. There is a corresponding amendment in the Opioid Abatement Authority providing the funding for this purpose through the Health Department.)

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Item 276 #1h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Health

\$1,317,272

\$1,317,272 GF

**Language:**

Page 305, line 1, strike "\$24,616,725" and insert "\$25,933,997".

Page 305, line 1, strike "\$24,616,725" and insert "\$25,933,997".

Page 305, strike lines 45 through 47, and insert:

"H. Out of this appropriation, \$1,617,272 the first year and \$1,617,272 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority as state match for federal Health Resources and Services Administration grant to support the Area Health Education Centers Program and health workforce responsibilities pursuant to House Bill 1499."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds \$1.3 million each year from the general fund to the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority for to support the Area Health Education Center Programs and health workforce responsibilities of the agency pursuant to House Bill 1499. This additional funding will be used to match federal funding received from the Health Resources and Services Administration to support efforts to develop and enhance education and training networks within communities, academic institutions, and community-based organizations, with the goal of increasing diversity among health professionals, broadening the distribution of the health



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workforce, enhancing health care quality, and improving health care delivery to rural and underserved areas and populations. Language reflects the new funding plus \$300,000 each year from the general fund already provided in the budget for operational costs.)

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Item 277 #1h

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Health

Language

**Language:**

Page 316, strike lines 34 through 37.  
Page 316, line 38, strike "E" and insert "D".  
Page 316, line 44, strike "F" and insert "E".  
Page 316, line 50, strike "G" and insert "F".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment strikes language in the introduced budget to ensure consistency with House Bill 514, which extends the sunset for the Advisory Council on Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders (PANDAs) associated with Streptococcal Infections and Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PAN) from July 1, 2020, to July 1, 2028. Language contained in Chapter 1, 2023 Special Session I and continued in the introduced budget continued the Advisory Council indefinitely, whereas the legislation continues the Advisory Council until July 1, 2028.)

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Item 277 #2h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Health

\$405,260

\$405,260 GF

**Language:**

Page 306, line 1, strike "\$165,709,892" and insert "\$166,115,152".  
Page 306, line 1, strike "\$166,376,559" and insert "\$166,781,819".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds \$405,260 each year from the general fund for the fiscal impact of House Bill 252, which creates a statewide registry of sickle cell disease patients to be maintained by the State Health Commissioner.

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Item 278 #1h

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**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Health

\$3,200,000

\$3,200,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 306, line 52, strike "\$329,924,223" and insert "\$333,124,223".

Page 306, line 52, strike "\$329,924,223" and insert "\$333,124,223".

Page 310, after line 2, insert:

"J. Out of this appropriation, \$3,200,000 the first year and \$3,200,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to support Community Health Worker positions at Virginia's local health districts. The agency shall prioritize supporting Community Health Worker positions at local health districts that serve localities with the highest rates of maternal mortality."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$3.2 million each year from the general fund to support Community Health Worker positions at Virginia's local health districts. The agency is directed to prioritize supporting Community Health Worker positions at local health districts that serve localities with the highest rates of maternal mortality.)

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Item 279 #1h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Health

\$1,500,000

\$1,500,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 310, line 4, strike "\$29,665,423" and insert "\$31,165,423".

Page 310, line 4, strike "\$26,415,423" and insert "\$27,915,423".

Page 311, line 15, strike "\$2,800,000" and "\$2,800,000" and insert:

"\$4,300,000" and "\$4,300,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides an additional \$1.5 million each year from the general fund to the Virginia Community Healthcare Association (VCHA) to be distributed to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). The additional funding will be used by FQHCs to continue providing comprehensive medical, dental, and mental health services to uninsured Virginians. This will be the first appropriation increase since 2015.)

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Item 279 #2h

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**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Health

\$1,983,870

\$1,983,870 GF

**Language:**

Page 310, line 3, strike "\$29,665,423" and insert "\$31,649,293".

Page 310, line 3, strike "\$26,415,423" and insert "\$28,399,293".

Page 311, line 42, strike "\$5,300,000" and "\$5,300,000" and insert:  
"\$7,283,870" and "\$7,283,870".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds \$2.0 million from the general fund each year to support operating costs of free clinics that are members of the Virginia Association of Free and Charitable Clinics. Funding will be used to provide medical, dental, vision, speech, hearing and behavioral health care, as well as prescription medications and substance use disorder services to uninsured and underinsured patients.)

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Item 279 #3h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Health

\$50,000

\$50,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 310, line 4, strike "\$29,665,423" and insert "\$29,715,423".

Page 310, line 4, strike "\$26,415,423" and insert "\$26,465,423".

Page 312, line 22, strike "\$4,630,571" and "\$4,630,571" and insert:  
"\$4,680,571" and "\$4,630,571".

Page 312, line 49, strike "\$155,000" and insert "\$205,000".

Page 312, line 50, strike "\$155,000" and insert "\$205,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$50,000 each year from the general fund for the Rx Partnership program. The Rx Partnership works through a network of clinic partners to provide brand and generic medications to low-income, uninsured Virginians. The funding will support existing programs to expand utilization during the biennium based upon the growth and success of the existing programs, the loss of access to key brand medications, and the increasing cost of generic medication.)

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Item 279 #4h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

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Department of Health	\$500,000	\$0	GF
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**Language:**

Page 310, line 4, strike "\$29,665,423" and insert "\$30,165,423".

Page 314, after line 35, insert:

"Z. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided to Prince William UVA Health to purchase a Hologic 3Dimensions Mammography System to provide 3D mammograms through mobile van outreach services in Prince William County."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds \$500,000 the first year from the general fund for Prince William UVA Health Mammogram Project to purchase the Hologic 3Dimensions Mammography System to offer 3D mammograms to women served by the hospital's mobile mammography van outreach services in Prince William County.)

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Item 280 #1h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Health

(\$400,000)

\$0 NGF

**Language:**

Page 314, line 36, strike "\$138,936,004" and insert "\$138,536,004".

Page 315, strike lines 36 through 42.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment transfers \$500,000 the first year from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund and the language to establish a one-year demonstration project to implement testing for the analysis of fentanyl and norfentanyl in wastewater in up to three geographically diverse locations from the Department of Health to the Opioid Abatement Authority. There is a corresponding amendment in the Opioid Abatement Authority providing the funding for this purpose.)

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Item 283.10 #1h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Health

\$648,000  
3.00

\$648,000 GF  
3.00 FTE

**Language:**

Page 317, after line 5, insert:

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"283.10 Establish Prescription Drug Affordability Board	\$648,000	\$648,000
Fund Sources: General	\$648,000	\$648,000 "

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$648,000 from the general fund each year over the 2024-26 biennium and three positions for the fiscal impact of House Bill 570, which establishes the Prescription Drug Affordability Board for the purpose of identifying high cost prescription drugs; reviewing pricing and cost information, conducting affordability reviews of selected prescription drug products, and if necessary, setting an upper payment limit, which shall apply to all purchases and payer reimbursements for the product dispensed in the Commonwealth.)

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Item 285 #1h

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Health Professions

Language

**Language:**

Page 317, line 26, insert "A."

Page 317, after line 29, insert:

"E. Out of this appropriation, up to \$300,000 the first year and up to \$500,000 the second year from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation (COAR) opioid settlement funds shall be provided to the Department of Health Professions for systems changes to the Prescription Monitoring Program to implement the provisions of House Bill 1185 passed by the 2024 General Assembly. These funds shall remain unallotted until the cost estimates for such systems changes are reviewed and approved by the Director, Department of Planning and Budget."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides funding from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation (COAR) opioid settlement funds to support the cost of systems changes to the Prescription Monitoring Program pursuant to the passage of House Bill 1185 by the 2024 General Assembly, which requires data sharing from the Emergency Department Smartchart with the Prescription Monitoring Program to allow for the display of patient non fatal overdose information in near real time at the point of prescribing.)

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Item 285 #2h

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Health Professions

Language

**Language:**

Page 317, after line 26, insert "A."

Page 317, after line 29, insert:

"B. Effective July 1, 2024, as a condition for licensure, the Board of Medicine and the Board of Nursing shall require all practitioners with authority to prescribe behavioral health medications to children and adolescents to provide families with (i) a plan on medication management and access after hours and on weekends and holidays or in emergencies, (ii) a working means of contacting the prescriber either telephonically or electronically with a response time within 48 hours to address questions or concerns with prescribed behavioral health medications for children and adolescents, and (iii) guidance documents either in a paper format or through a website on how to obtain help related to medication management, prescription refills or medication overdose after hours. In addition, the Boards shall require that any provider that closes their practice must make medical records available to families no later than one week after closure. The department shall have the authority to implement these changes prior to completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds language setting forth conditions for licensure of practitioners with authority to prescribe behavioral health medications for children and adolescents.)

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Item 285 #3h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Health Professions

1.00

1.00 FTE

**Language:**

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides one position at the Department of Health Professions for the fiscal impact of House Bill 995, which permits the Board of Medicine to issue a provisional license to a physician licensed in a foreign country for no more than two years, then a subsequent renewable two-year license if the physician practices in a medically underserved area. After two years of practice under the renewable license, a physician licensed in a foreign country is eligible to apply for a full, unrestricted license to practice medicine. The bill specifies that eligibility for such licenses is conditional upon an applicant demonstrating certain educational and experiential qualifications to the Board and obtaining employment with a medical care facility that provides an assessment and evaluation program for physicians licensed in a foreign country.)

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<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)	GF

**Language:**

Page 317, line 37, strike "\$13,287,539" and insert "\$12,787,539".

Page 317, line 37, strike "\$14,873,976" and insert "\$14,373,976".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adjusts funding for the estimated cost of hospital and physicians services for persons subject to an involuntary mental commitment to align spending with current estimates.)

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Item 288 #1h

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$4,832,365	\$59,021,897	GF
	\$5,661,321	\$69,197,274	NGF

**Language:**

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$23,331,209,172" and insert "\$23,341,702,858".

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$24,879,038,632" and insert "\$25,007,257,803".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$4.8 million the first year and \$59.0 million the second year from the general fund and \$5.7 million the first year and \$69.2 million the second year from nongeneral funds in the Department of Medical Assistance Services to increase Medicaid rates for personal care attendants reflecting the fiscal impact of House Bill 1, which increases minimum wage.)

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Item 288 #2h

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$3,258,863	\$37,869,802	GF
	\$3,390,521	\$38,389,741	NGF

**Language:**

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$23,331,209,172" and insert "\$23,337,858,556".

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$24,879,038,632" and insert "\$24,955,298,175".

Page 322, strike lines 40 through 49 and insert:

"4.a. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall amend the CL waiver to

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add 172 slots in fiscal year 2025 and 172 slots in fiscal year 2026. Effective July 1, 2024, 172 slots shall be phased in with 43 slots added each quarter beginning on July 1, 2024. Effective July 1, 2025, 172 slots shall be phased in with 43 slots added each quarter beginning on July 1, 2025. An amount estimated at \$6,614,153 the first year and \$17,196,797 the second year from the general fund and \$6,881,364 the first year and \$17,891,546 the second year from nongeneral funds is provided to cover the anticipated costs of the new slots.

b. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall amend the FIS waiver to add 1,548 slots in fiscal year 2025 and 1,548 slots in fiscal year 2026. Effective July 1, 2024 1,548 slots shall be phased in with 387 slots added each quarter beginning on July 1, 2024. Effective July 1, 2025 1,548 slots shall be phased in with 387 slots added each quarter beginning on July 1, 2025. An amount estimated at \$25,504,080 the first year and \$71,882,928 the second year from the general fund and \$26,534,443 the first year and \$74,786,992 the second year from nongeneral funds is provided to cover the anticipated costs of the new slots.

Page 348, after line 43, insert:

"UUUU.1. Effective July 1, 2024, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall have the authority to update the rates for DD waiver services by three percent for Group Homes, Sponsored Residential, Supported Living, Independent Living Supports, In-home Supports, Community Engagement, Community Coaching, Therapeutic Consultation, Private Duty and Skilled Nursing, Group Day Support, Group Supported Employment, Workplace Assistance, Community Guide, Service Facilitation and Benefits Planning. The department shall have the authority to implement these changes prior to completion of any regulatory process to effect such change.

2. Effective July 1, 2025, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall have the authority to update the rates for DD waiver services by three percent for Group Homes, Sponsored Residential, Supported Living, Independent Living Supports, In-home Supports, Community Engagement, Community Coaching, Therapeutic Consultation, Private Duty and Skilled Nursing, Group Day Support, Group Supported Employment, Workplace Assistance, Community Guide, Service Facilitation and Benefits Planning. The department shall have the authority to implement these changes prior to completion of any regulatory process to effect such change."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds \$3.3 million the first year and \$37.9 million the second year from the general fund and \$3.4 million the first year and \$38.4 million the second year from nongeneral matching Medicaid funds to phase 3,440 Priority 1 Community Living and Family and Individual Support Developmental Disability Waiver slots on a quarterly basis over the 2024-26 biennium and provide a three percent increase in the DD waiver services rates each year of the 2024-26 biennium.)



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Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 348, after line 43, insert:

"WWW. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall modify requirements for Consumer-Directed Services Facilitators to eliminate the requirement that individuals providing these services have an Associate's or Bachelor's Degree in order to provide services. Work experience shall be listed as sufficient in the list of requirements. The department shall have the authority to implement these changes prior to completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds language directing the agency to eliminate the requirement that Consumer-Directed Services Facilitators hold an Associate's or Bachelor's Degree in order to provide services.)

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Item 288 #4h

**Health and Human Resources**

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**FY25-26**

Department of Medical Assistance  
Services

\$20,000,000  
\$20,807,998

\$20,000,000 GF  
\$20,807,998 NGF

**Language:**

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$23,331,209,172" and insert "\$23,372,017,170".

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$24,879,038,632" and insert "\$24,919,846,630".

Page 344, after line 10, insert:

"d. Out of this appropriation, \$20,000,000 the first year and \$20,000,000 the second year from the general fund and \$20,807,998 the first year and \$20,807,998 the second year from nongeneral funds shall be provided to increase nursing facility value-based payments effective July 1, 2024 pursuant to paragraph QQQ.2.b. in this item."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment increases funding for nursing homes through the Nursing Facility Value Based Program by \$20.0 million from the general fund and \$20.8 million from matching federal Medicaid funds funding each year of the 2024-26 biennium. The program provides enhanced funding for facilities that meet or exceed performance and/or improvement thresholds such as adequate staffing and avoidance of negative care events.)

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Item 288 #5h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Medical Assistance  
Services

\$3,700,000

\$3,700,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$23,331,209,172" and insert "\$23,334,909,172".

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$24,879,038,632" and insert "\$24,882,738,632".

Page 348, after line 43, insert:

"WWW. The Department of Medicaid Assistance Services shall have the authority to draw down federal funds to cover unreimbursed Medicaid costs for services provided by nonstate government-owned nursing facilities as certified by the provider through cost reports not to exceed the upper payment limit for each nursing facility. The department shall have the authority to implement this reimbursement change prior to completion of any regulatory process in order to effect such change."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds \$3.7 million from the general fund each year to allow five local government-owned nursing facilities to receive supplemental payments to cover unreimbursed Medicaid costs not to exceed the upper payment limit for each nursing facility.)

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Item 288 #6h

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 330, after line 45, insert:

"5. The department shall revise reimbursement methodologies for PRTF rates to implement inflation increases for each fiscal year to be effective July 1, 2024. Inflation rates shall be tied to the Nursing Facility Moving Average as established by IHS Markit (or its successor). The most recent four quarters will be averaged to create the PRTF inflation rate. The department shall have the authority to implement these changes prior to the completion of any regulatory process to effect such change."

**Explanation:**

(This adds language to clarify the Department of Medical Assistance Services' reimbursement methodology for Medicaid payments to Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs). The PRTF reimbursement methodology was changed recently; however, the application of an

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annual inflation increase beginning in fiscal year 2025 was not specified in the Appropriation Act to allow for agency regulations to reflect this change.)

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Item 288 #7h

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Medical Assistance	\$2,700,000	\$2,700,000	GF
Services	\$2,700,000	\$2,700,000	NGF

**Language:**

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$23,331,209,172" and insert "\$23,336,609,172".

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$24,879,038,632" and insert "\$24,884,438,632".

Page 336, after line 16, insert:

"Effective July 1, 2024, these".

Page 336, line 17, after "equal" insert "the greater of".

Page 336, line 18, after "formula" insert:

"or \$16,000,000 annually, the average DSH that CHKD was due by formula prior to Medicaid expansion".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds \$2.7 million from the general fund and \$2.7 million from nongeneral funds each year to increase Medicaid payments to Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters (CHKD) . Language increases the Medicaid supplemental payments provided to CHKD to stabilize funding for CHKD.)

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Item 288 #8h

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Medical Assistance	5.00	5.00	FTE
Services			

**Language:**

Page 334, line 57, after "payments", insert:

"Virginia community colleges, Virginia public institutions of higher education, local governments, and instrumentalities of local government are public entities that are authorized to transfer funds to the department for purposes of covering the non-federal share of the authorized payments."

Page 335, line 39, after "(i)", strike "sustaining" and insert "increasing and".

Page 335, line 41. strike "overall" and insert "health and".

Page 335, line 41, after "goals", insert:

"; these shall contain specific measurable outcomes that will be approved, and monitored by the

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Department quarterly. Payment shall be dependent on progress towards goal attainment on all three purposes. Participating organizations must submit quarterly updates and annual reports on programs no later than October 1."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds language defining public entities that are able to transfer funds to the Department of Medical Assistance Services to cover the non-federal share to match federal Medicaid funding for physician supplemental payments to private acute care hospitals with which they have affiliation agreements. Language also clarifies the purposes for which hospitals may receive supplemental payments such as increasing and enhancing access to outpatient care for Medicaid patients, supporting critical healthcare workforce needs and advancing Medicaid's health and quality improvement goals. Language requires quarterly reporting and makes payments contingent on progress towards goal attainment. It also provides five positions at the agency for administration of the supplemental payment program.)

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Item 288 #9h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Medical Assistance  
Services

\$500,000  
\$500,000

\$500,000 GF  
\$500,000 NGF

**Language:**

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$23,331,209,172" and insert "\$23,332,209,172".

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$24,879,038,632" and insert "\$24,880,038,632".

Page 337, line 23, after "appropriation", strike "\$5,350,000 the first year and "\$5,350,000" and insert:

"\$5,850,000 the first year" and "\$5,850,000".

Page 337, line 24, after "general fund and", strike "\$5,350,000 the first year" and "\$5,350,000" and insert:

"\$5,850,000 the first year and "\$5,850,000".

Page 337, after line 14, insert:

"c. Of the amounts appropriated in UU.1.a., \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year from the general fund and \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year from nongeneral funds shall be used for supplemental payments to fund graduate medical residencies for 10 obstetric-gynecological residents who begin their residencies in July 2024. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall work with the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority to pursue available administrative processes to initiate these residencies in fiscal year 2025."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year from the general fund and \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year from nongeneral funds to

add 10 graduate medical education residency slots for obstetric-gynecological medical residents, funded through the Medicaid program to begin in fiscal year 2025.)

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Item 288 #10h

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 348, after line 43, insert:

"WWW. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall implement a process no later than January 1, 2025 for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) to notify the department of any changes in the scope of services offered by a FQHC, pursuant to Section 1902(bb)(3) of 42 U.S.C. 1396a. Notifications of changes in the scope of services shall be submitted no later than October 1, 2024 for timely filing allowed by applicable federal law. Thereafter, notification must be received within 12 months of the increase or decrease in the scope of services by the FQHC. The department is authorized to reimburse FQHCs for unreimbursed costs, as allowed by the applicable federal law, prior to an initial request for a change in scope under the new process."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds language directing the agency to implement a change in scope process January 1, 2025 by which FQHCs may request a reimbursement change to reflect the scope for services that have been added or changed. This amendment authorizes DMAS to reimburse an FQHC for unreimbursed costs, as allowed by federal law. This will allow the FQHCs to cover their costs of patient care during this period through receipt of the full federal match for these reimbursements.)

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Item 288 #11h

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 348, strike lines 8 through 16.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment eliminates language in the introduced budget which significantly limits Medicaid payments for covered weight loss medications. The new restriction bars the use of weight loss medications except in individuals with a body mass index greater than 40. The restriction contradicts language adopted by the 2023 General Assembly in Chapter 1, 2023

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Special Session I, which requires the Department of Medical Assistance Services to implement service authorization for weight loss drugs to ensure appropriate utilization, consistent with appropriate clinical criteria used in the health insurance industry. The agency has recently implemented these new requirements, which should result in appropriate utilization.)

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Item 288 #12h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Medical Assistance  
Services

\$100,000,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 319, line 23, strike "\$23,331,209,172" and insert "\$23,431,209,172".

Page 348, after line 43, insert:

"UUUU. Out of this appropriation, \$105,000,000 the first year from the general fund shall be reserved for use in meeting unanticipated expenditures in the Medicaid program after the official Medicaid forecast was completed on November 1, 2023. The Director, the Department of Planning and Budget, shall unallot the general fund amount of \$100,000,000 the first year until completion of the official Medicaid forecast on November 1, 2024 and upon adjournment sine die of the 2025 Session of the General Assembly if the official forecast of estimated Medicaid expenditures, combined the December 2024 estimate of revenue in the Virginia Health Care Fund and actions of the 2025 General Assembly impacting Medicaid expenditures require additional appropriation from the general fund in fiscal year 2025. At that time, the Director, the Department of Planning and Budget, shall allot these general fund amounts to meet the general fund need in the Medicaid program."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$100.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 as a reserve to offset unexpected general funds costs in the Medicaid program in fiscal year 2025 that were not anticipated in the November 1, 2023 official Medicaid forecast, due to enrollment changes based on federal requirements for redetermining eligibility in the 12 months following the end of the federal Public Health Emergency and other unanticipated costs. It requires the director of the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) to reserve such funds until the completion of the 2024 official Medicaid forecast combined with the estimated revenue in the Virginia Health Care Fund and actions impacting the Medicaid budget by the 2025 General Assembly. If needed to meet the general fund need in the Medicaid program, the DPB director may allot the funds for the Medicaid program.)

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Item 292 #1h

**Health and Human Resources**

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Department of Medical Assistance	\$367,340	\$367,340	GF
Services	\$367,340	\$367,340	NGF
	9.00	9.00	FTE

**Language:**

Page 349, line 32, strike "\$304,695,832" and insert "\$305,430,512".

Page 349, line 32, strike "\$316,695,832" and insert "\$317,430,512".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides additional funding for nine additional positions within the Department of Medical Assistance Services to enhance third party liability functions to implement the provisions of House Bill 315.)

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Item 292 #2h

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Medical Assistance	\$206,889	\$3,094,795	GF
Services	\$2,832,111	\$16,216,115	NGF

**Language:**

Page 349, line 32, strike "\$304,695,832" and insert "\$307,734,832".

Page 349, line 32, strike "\$316,695,832" and insert "\$336,006,742".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds \$206,889 from the general fund and \$3.1 million in nongeneral funds the first year and \$2.8 million from the general fund and \$16.2 million from nongeneral funds the second year for the Department of Medical Assistance Services to contract with a vendor to implement identified solutions to assist in timely and accurate Medicaid eligibility determinations and redeterminations. Solutions will include additional data checks to verify financial and nonfinancial eligibility, additional data matching capability and a portal to receive and track coverage corrections for enrollment requests between the 120 local Departments of Social Services. Funding would provide enhancements to the Medicaid Management Information System and the Virginia Case Management System.)

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Item 292 #3h

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Medical Assistance	\$2,104,607	\$4,065,218	GF
Services	\$4,611,459	\$9,070,391	NGF

*Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 30, as Introduced*

**Language:**

Page 349, line 32, strike "\$304,695,832" and insert "\$311,411,898".

Page 349, line 32, strike "\$316,695,832" and insert "\$329,831,441".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds \$2.1 million from the general fund and \$4.6 million in nongeneral funds the first year and \$4.1 million from the general fund and \$9.1 million in nongeneral funds the second year for the Department of Medical Assistance Services to contract with a vendor to handle all incoming mail currently directed to local Departments of Social Services including Medicaid benefit applications and renewal notices. This will allow all returned mail to be processed in one centralized location and will expedite routing of applications to the Cover Virginia Call Center and localities for processing.)

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Item 292 #4h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Medical Assistance  
Services

\$75,000  
\$75,000  
1.00

\$75,000 GF  
\$75,000 NGF  
1.00 FTE

**Language:**

Page 349, line 32, strike "\$304,695,832" and insert "\$304,845,832".

Page 349, line 32, strike "\$316,695,832" and insert "\$316,845,832".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$75,000 each year from the general fund and \$75,000 each year from nongeneral funds for a nurse manager position at the Department of Medical Assistance Services. The position will report to the Chief Medical Officer and be responsible for (i) analyzing new pharmaceutical and medical therapies to ensure the Medicaid program is proactive in coordinating new evidence-based policies and protocols for increasing high dollar therapeutic programs and treatments; and (ii) coordinating practices with Medicaid managed care organizations and federal and state authorities to implement cost-effective new treatments when appropriate.)

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Item 295 #1h

**Health and Human Resources**

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*Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 30, as Introduced*

Department of Behavioral Health and  
Developmental Services

(\$10,000,000)

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 357, line 38, strike "\$165,896,756" and insert "\$155,896,756".

Page 362, strike lines 16 through 27.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reallocates \$10 million the first year from the general fund for the development of comprehensive psychiatric emergency programs to other behavioral health initiatives.)

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Item 295 #2h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Behavioral Health and  
Developmental Services

(\$322,106)  
(\$322,106)  
-5.00

(\$322,106) GF  
(\$322,106) NGF  
-5.00 FTE

**Language:**

Page 357, line 38, strike "\$165,896,756" and insert "\$165,252,544".

Page 357, line 38, strike "\$155,176,756" and insert "\$154,532,544".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment removes the associated funding for five out of eight new positions included in the introduced budget for the developmental disabilities division. The position level change will be reflected in Item 4-7.01 as a companion to this amendment.)

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Item 295 #3h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Behavioral Health and  
Developmental Services

(\$214,250)

(\$214,250) GF

**Language:**

Page 357, line 38, strike "\$165,896,756" and insert "\$165,682,506".

Page 357, line 38, strike "\$155,176,756" and insert "\$154,962,506".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment repurposes \$214,250 each year from the general fund for other behavioral health initiatives.)

*Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 30, as Introduced*

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Item 295 #4h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Behavioral Health and  
Developmental Services

(\$1,000,000)

(\$1,000,000) GF

**Language:**

Page 357, line 38, strike "\$165,896,756" and insert "\$164,896,756".

Page 357, line 38, strike "\$155,176,756" and insert "\$154,176,756".

Page 362, strike lines 1 through 7.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reallocates \$1 million each year from the general fund for a youth mental health services database for other behavioral health initiatives.)

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Item 295 #5h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Behavioral Health and  
Developmental Services

(\$595,876)  
-1.00

(\$645,876) GF  
-1.00 FTE

**Language:**

Page 357, line 38, strike "\$165,896,756" and insert "\$165,300,880".

Page 357, line 38, strike "\$155,176,756" and insert "\$154,530,880".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment repurposes funding for various mental health workforce initiatives, such as evaluating the licensing process, funding a workforce training director, and providing scholarships for behavioral health technicians for other behavioral health priorities. The position level change will be reflected in Item 4-7.01 as a companion to this amendment.)

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Item 295 #6h

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 362, after line 44, insert:

"OO. 1. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) shall

report annually on (i) Community Services Boards (CSB) performance in improving the functioning levels of its consumers based on composite and individual item scores from the DLA-20 assessment, or results from another comparable assessment, by CSB, (ii) changes in CSB performance in improving consumer functioning levels over time, by CSB, (iii) any substantial underperformance or non-compliance and associated enforcement actions, and (iv) the use of functional assessment data by the DBHDS to improve CSB performance to the State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Behavioral Health Commission, and each CSB governing board.

2. DBHDS shall (i) identify all current Department requirements related to documentation and reporting of CSB behavioral health services, (ii) identify which of these requirements currently apply to work by CSB direct care staff, (iii) identify any DBHDS requirements of direct care staff that are duplicative of or conflict with other DBHDS requirements, (iv) eliminate any requirements that are not essential to ensuring consumers receive effective and timely services, and (v) report to the State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the Behavioral Health Commission on progress made toward eliminating administrative requirements that are not essential, duplicative, or are conflicting.

3. DBHDS shall complete a comprehensive review of the performance contracts with CSBs and revise all performance measures in the base performance contract and addendums to ensure that (i) performance measures are designed to measure outcomes for each service, (ii) performance measures include a relevant benchmark for each measurement, and (iii) DBHDS has given clear direction on how it will monitor performance and enforce compliance with performance requirements. The contracts shall also require that any funding appropriated by the General Assembly to CSBs for staff compensation shall only be used for staff compensation, and that CSBs report annually to DBHDS on any staff compensation actions taken during the prior fiscal year. DBHDS should complete the contract revisions and report on the improvements made to the Behavioral Health Commission by December 1, 2024, and implement changes before the finalization of the fiscal year 2026 performance contract.

4. The Department of Medical Assistance Services, in cooperations with DBHDS, shall (i) develop and implement a targeted review process to assess the extent to which CSBs are billing for Medicaid-eligible services they provide, (ii) determine if additional technical assistance and training, in coordination with Medicaid managed care organizations, is needed on appropriate Medicaid billing and claiming practices to relevant CSB staff, and (iii) evaluate the feasibility of a central billing entity, similar to the Federally Qualified Health Centers, that would handle all Medicaid claims for the entire system. The Department shall report the results of these targeted reviews, any technical assistance or training provided in response, and on the feasibility of central billing to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by December 1, 2024.

5. DBHDS shall report annually to the State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the Behavioral Health Commission on average salaries, turnover, and vacancy rates by position type across CSBs."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment requires the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to report annually on a variety of CSB performance, billing, and workforce data.)

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Item 295 #7h

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 361, line 42, after "provided" strike the remainder of the line.

Page 361, strike lines 43 through 54.

Page 361, line 42, after "provided" insert:

"for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, in collaboration with the Department of Education, to provide grants to contract with federally qualified health centers, or other healthcare organizations, to establish school-based health clinics to serve students and their families, as well as school staff. These clinics shall provide mental health services, primary medical care, and other health services in schools. The Departments shall ensure that contracted organizations have the capability to bill third party insurers or public programs for services provided. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall report on grants awarded to the Chairs of House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee by December 1, 2024 and annually thereafter."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment redirects \$15 million each year from the general fund to create school-based health clinics to provide mental health services, primary medical care, and other health services to students, their families, and staff within the school.)

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Item 295 #9h

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 362, after line 44, insert:

"OO. Pursuant to the provisions of House Bill 515 passed by the 2024 General Assembly, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall cover an individual's expenses if the individual is placed in an assisted living facility, nursing home, group home, or similar placements as part of the pilot program and there is no other public or private assistance available to them."

*Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 30, as Introduced*

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs DBHDS, pursuant to House Bill 515 of the 2024 General Assembly, to pay for an individual's expenses if granted a home or trial visit after being discharged from a state hospital, as part of the pilot program, if no other public or private assistance is available to them.)

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Item 296 #1h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Behavioral Health and  
Developmental Services

(\$7,967,146)

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 362, line 46, strike "\$180,301,644" and insert "\$172,334,498".

Page 365, line 42, strike "\$72,812,350" and insert "64,845,204".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment repurposes \$8.0 million the first year from the general fund for additional crisis services for other behavioral health initiatives. This amendment sustains an additional investment of \$25 million general fund in fiscal year 2025 for the build out of the comprehensive crisis system, bringing the yearly total to \$64.8 million general fund.)

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Item 296 #2h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Behavioral Health and  
Developmental Services

\$6,000,000

\$6,000,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 362, line 46, strike "\$180,301,644" and insert "\$186,301,644".

Page 362, line 46, strike "\$139,938,012" and insert "\$145,938,012".

Page 364, line 48, strike "\$7,500,000" and "\$7,500,000" and insert:  
"\$13,500,000" and "\$13,500,000".

Page 365, after line 23, insert:

"4. Of the amounts in P.1., \$6,000,000 the first year and \$6,000,000 the second year shall be used for discharge assistance planning for individuals on the Extraordinary Barriers List to increase capacity in the community for such individuals. The department may, but is not limited to, pursue options such as placements in specialized group homes, assisted living facilities, and other models that provide support to an individual and stabilization in the community to help prevent rehospitalization."

*Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 30, as Introduced*

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$6.0 million each year from the general fund for discharge assistance planning for individuals on the Extraordinary Barriers List.)

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	Item 296 #3h		
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Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$500,000	\$500,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 362, line 46, strike "\$180,301,644" and insert "\$180,801,644".

Page 362, line 46, strike "\$139,938,012" and insert "\$140,438,012".

Page 364, line 17, strike "\$1,700,000" and "\$1,700,000" and insert: "\$2,200,000" and "\$2,200,000".

Page 364, line 18, after "Residences" insert "(VARR)".

Page 364, line 21, after "funds." insert:

"VARR will comply in a timely manner with all requirements of the agreement entered into between VARR and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services as a result of this appropriation. Any violations of the agreement shall be reported to the Chairs of House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees within thirty days of their occurrence. VARR shall report monthly to the Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services providing financial and operational documentation for services provided."

Page 364, after line 28, insert:

"3. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services may expand the buildout of recovery residences by initiating a bidding process by entity to ensure coverage across the Commonwealth for this support service."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds \$500,000 each year from the general fund to make grants to members of the Virginia Association of Recovery Residences (VARR) and adds language to require VARR to comply with all requirements of agreements entered with DBHDS and to report monthly to DBHDS with financial and operational documentation for services provided. This amendment also allows DBHDS to pursue a bidding process to expand the buildout of recovery residences across the state.)

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*Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 30, as Introduced*

Grants to Localities	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	GF
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**Language:**

Page 366, line 22, strike "\$770,858,749" and insert "\$775,858,749".

Page 366, line 22, strike "\$772,417,277" and insert "\$777,417,277".

Page 369, line 29, strike "\$80,588,710" and "\$80,588,710" and insert: "\$85,588,710" and "\$85,588,710".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$5.0 million each year from the general fund to expand permanent supportive housing for individuals with serious mental illness.)

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Item 297 #2h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Grants to Localities

\$250,000

\$250,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 366, line 22, strike "\$770,858,749" and insert "\$771,108,749".

Page 366, line 22, strike "\$772,417,277" and insert "\$772,667,277".

Page 372, after line 27, insert:

"TT. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to establish a grant program for adult-size changing tables."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$250,000 each year from the general fund to establish a grant program for adult-size changing tables to support up to 125 lbs.)

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Item 297 #3h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Grants to Localities

\$4,500,000

\$4,500,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 366, line 22, strike "\$770,858,749" and insert "\$775,358,749".

Page 366, line 22, strike "\$772,417,277" and insert "\$776,917,277".

Page 370, line 38 strike "\$118,492,845" and "\$121,189,865" and insert: "\$122,992,845" and "\$125,689,865".

Page 370, line 48, strike "\$26,674,576" and "\$26,674,576" and insert: "\$27,855,453" and "\$27,855,453".

Page 371, line 1, strike "\$26,954,924" and "\$26,954,924" and insert:

***Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 30, as Introduced***

"\$28,730,139" and "\$28,730,139".

Page 371, line 4, strike "\$3,840,490" and "\$3,840,490" and insert:  
"\$4,242,364" and "\$4,242,364".

Page 371, line 6, strike "\$5,334,000" and "\$5,334,000" and insert:  
"\$5,814,558" and "\$5,814,558".

Page 371, line 14, strike "\$3,820,000" and "\$3,820,000" and insert:  
"\$3,970,250" and "\$3,970,250".

Page 371, line 16, strike "\$6,514,625" and "\$6,514,625" and insert:  
"\$6,844,427" and "\$6,844,427".

Page 371, line 18, strike "\$4,078,500" and "\$4,078,500" and insert:  
"\$4,259,924" and "\$4,259,924".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds \$4.5 million from the general fund each year to increase funding for STEP-VA. Of this amount, \$1.2 million each year is to increase funding for outpatient mental health and substance use services and \$3.3 million each year is to increase funding for six steps of STEP-VA to account for inflation in the cost to implement and deliver services that did not receive funding adjustments in Chapter 1, 2023 Special Session I. This amendment would increase funding for outpatient mental health and substance use services, crisis services, military and veteran services, peer services, case management, psychiatric rehabilitation services, and care coordination services.)

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Item 297 #4h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Grants to Localities

\$2,400,000

\$2,400,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 366, line 22, strike "\$770,858,749" and insert "\$773,258,749".

Page 366, line 22, strike "\$772,417,277" and insert "\$774,817,277".

Page 367, line 30, strike "\$12,600,000 and "\$12,600,000" and insert:  
"\$15,000,000" and "\$15,000,000".

Page 367, line 32, strike "response".

Page 367, line 32, strike "mental health and behavioral disorders" and insert:  
"behavioral health needs".

Page 367, line 34, strike "shall" and insert "may".

Page 367, line 35, strike "response".

Page 367, line 36, strike "such as general".

Page 367, strike lines 37 and 38.

Page 367, line 39, strike "health disorders".

Page 367, line 40, strike "response".

Page 367, line 40, strike ", including mobile crisis teams".



*Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 30, as Introduced*

Page 367, strike line 41.

Page 367, line 42, strike "psychiatric hospitalization to less restrictive services in or near their communities".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds \$2.4 million each year from the general fund for children's mental health services and revises language to encourage flexible uses of funds to build service capacity focused on specialized needs of children and youth across the crisis services continuum.)

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Item 301 #1h

**Health and Human Resources**

Mental Health Treatment Centers

Language

**Language:**

Page 373, after line 36, insert:

"G. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, in consultation with other relevant state and local agencies, shall identify existing and develop new, if necessary, alternative placements that are effective, safe, and therapeutic for children and youth who would otherwise be admitted to the Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents (CCCA) and report findings to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and the Senate Finance Committees by November 1, 2024. The report shall include information on (i) the types and locations of alternative placements identified, (ii) the number and treatment needs of children and youth who could be admitted at each placement type identified, (iii) the cost and funding sources for each placement type, and (iv) steps that remain to be taken to identify a sufficient number of appropriate alternative placements for all children and youth who would otherwise be admitted to CCCA."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to identify and develop alternative placements for children who would otherwise be admitted to the Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents. This amendment is a recommendation from the 2023 Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission Report, Virginia's State Psychiatric Hospitals.)

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Item 302 #1h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Mental Health Treatment Centers

\$451,054

\$364,060 GF

**Language:**

*Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 30, as Introduced*

Page 373, line 38, strike "\$202,691,678" and insert "\$203,142,732".

Page 373, line 38, strike "\$199,640,188" and insert "\$200,004,248".

Page 374, after line 29, insert:

"I. Out of this appropriation, \$451,054 the first year and \$364,060 the second year from the general fund is provided to procure scheduling software to assist state hospitals in scheduling nursing shifts."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment is self-explanatory.)

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Item 314 #1h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department for Aging and  
Rehabilitative Services

\$775,000

\$775,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 377, line 42, strike "\$107,095,959" and insert "\$107,870,959".

Page 377, line 42, strike "\$107,095,959" and insert "\$107,870,959".

Page 379, line 23, strike "\$7,746,719" and "\$7,746,719" and insert:  
"\$8,521,719" and "\$8,521,719".

Page 379, after line 39, insert:

"5. Of this amount, \$775,000 the first year and \$775,000 the second year shall be used for workforce retention for brain injury service providers."

Page 379, line 40, strike "5" and insert "6".

Page 379, line 43, strike "6" and insert "7".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$775,000 each year from the general fund for workforce retention to ensure quality accessible services for people living with brain injury. State contracted brain injury providers report high attrition and difficulty filling open positions because of non-competitive salaries and benefits. Delivery of programs and services suffer and client needs can go unmet. This funding will support currently existing state contracted brain injury service providers.)

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Item 314 #2h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department for Aging and  
Rehabilitative Services

\$2,500,000

\$2,500,000 GF

*Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 30, as Introduced*

**Language:**

Page 377, line 42, strike "\$107,095,959" and insert "\$109,595,959".

Page 377, line 42, strike "\$107,095,959" and insert "\$109,595,959".

Page 379, line 23, strike "\$7,746,719" and "\$7,746,719" and insert:  
"\$10,246,719" and "\$10,246,719".

Page 379, after line 39, insert:

"5. Of this amount, \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to (i) strengthen and expand the existing state contracted safety net brain injury services system by increasing the numbers of case managers, clubhouse staff, clinical professional staff and/or program support staff and (ii) develop new safety net services in unserved areas of the state."

Page 379, line 40, strike "5" and insert "6".

Page 379, line 43, strike "6" and insert "7".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$2.5 million each year from the general fund to strengthen and expand the existing state contracted safety net brain injury services system by increasing the numbers of case managers, clubhouse staff, clinical professional staff and/or program support staff. Programs have waiting lists for services and struggle to meet existing service demands for this challenging population that requires specialized support. Ten percent of the allocation will go to support development of new safety net services in unserved areas of the state.)

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Item 315 #1h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department for Aging and  
Rehabilitative Services

\$200,000

\$200,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 380, line 9, strike "\$40,239,449" and insert "\$40,439,449".

Page 380, line 9, strike "\$40,239,449" and insert "\$40,439,449".

Page 381, afterline 42, insert:

"J. Out of this appropriation, \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the second year from the general shall be provided for an interdisciplinary plan of care and dementia case management for 100 individuals diagnosed with dementia. This service shall be provided through a partnership between the Martha W. Goodson Center of Riverside Health Services and the Peninsula Agency on Aging. The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services shall report the status and provide an update on the results of the dementia case management program to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1 of each year."

*Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 30, as Introduced*

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds funding each year from the general fund to implement an interdisciplinary plan of care and dementia case management for 100 individuals diagnosed with dementia through a partnership between the Martha W. Goodson Center of Riverside Health Services and the Peninsula Agency on Aging. Language requires a report on the program by November 1 annually.)

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Item 319 #1h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department for Aging and  
Rehabilitative Services

\$100,000

\$100,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 382, line 48, strike "\$9,432,897" and insert "\$9,532,897".

Page 382, line 48, strike "\$9,432,897" and insert "\$9,532,897".

Page 383, after line 39, insert:

"H. Out of this appropriation, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided for the No Wrong Door (NWD) Dementia Capability Project to improve the identification of people living with dementia, particularly those living alone, to better connect them with supports and services that can help them remain as independent as possible for as long as possible. The Project shall add a cognitive screening question and relevant reports in the technology that underpins the system, the creation and delivery of a training module for NWD staff and users, and financial support for data collection and training."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$100,000 each year from the general fund to the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services to implement the No Wrong Door Dementia Capability Project to improve the identification of people living with dementia, particularly those living alone, This is a recommendation of the Virginia Alzheimer's Diseases and Related Disorders Commission.)

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Item 324 #1h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Social Services

(\$1,500,000)

(\$2,500,000) GF

**Language:**

Page 385, line 8, strike "\$62,459,887" and insert "\$60,959,887".

Page 385, line 8, strike "\$63,908,408" and insert "\$61,408,408".

*Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 30, as Introduced*

Page 386, strike lines 33 through 38.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment repurposes \$1.5 million the first year and \$2.5 million the second year from the general fund included in the introduced budget for a public awareness campaign to promote responsible fatherhood for other priorities.)

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Item 324 #2h

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Social Services	\$844,524	\$5,000,000	GF
	\$663,554	\$1,748,639	NGF

**Language:**

Page 385, line 8, strike "\$62,459,887" and insert "\$63,967,965".

Page 385, line 8, strike "\$63,908,408" and insert "\$70,657,047".

Page 386, after line 38, insert:

"K. Out of this appropriation, \$844,524 the first year and \$5,000,000 the second year from the general fund and \$663,554 the first year and \$1,748,639 the second year from nongeneral funds is provided to establish and implement a centralized training academy model for local departments of social services."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$844,524 the first year and \$5.0 million the second year from the general fund and \$663,554 the first year and \$1.7 million the second year from nongeneral funds to establish a centralized training academy model to bring Virginia in line with best-in-class format used by states with similar local and state relationships in social services. Current initial training for local benefits and family services specialists, administrative professionals, and supervisors does not adequately prepare workers to handle complicated and demanding caseloads and is difficult to schedule and attend. This is a recommendation from the Virginia Commission on Youth.)

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Item 324 #3h

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Social Services	\$257,240	\$246,914	GF
	2.00	2.00	FTE

**Language:**

Page 385, line 8, strike "\$62,459,887" and insert "\$62,717,127".

Page 385, line 8, strike "\$63,908,408" and insert "\$64,155,322".

*Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 30, as Introduced*

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$257,240 the first year and \$246,914 the second year from the general fund to add two Kin First Consultants to support the Department of Social Services in developing collaborative placement programs for children in kinship or foster care. The position level change will be reflected in Item 4-7.01 as a companion to this amendment.)

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Item 324 #4h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Social Services

(\$895,842)  
-1.00

(\$715,679) GF  
-1.00 FTE

**Language:**

Page 385, line 8, strike "\$62,459,887" and insert "\$61,564,045".

Page 385, line 8, strike "\$63,908,408" and insert "\$63,192,729".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment reallocates \$895,842 the first year and \$715,679 the second year from the general fund that was included in the introduced budget to accompany legislation of the 2024 General Assembly to promote kinship as a prevention to foster care. Various initiatives were not included in the final legislation, such as background checks, system updates, and additional staff at Virginia Department of Social Services and local departments of social services, allowing funding for these initiatives to be reallocated for other priorities. The position level change will be reflected in Item 4-7.01 as a companion to this amendment.)

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Item 324 #5h

**Health and Human Resources**

Department of Social Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 386, line 18, after "million", strike the remainder of the line and insert:

". Ongoing administrative costs borne by Virginia Department of Social Services, local department of social services, and the Department of Housing and Community Development shall be submitted annually with each respective utility's administrative costs and program costs to the State Corporation Commission, per PUR-2020-00109 and PUR-2020-00117, and be reimbursed from the Percentage of Income Payment Fund per § 56-585.6."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment clarifies that nongeneral funds from the Percentage of Income Payment

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Program (PIPP) Fund shall be used to reimburse local departments of social services, DSS, and DHCD for the administration of PIPP, consistent with § 56-585.6 of the Code of Virginia.)

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Item 329 #1h

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Social Services	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 391, line 33, strike "\$311,181,313" and insert "\$312,181,313".

Page 391, line 33, strike "\$311,181,313" and insert "\$312,181,313".

Page 393, line 47, after "R." insert "1."

Page 393, line 47, strike "\$11,173,560" and "\$11,173,560" and insert: "\$12,173,560" and "\$12,173,560".

Page 393, after line 48, insert:

"2. In order to ensure timely distribution of relative maintenance payments pursuant to House Bill 27 of the 2024 General Assembly and provisions thereto, the Department of Social Services shall have the authority to implement such changes effective upon passage of this act, and prior to the completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such changes."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million each year from the general fund to provide additional relative maintenance payments to relative or fictive care givers. This amendment also permits the Department of Social Services to distribute relative maintenance payments pursuant to House Bill 27 of the 2024 General Assembly upon passage of this act and before the regulatory process is complete in order to ensure timely payments.)

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Item 329 #2h

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Social Services	\$310,000	\$310,000	GF

**Language:**

Page 391, line 33, strike "\$311,181,313" and insert "\$311,491,313".

Page 391, line 33, strike "\$311,181,313" and insert "\$311,491,313".

Page 394, after line 2, insert:

"V. Out of this appropriation, \$310,000 the first year and \$310,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to support the development and implementation of a statewide driver's licensing program to support foster care youth in obtaining a driver's license. Funding shall be made available to local departments of social services to reimburse foster care providers for increases to their existing motor vehicle insurance premiums that occur because a foster care

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youth in their care has been added to their insurance policy. The program may also reimburse foster care providers for additional coverage that provides liability protection should a foster care youth get into or cause a catastrophic accident. Additionally, funding shall be made available to foster care youth in Virginia's Fostering Futures Program to assist in covering the cost of obtaining motor vehicle insurance. The Department shall develop reimbursement policies for foster care providers and foster care youth. The Department shall coordinate and administer the driver's licensing program based on best practices from similar programs in other states, to include developing educational or training materials that educate foster parents, private providers, and foster youth about (i) liability issues, insurance laws, and common insurance practices (to include laws about renewal and cancellation, how long an accident can affect premiums, how to establish that a foster youth is no longer living in the residence, and other applicable topics); (ii) DMV requirements to obtain a learner's permit and driver's license; (iii) what funding and resources are available to assist in this process, to include, paying school lab fees for "Behind the Wheel" or paying a private driving education company; and (iv) why getting a driver's license on time is important for normalcy and a successful transition to adulthood. The Department shall provide information on how many foster care youth were supported by this program and any recommendations to improve the program to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees annually on December 1."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$310,000 each year from the general fund to support the development and implementation of a statewide driver's licensing program to support foster care youth in obtaining a driver's license. Evidence indicates that youth who leave foster care without their driver's licenses are less likely to make a successful transition to adulthood. This is a recommendation from the Virginia Commission on Youth.)

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Item 331 #1h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Social Services

\$2,000,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 394, line 27, strike "\$63,090,789" and insert "\$65,090,789".

Page 398, after line 40, insert:

"X. Out of this appropriation, \$2,000,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided to Prince William County to fund a healthcare worker training program for members of the immigrant community."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million the first year from the general fund to Prince William County to support their Court Appointed Special Advocate Program in launching a medical



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assistance workforce program.)

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Item 331 #2h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Social Services

\$1,564,902

\$3,912,256 GF

**Language:**

Page 394, line 27, strike "\$63,090,789" and insert "\$64,655,691".

Page 394, line 27, strike "\$61,965,789" and insert "\$65,878,045".

Page 395, line 50, strike "\$405,500" and \$405,500" and insert:

"\$1,970,402" and "\$4,317,756".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.6 million the first year and \$3.9 million the second year from the general fund to provide additional support to child advocacy centers.)

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Item 331 #3h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Social Services

\$2,500,000

\$2,500,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 394, line 27, strike "\$63,090,789" and insert "\$65,590,789".

Page 394, line 27, strike "\$61,965,789" and insert "\$64,465,789".

Page 398, after line 40, insert:

"X. Out of this appropriation, \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for state agencies to facilitate and improve language access."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$2.5 million each year from the general fund for efforts to facilitate and improve language access.)

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Item 331 #4h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Social Services

\$110,000

\$110,000 NGF

**Language:**

Page 394, line 27, strike "\$63,090,789" and insert "\$63,200,789".

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Page 394, line 27, strike "\$61,965,789" and insert "\$62,075,789".

Page 398, line 23, strike "\$190,000" and "\$190,000" and insert:  
"\$300,000" and "\$300,000".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$110,000 each year from the federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant for the Light House Community Center, which provides housing assistance or other eligible services for individuals transitioning out of the criminal justice center and domestic violence situations. This brings the annual total from \$190,000 to \$300,000.)

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Item 331 #5h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Social Services

\$250,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 394, line 27, strike "\$63,090,789" and insert "\$63,340,789".

Page 398, after line 40, insert:

"X. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Charlottesville in support of programming at the Tonsler League."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$250,000 the first year from the general fund for the Tonsler League in the City of Charlottesville, which is a nonprofit that sponsors a summer basketball league and community engagement activities, such as the "Circle of Brotherhood" developed in response to gun violence, and giveaways, such as bikes for youth and turkeys during Thanksgiving.)

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Item 331 #6h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Social Services

\$250,000

\$0 GF

**Language:**

Page 394, line 27, strike "\$63,090,789" and insert "\$63,340,789".

Page 398, after line 40, insert:

"X. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year is provided to Prince William County for the Nepali Community Center."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$250,000 the first year for the Nepali Community Center in Prince

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William County. The Nepali Community Center is a nonprofit that preserves and promotes Nepali identity, culture, languages, values, norms and manners through the organization, as well as maintain and operate Nepali American Community Center to facilitate social, educational, cultural, spiritual, and sports activities and programs aimed at promoting multiculturalism in Northern Virginia.)

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Item 331 #7h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Social Services

\$300,000

\$300,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 394, line 27, strike "\$63,090,789" and insert "\$63,390,789".

Page 394, line 27, strike "\$61,965,789" and insert "\$62,265,789".

Page 398, after line 40, insert:

"X. Out of this appropriation, \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the City of Chesapeake to support Buffalow Family and Friends to provide access to food, clothing, and basic living essentials."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$300,000 each year from the general fund to the nonprofit Buffalow Family and Friends, which is deemed as the "Food Bank" of Chesapeake. They provide access to food, clothing, and basic living essentials at their food pantry and multipurpose center and to deliver food to senior independent living and disenfranchised communities in Chesapeake on a monthly basis.)

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Item 331 #8h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Department of Social Services

\$750,000

\$750,000 GF

**Language:**

Page 394, line 27, strike "\$63,090,789" and insert "\$63,840,789".

Page 394, line 27, strike "\$61,965,789" and insert "\$62,715,789".

Page 394, line 43, after "grant" insert:

"and \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the second year from the general fund".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$750,000 each year from the general fund for the Virginia Community Action Partnership contract to manage the statewide "Virginia CASH Campaign," the state supported Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program providing outreach, education,

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and tax preparation services for Virginians who may be eligible for both the federal and new state Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The proposed amendment would increase annual funding of \$185,725 to a total of \$935,725.)

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Item 334 #1h

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Social Services	(\$50,000)	\$0	GF
	(\$50,000)	\$0	NGF

**Language:**

Page 399, line 48, strike "\$148,616,608" and insert "\$148,516,608".

Page 401, strike lines 14 through 19.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment repurposes \$50,000 from the general and nongeneral funds for an advanced contact to Medicaid recipients pilot for other priorities.)

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Item 334 #2h

<b>Health and Human Resources</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	
Department of Social Services	\$4,355,263	\$12,479,030	GF
	\$4,279,279	\$12,261,315	NGF

**Language:**

Page 399, line 48, strike "\$148,616,608" and insert "\$157,251,150".

Page 399, line 48, strike "\$147,491,606" and insert "\$172,231,951".

Page 401, after line 19, insert:

"H. Out of this appropriation, \$4,355,263 the first year and \$12,479,030 the second year from the general fund and \$4,279,279 the first year and \$12,261,315 the second year from nongeneral funds shall be available for the development of an integrated benefits system and replacement for CommonHelp and VaCMS. Any unexpended balances in this paragraph at the close of business on June 30 of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated for this purpose."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$4.4 million the first year and \$12.5 million the second year from the general fund and \$4.3 million the first year and \$12.3 million the second year from nongeneral funds to replace the benefits eligibility system currently used by approximately 2.2 million Virginians to apply for Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, the Child Care Subsidy Program, and two Energy

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Assistance Programs. The current legacy systems would be replaced by a next-generation, low-code application platform supporting best practices in information technology architecture, human-centered design, testing, and training.)

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Item 347 #1h

**Health and Human Resources**

**FY24-25**

**FY25-26**

Opioid Abatement Authority

\$16,419,145

\$13,964,145 NGF

**Language:**

Page 405, line 46, strike "\$66,095,847" and insert "\$82,514,992".

Page 405, line 46, strike "\$76,107,377" and insert "\$90,071,522".

Page 406, after line 10, insert:

"C. The Opioid Abatement Authority shall include as an addendum to its annual executive summary required pursuant to § 2.2-2373, Code of Virginia, an update on prior fiscal year activity related to the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund (the Fund), established pursuant to § 2.2-2377, Code of Virginia. Specifically, the addendum shall include an account of any deposits, designations, and expenditures made, along with corresponding performance measures, and other applicable data and information related to the use of Fund settlement proceeds by state agencies.

D.1. Out of appropriations provided in this Item, \$16,419,145 the first year and \$13,964,145 the second year from nongeneral funds is for disbursement from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund for purposes identified as follows:

2. \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to contract with the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth to address the opioid crisis through a marketing campaign and classroom-based programmatic efforts.

3. \$2,000,000 the first year to the Department of Criminal Justice Services for deposit in the Jail-Based Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Transition Fund.

4. \$5,519,145 the first year and \$5,464,145 the second year to the Virginia Department of Health for the purchase and distribution of opioid reversal agents and test kits and for the development of tracking software.

5. \$400,000 the first year to the Virginia Department of Health to establish a one-year demonstration project to implement testing for the analysis of fentanyl and norfentanyl in wastewater in up to three geographically diverse localities. The agency shall provide a report on the findings and conclusions of the demonstration project to the Governor, the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, the Director, Department of Planning and Budget at the conclusion of the demonstration project.

6. a) \$8,000,000 the first year and \$8,000,000 the second year to the Virginia Department of

Health to establish, execute, and administer the Opioid Overdose Reversal Agent Program ("Program"), a manufacturing program for a quality, lowest sustainable cost, opioid overdose reversal agent. The Virginia Department of Health shall coordinate the Program with the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority. Key objectives of the program shall be: i) providing a long-term, sustainable supply of opioid overdose reversal agent to help combat Virginia's opioid epidemic; ii) providing pricing stability and increase access for this critical life-saving medication; and, iii) leveraging, when possible, existing federal and state investments building the advanced pharmaceutical development and manufacturing CAMPUS in Petersburg.

b) The Program shall contract with the private sector to lead an end-to-end opioid overdose reversal agent nasal spray development program to provide a new FDA-approved generic version resulting in a lower cost product to help drive down state and locality budgets for opioid overdose reversal agent and improve access, quality, and availability through a domestic supply. Funding provided to the contracting entity may be used for: i) investment in research and development activities supporting an opioid overdose reversal agent API, formulation development, manufacturing process qualification and validation, and regulatory approval; and ii) capital expenditures, including custom machinery for assembly of the drug/device combination product and semi-automated packaging. All intellectual property developed by the program would be owned by the private entity and all capital expenditures, including custom equipment, would be owned by the Authority or partner agency."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides nongeneral fund appropriation in each year to designate uses of monies deposited to the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund (the Fund). These monies, resulting from settlements, judgements, verdicts, and other court orders relating to consumer protection claims regarding the manufacturing, marketing, distribution, or sale of opioids are to be used for opioid abatement and remediation. Specifically, this portion of settlement monies represent those directed for state appropriation and not subject to allocation by the Opioid Abatement Authority. This amendment also directs the Authority to provide as an addendum to its requisite annual executive summary, an accounting of all activity related to monies deposited, appropriated, and expended from the Fund.)

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Item 479 #1h

**Independent Agencies**

State Corporation Commission

Language

**Language:**

Page 527, after line 30, insert:

"E. The State Corporation Commission shall set the payment parameters for the the Commonwealth Health Reinsurance Program at levels to achieve the premium reduction target of 15 percent for Plan Year 2025.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds language requiring the State Corporation Commission to set out the target amount of the premium reduction percentage for the Commonwealth Health Reinsurance Program Plan Year 2025 at 15 percent, pursuant to the provisions in House Bill 591, 2024 Regular Session.)

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Item 489.1 #1h

**Independent Agencies**

Opioid Abatement Authority

Language

**Language:**

All appropriations and items of the Opioid Abatement Authority shall be transferred to Independent Agencies upon enrollment.

**Explanation:**

(This amendment provides that all appropriations and items provided for the Opioid Abatement Authority shall be transferred to Independent Agencies upon enrollment.)

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Item 4-5.04 #1h

**Special Conditions and Restrictions on Expenditures**

Goods and Services

Language

**Language:**

Page 610, line 52, after "law" insert "or state statute".

**Explanation:**

(This amendment modifies language which limits expenditures for abortion services. It restores language that was contained in Chapter 1, 2023 Special Session I to provide an exception to the limitation in cases as required by federal law or state statute. The introduced budget eliminated language which provides an exception for cases required by state statute.)

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