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APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN LUKE E. TORIAN

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REPORT OF THE
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON

**COMMERCE,
AGRICULTURE &
NATURAL RESOURCES**

House Bill 29 & House Bill 30

REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

The Commerce, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Subcommittee covers a wide range of topics during its budget work every year. This year is no different. From helping the state to meet its water quality obligations under the Chesapeake Bay Agreement to improving Virginia's portfolio of affordable housing options, our work touches on every corner of the Commonwealth. I would like to take a few moments to highlight some of the key items included in our Subcommittee report.

In the area of Natural Resources, the Subcommittee report contains significant investments to enhance the quality of the Commonwealth's water resources, and to support the resiliency of our communities.

To meet the Commonwealth's obligations under the Chesapeake Bay Agreement, the Subcommittee report supports the deposit of more than \$200 million into the Water Quality Improvement Fund. This investment ensures Virginia will meet the full needs assessment for agricultural best management practices in the next biennium, for a second consecutive biennium. The Subcommittee report also supports further investment in the base funding provided for Soil and Water Conservation districts that will allow them to continue supporting our agricultural community in meeting Virginia's targets for nutrient reductions.

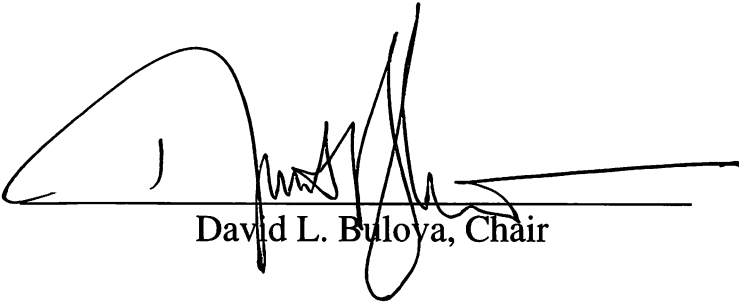
The Subcommittee report also provides for substantial investments in flood resilience. Most substantially, the Subcommittee report provides \$200 million over the biennium for the Community Flood Preparedness Fund to support community-scale flood mitigation projects throughout the Commonwealth to ensure our infrastructure is better able to withstand recurrent flooding.

Our budget package includes an investment of \$187.5 million over the biennium in the Virginia Housing Trust Fund, which helps facilitate the development of affordable housing units across Virginia. We've also capitalized several pilot programs to help improve zoning for housing production, support home ownership for low-income Virginians, and help residents of manufactured home parks acquire the land on which their homes reside.

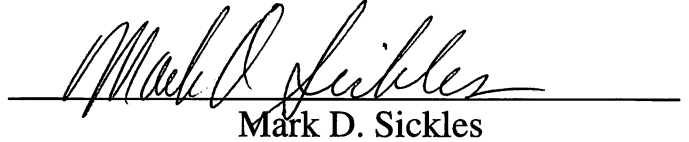
The Subcommittee report includes a one-time \$30.0 million program designed to assist broadband projects that were funded in the Telecommunications Initiative grant round with costs related to "make ready" work for aerial broadband deployment. It is our hope Mr. Chairman, that these resources will help move these projects forward to connect all Virginians to high speed the Internet.

Our Subcommittee report is included in the materials before the Committee, and at this time, I will ask staff to review the report in greater detail with the members. I hope it will be the pleasure of the Committee to adopt the report.

Respectfully Submitted by the House Appropriations Subcommittee on
Commerce, Agriculture, & Natural Resources



David L. Buloya, Chair



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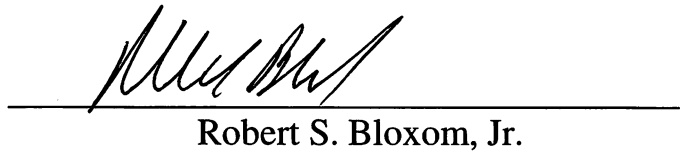
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COMMERCE, AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES HB 29 Amendments	FISCAL YEAR 2024 TOTAL		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTEs
COMMERCE AND TRADE			
Economic Development Incentive Payments			
Adjust FY 24 VEDIG Grant Payments	(\$630,000)	\$0	0.00
Eliminate Language to Override Site Acquisition Fund Code Provisic	Language	\$0	0.00
Department of Housing and Community Development			
Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Proceeds	Language	\$0	0.00
Fort Monroe Authority			
Set Out Appropriations for Fort Monroe Authority	Language	\$0	0.00
NATURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES			
Department of Conservation and Recreation			
Distribution of December RGGI Auction Proceeds	Language	\$0	0.00
Department of Environmental Quality			
Distribution of December RGGI Auction Proceeds	Language	\$0	0.00
CENTRAL APPROPRIATIONS			
American Rescue Plan Act Funds	Language	\$0	0.00
Provide Flexibility for ARPA-Funded WWTP Projects	Language	\$0	0.00
Restore Administrative Oversight of the Advanced Manufacturing Talent Investment Program to VEDP	Language	\$0	0.00
PART 3			
Clarify VHTC Sunset Date	Language	\$0	0.00
PART 4			
Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Participation	Language	\$0	0.00
Virginia Sports and Entertainment Authority	Language	\$0	0.00

COMMERCE HB 30 Amendments	2024-26 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTEs
ADMINISTRATION			
Compensation Board			
HB 1: Increasing the State Minimum Wage	\$373,397		
HB 1: Increasing the State Minimum Wage	\$71,278		
HB 1: Increasing the State Minimum Wage	\$351,492		
HB 1: Increasing the State Minimum Wage	\$35,684		
HB 1: Increasing the State Minimum Wage	\$394,462		
HB 1404: SWaM Procurement Policy	\$250,000		
COMMERCE AND TRADE			
Economic Development Incentive Payments			
Virginia Business Ready Sites Funding	(\$160,000,000)		
Inland Port in Southwest Virginia	(\$10,000,000)		
Motion Picture Opportunity Fund	(\$2,000,000)		
Remove Economic Development Project	(\$2,600,000)		
Adjust Amazon HQ2 Advance Payments	(\$42,500,000)		
Adjust Grant Payments for Wells Fargo	\$463		
Cost Share for Major Federal Government Investment	\$40,000,000		
Clarifying Language for AWS Grant Payment	Language		
Revise Virginia Business Ready Site Eligibility Requirements	Language		
Department of Housing and Community Development			
Increase Support for the Virginia Housing Trust Fund	\$37,500,000		
Revolving Loan Fund for the Purchase of Manufactured Home Parks	Language		
HB 1105: Zoning for Housing Production Act	Language		
Down-Payment Assistance Program	Language		
Increase Support for Virginia Eviction Reduction Program	\$1,400,000		
Support the Division of Housing	\$321,400		
Housing Opportunities Made Equal	\$300,000		
Anticipated Proceeds from Rejoining RGGI		\$100,000,000	
Industrial Revitalization Fund	(\$2,000,000)		
Child Care Center Development Grant Program	(\$15,000,000)		
Provide Base Support for VATI			
Virginia Make Ready Initiative	\$30,000,000		
White Mill Whitewater Channel	\$3,000,000		
Increase VA PDC Funding	\$3,150,000		
Prince William County Workforce Development	\$100,000		

COMMERCE HB 30 Amendments	2024-26 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTEs
Prince William County Community Foundation	\$100,000		
Market 5 Project in Charles City County	\$2,000,000		
Rural and Farmland Layers the State Broadband Availability Map	\$60,000		
Update GO Virginia Reporting Information	Language		
Updated Performance Reporting Language for Broadband Projects	Language		
Designated Uses of BEAD Money	Language		
Prioritize Rooftop and Parking Lot Solar in EZ Grant Applications	Language		
HB 368: Uniform State Building Code Advisory Group	\$10,500		
Department of Energy			
Pursuit of Federal Funding for Coal Remediation	Language		
HB 107: Rural EV Charging Network	\$2,000,000		
Capacity Expansion for Solar and Energy Efficiency Projects	Language		
Redirect Resources for the Virginia Power Innovation Fund	(\$6,000,000)		
Small Business and Supplier Diversity			
HB 1404: SWaM Procurement	\$1,897,605		5.00
Fort Monroe Authority			
Set Out Funding for Fort Monroe Authority	Language		
Virginia Economic Development Partnership			
Innovative Framework Funding	(\$1,500,000)		
Cyber Security Support	\$600,000		
Eliminate Obsolete Language	Language		
HB 1083: Virginia Longitudinal Data System	\$3,061,774		
Support for Taiwan Trade Office	(\$600,000)		
HB 1125: Business Ready Site Permitting Program	\$300,000		
HB 223: Economic Development Sites Program	Language		
Clarify Audit Provisions for VEDP	Language		
Virginia Tourism Authority			
Hampton Roads African American Heritage Travel Guide	\$100,000		
2024 Solheim Cup	\$5,000,000		
Increase Support for Heart of Appalachia Tourism Authority	\$300,000		
Promotion of Virginia Wineries and State Parks	\$400,000		
Tourism Promotion Partnerships	Language		
Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority			
Virginia Life Science Research Initiative	(\$3,579,216)		
Remove Erroneous Language for a Previously Funded Initiative	Language		
Add Language Limiting the Use of CIT Building Proceeds	Language		
Financial Reporting for All Centers of Excellence	Language		

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COMMERCE HB 30 Amendments	2024-26 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTEs
Secretary of Labor			
Secretary of Labor Staffing	(\$260,000)		(1.00)
Department of Labor and Industry			
Child Labor Violation Enforcement	\$200,000		1.00
HB 335: Tipped Employees Workgroup	\$50,000		
HB 139: Wage Standards in Underground Infrastructure Work	\$220,000		1.00
Department of Workforce Development and Advancement			
Agency Operational Costs	(\$1,700,000)		
Redirect Funds for New Healthcare Workforce Training System	(\$1,000,000)		
Workforce Review for HR Strong	Language		
HB 1495: Film and TV Apprenticeship Grant	(\$2,000,000)		
Virginia Employment Commission			
HB 1261: UI Overpayment Forgiveness	\$714,334		3.00
HB 14: Employer UI Separation Reports	\$275,000		
Update Administrative Fee Language	Language		
Update Paid Family and Medical Leave Review	Language		
CENTRAL ACCOUNTS			
HB 1: State Employee Costs for Minimum Wage	\$14,463,586		
Redirect Funding for Proposed Workforce Recruitment Campaign	(\$15,000,000)		
Redirect Proposed Funding for Consultants	(\$500,000)		
INDEPENDENT AGENCIES			
State Corporation Commission			
HB 800: Pole Attachments		\$180,000	1.00
PART 3			
Transfer Funding from Virginia Bioscience Health Research Corporation	Language		
Revert Funds from an Inactive Economic Development Project	Language		
Update Language for VEC Line of Credit	Language		
Clarify VHTC Sunset Date	Language		
Historic Preservation Tax Credit	Language		

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES HB 30 Amendments	2024-26 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTEs
Agriculture and Forestry			
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services			
HB 892 - Transfer Office of Farmland Preservation from VDACS to Department of Forestry	(\$1,178,140)	(\$120,000)	(1.00)
HB 1460 - Virginia Verified Meat	\$50,000	\$0	0.00
Blue Catfish Infrastructure Grant Program	\$750,000	\$0	0.00
Provide for \$1 million in New AFID Support	(\$1,000,000)	\$0	0.00
Redirect Funds Proposed for New Initiative	(\$2,000,000)	\$0	0.00
Statewide Coordinated Invasive Species Management	\$970,000	\$0	1.00
Wildlife Damage Cooperative Program	\$585,050	\$0	0.00
Disposition of Charitable Gaming Proceeds	Language	\$0	0.00
Department of Forestry			
Department of Forestry Policy Analyst	\$350,000	\$0	1.00
Statewide Coordinated Invasive Species Management	\$1,880,000	\$0	2.00
HB 309 - Forest Conservation Plan	\$1,160,000	\$0	1.00
HB 892 - Transfer Office of Farmland Preservation from VDACS to Department of Forestry	\$1,178,140	\$120,000	1.00
Virginia Racing Commission			
Virginia Horse Center	\$300,000	\$0	0.00
Natural and Historic Resources			
Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources			
Remove Language Limiting Deposits to the WQIF Reserve	Language	\$0	0.00
Department of Conservation and Recreation			
Lake Anna Remediation	\$1,000,000	\$0	0.00
DCR Assistance to SWCDs for VACS Program and Engineering Design	\$700,000	\$0	2.00
SWCD Base Operating Support	\$6,000,000	\$0	0.00
Direct NGF WQIF Deposit to Natural Resources Commitment Fund	Language	\$0	0.00
Increase Support for Natural Heritage Program	\$1,186,704	\$0	5.00
Support SWCD Nutrient Management Planning	\$272,000	\$0	1.00
Restore WQIF Reserve Deposit from Watercraft Fuel Sales	\$2,000,000	\$0	0.00
Maintain Current Capitalization of Resilient Virginia Revolving Loan Fund	(\$25,000,000)	\$0	0.00

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES HB 30 Amendments	2024-26 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTEs
Restore Ten Nongeneral Fund Positions	Language	\$0	10.00
Anticipated Proceeds from Rejoining RGGI	\$0	\$100,000,000	0.00
Technical: Set Out SWCD Base TA Funding Included in Introduced Budget	Language	\$0	0.00
Statewide Coordinated Invasive Species Management	\$500,000	\$0	2.00
Natural Area Preserves Acquisition	Language	\$0	0.00
Natural Tunnel State Park Pool	\$4,000,000	\$0	0.00
HB 1186 - All-Terrain Power Wheelchair Pilot Program	\$0	\$404,400	0.00
SWCD Small Dam Repair	\$2,000,000	\$0	0.00
Department of Environmental Quality			
Move Forward Effective Date of Polystyrene Container Prohibition	Language	\$0	0.00
HB 316 - Virginia Recycling Development Center	\$5,091,520	\$0	4.00
HB 496 - Waste Tire Disposal	\$0	\$852,000	2.50
Redirect Proposed Spending on Dissolved Oxygen Monitoring	(\$8,770,000)	\$0	(1.00)
Mitigation Trading Platform and Wetland In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Pro	\$1,500,000	\$0	3.00
Increase VPDES Administrative Capacity	\$1,350,000	\$0	5.00
Groundwater Well Expansion Support	\$270,000	\$0	1.00
HB 1085 - PFAS Monitoring and Reporting	\$760,320	\$0	3.00
HB 949 - Hazardous Substances Discharges	\$506,880	\$0	2.00
Pay-for-Outcomes Pilot Program	\$20,000,000	\$0	0.00
Study of Harmful Algal Blooms at Smith Mountain Lake	\$75,000	\$0	0.00
Department of Wildlife Resources			
Statewide Coordinated Invasive Species Management	\$0	\$1,550,000	2.00
Department of Historic Resources			
Haller-Gibboney Rock House Museum	\$400,000	\$0	0.00
Burwell-Morgan Mill	\$850,000	\$0	0.00
Semiquincentennial Capital Improvements	(\$15,000,000)	\$0	0.00
Virginia Museum of Transportation	\$1,000,000	\$0	0.00
Level-Fund Virginia Battlefield Preservation Fund	(\$5,000,000)	\$0	0.00
African American Research Fellowship	\$500,000	\$0	0.00
JXN Project	\$950,000	\$0	0.00
National Museum of Americans in Wartime	\$5,000,000	\$0	0.00

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES HB 30 Amendments	2024-26 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTEs
Carver Price Legacy Museum	\$285,000	\$0	0.00
Poplar Forest 1857 Slave Dwelling Emergency Stabilization and Res	\$884,800	\$0	0.00
Valentine Museum	\$500,000	\$0	0.00
Buchanan Theater	\$200,000	\$0	0.00
Marine Resources Commission			
Money Point Site Cleanup	\$3,750,000	\$0	0.00
Potomac River Oyster Revitalization Project	\$200,000	\$0	0.00
Central Appropriations			
Poultry Indemnification	Language	\$0	0.00
PART 3			
Restore Limit on Annual Claim of Land Preservation Tax Credit	Language	\$0	0.00
PART 4			
Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Participation	Language	\$0	0.00

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Item 113 #1h

Commerce and Trade

FY22-23

FY23-24

Economic Development Incentive
Payments

\$0

(\$630,000) GF

Language:

Page 20, line 6, strike "\$412,113,433" and insert "\$411,483,433".

Page 21, line 15, strike "2,869,000" and insert "2,239,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment adjusts grants payments from the Virginia Economic Development Incentive Grant to align the most up to date information from the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority.)

Item 113 #2h

Commerce and Trade

Economic Development Incentive Payments

Language

Language:

Page 24, line 36, after "act" strike remainder the line.

Page 24 strike lines 37 through 39.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates language allowing for the purchase of land with resources from the Virginia Business Ready Sites Acquisition Fund, which overrides the Code that requires the MEI Commission to review all such purchases.)

Item 114 #1h

Commerce and Trade

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Set out Item 114.

Page 24, after line 53, insert:

"Q. Fifty percent of any proceeds generated by Virginia's sale of allowances in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative auctions, including the auction held on December 6, 2023, excluding any funds directly appropriated by the General Assembly in any appropriations act from the Low-Income Energy Efficiency Program Fund (02017) and that are not otherwise already appropriated, shall be appropriated to the Department of

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Housing and Community Development for the Housing Innovations in Energy Efficiency program."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires the appropriation of at least 50 percent of any proceeds generated by the sale of allowance in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) to the Innovations in Energy Efficiency Program. Balances in this RGGI funded program are estimated at \$127.0 million.)

Item 124 #1h

Commerce and Trade

Fort Monroe Authority

Language

Language:

Page 25, after line 42, insert:

"C. Out of this appropriation, \$2,500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the construction of a permanent monument to commemorate the 400-year anniversary of the First Landing of Africans at Point Comfort in Fort Monroe."

Explanation:

(This amendment sets out \$2.5 million provided in House Bill 29, as introduced for the Fort Monroe Authority to finish a permanent monument to commemorate the 400-year anniversary of the First Landing of Africans at Point Comfort in Fort Monroe. In fiscal year 2022, the General Assembly appropriated \$6.0 million for the project.)

Item 374 #1h

Natural and Historic Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Language

Language:

Page 173, after line 51, insert:

"Y. Forty-five percent of any proceeds generated by Virginia's sale of allowances in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative auctions, including the auction held on December 6, 2023, that are not otherwise already appropriated, shall be appropriated by the Department of Conservation and Recreation for the Community Flood Preparedness Fund."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs 45 percent of the any proceeds generated by the December 6, 2023 RGGI be appropriated for the Community Flood Preparedness Fund.)

Item 381 #1h

Natural and Historic Resources

Department of Environmental Quality

Language

Language:

Page 174, set out Item 381.

Page 174, after line 15, insert:

"C. Three percent of any proceeds generated by Virginia's sale of allowances in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative auctions, including the auction held on December 6, 2023, that are not otherwise already appropriated, shall be appropriated to the Department of Environmental Quality to cover reasonable administrative expenses of Virginia's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and to carry out statewide climate change planning and mitigation activities."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs three percent of the December 6, 2023 RGGI auction proceeds be provided to the Department of Environmental Quality to support its RGGI-related administrative expenses.)

Item 486 #1h

Central Appropriations

Central Appropriations

Language

Language:

Page 193, after line 26, insert:

"4) \$6,000,000 in the second year to the Virginia Tourism Authority (320) to support accelerating inbound visitor demand through a paid media advertising campaign."

Page 198, line 33, strike "5,000,000" and insert "2,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$6.0 million in repurposed American Rescue Plan Act Funds to the Virginia Tourism Authority for a marketing campaign to increase inbound visitor demand. It redirects \$3.0 million in unspent federal American Rescue Plan Act funds (ARPA) for the Earn to Learn Nursing Acceleration program in the Virginia Department of Health and allows the program to retain \$2.0 million in ARPA funding, which the Department of Health should be able to deploy by the December 31 deadline. There is also a companion amendment in Item 486.10 which redirects \$3.0 million in unspent ARPA funds for the Department of Social Services to conduct redetermination efforts to the Virginia Tourism Authority's marketing

campaign.)

Item 486 #2h

Central Appropriations

Central Appropriations

Language

Language:

Page 486, after line 31, insert:

"13) American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds authorized in paragraphs A.2.f. 12) a) and b), Item 486 of Chapter 1, 2023 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, and paragraph B.2.k.4), Item 479.20 of Chapter 1, 2021 Acts of Assembly, Special Session II, which have been authorized by the Department of Environmental Quality prior to January 1, 2024, to individual facilities listed in the Enhanced Nutrient Removal Certainty Program under § 62.1-44.19:14, Code of Virginia, may be used to reimburse such facilities for costs incurred for nutrient removal and other wastewater treatment facility improvements approved by the Department of Environmental Quality as within the allowed scope of wastewater infrastructure projects under ARPA and applicable federal implementing regulations."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides flexibility in the use of ARPA funds previously provided for wastewater treatment facility improvements approved by the Department of Environmental Quality.)

Item 487.50 #1h

Central Appropriations

Central Appropriations

Language

Language:

Page 203, unstrike lines 15 and 16.

Page 203, strike line 17.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes proposed actions to the change the administrative oversight for the Advanced Manufacturing Talent Investment Program and Fund from the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to the Secretary of Labor. This allows the remaining current appropriation for the Advanced Manufacturing Talent Investment Program and Fund project to be distributed to projects based on eligibility. There is a current process and plan in place to distribute the remaining balance to projects to help meet the hiring needs of manufacturers in Hampton Roads and Southwest Virginia.)

Item 3-5.14 #1h

Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections

Sunset Dates for Income Tax Credits and Sales and Use Tax
Exemptions

Language

Language:

Page 233, line 15, after "Virginia." insert:

"This requirement shall not apply to § 58.1-439.30 authorizing awards of Virginia housing opportunity tax credits through December 31, 2025."

Explanation:

(This amendment ensures the Virginia Housing Opportunity Tax Credit will expire at the end of 2025, consistent with the provisions in the Code of Virginia establishing the program.)

Item 4-5.12 #1h

Language

Language:

Page 272, after line 5, insert:

"§ 4-5.12 REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE PARTICIPATION

As a condition on all appropriations in this act and notwithstanding any other provision of this act, or any other law, no expenditures from general, special, or other nongeneral fund sources from any appropriation by the General Assembly shall be used to take any action that impedes or otherwise interferes with Virginia's rejoining of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative or continued participation therein. As a further condition on all appropriations in this act and notwithstanding any other provision of this act, or any other law, any state agency or authority with responsibilities identified in Code § 10.1-1330 must immediately take all actions necessary to rejoin the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and continue participating therein, and any auction proceeds received from allowance sales are hereby appropriated for the purposes set forth in Code § 10.1-1330(C). Such required actions include, but are not limited to, repealing the final regulation titled 9VAC5-140, Regulation for Emissions Trading Programs published in the Virginia Register on July 31, 2023, reissuing the final regulation titled 9VAC5-140, Regulation for Emissions Trading Programs published in the Virginia Register on August 3, 2020, selling the allowances generated by the reissued regulatory program through auctions run by the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, distributing auction proceeds in accordance with Code § 10.1-1330(C) and appropriations included herein, and providing annual reporting in accordance with Code § 10.1-1330(D). Any regulatory action necessary to effectuate the requirements of this provision is hereby exempted from the provisions of the Administrative

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Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.); the Department of Environmental Quality must complete such regulatory action without further action by the Air Pollution Control Board and the reissued regulatory program must take effect no later than 90 days from the effective date of this act.”

Explanation:

(This amendment requires the Commonwealth to rejoin the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and directs the appropriate agencies to take the necessary actions to rejoin RGGI.)

Item 4-14 #1h

Effective Date

Language

Language:

Page 326, strike lines 20 through 47.

Page 327, strike lines 1 through 53.

Page 328, strike lines 1 through 46.

Page 329, strike lines 1 through 46.

Page 330, strike lines 1 through 44.

Page 331, strike lines 1 through 49.

Page 332, strike lines 1 through 48.

Page 333, strike lines 1 through 15, and insert:

"27. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 15.2 a chapter numbered 58.1, consisting of sections numbered 15.2-5824 through 15.2-5843, and by adding in Title 30 a chapter numbered 67, consisting of a section numbered 30-430, as follows:

CHAPTER 58.1.VIRGINIA SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY.

§ 15.2-5824. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Affiliate" means any person that is owned entirely or in part by a company or is an affiliate, assignee, employee, or agent of a company or is otherwise selected by a company to exercise any rights or undertake any obligations of the company that may be granted or established pursuant to this chapter.

"Authority" means the Virginia Sports and Entertainment Authority established in this chapter.

"District boundaries" means a 70-acre contiguous area located in the City that is bounded by U.S. Route 1 to the west, Four Mile Run stream to the north, the Potomac Yard station and Metrorail track to the east, and East Glebe Road to the south.

"Campus" means the land owned by the Authority and buildings, facilities, and other development on land owned by the Authority from which revenues will be generated for the

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Authority. "Campus" includes (i) a professional sports arena; (ii) a performance venue; (iii) a public plaza located between the arena and the performance venue; (iv) retail, food, and beverage developments, whether fixed or mobile; (v) office building development that includes facilities for company headquarters and operations; (vi) facilities for practices and training of one or more professional sports teams; (vii) facilities for broadcast production; (viii) onsite underground parking of at least 2,500 parking spaces; and (ix) related on-site infrastructure necessary or desirable for all such elements of the campus.

"Campus naming rights" means all revenues received by any person for the right to name any land, buildings, facilities, or other developments that are part of the campus, other than the professional sports arena. "Campus naming rights" shall not include revenues from the right to name the professional sports arena.

"City" means the City of Alexandria.

"Company" means a sports and entertainment company that owns one or more professional sports teams and has entered into a lease with the Authority pursuant to § 15.2-5830.

"Department" means the Department of Taxation.

"District" means the campus and all other land, buildings, facilities, and other development from which revenues will be generated for the Authority. "District" includes (i) hotel developments, including a conference center; (ii) retail, food, and beverage developments, whether fixed or mobile; (iii) office buildings and residential buildings; (iv) parks and other public open spaces; and (v) related on-site infrastructure necessary or desirable for all such elements for the district. "District" includes only land, buildings, facilities, and other development located within the district boundaries.

"District corporate income tax revenues" means corporate income tax revenues as estimated by the Tax Commissioner under Article 10 (§ 58.1-400 et seq.) of Chapter 3 of Title 58.1 from the company or any professional sports team or any affiliates thereof based on income generated in the district and including revenues generated in connection with the development and construction of the district. The Tax Commissioner shall calculate such revenues by multiplying the tax payment of any corporation as required under Chapter 3 of Title 58.1 generating income as described herein by the ratio of their gross revenues from the activities as described herein to gross revenues from all activities in Virginia.

"District local tax revenues" means (i) all local sales and use tax revenues from taxes levied pursuant to §§ 58.1-605 and 58.1-606 generated by transactions taking place upon the premises of the district; (ii) transient occupancy taxes levied pursuant to Chapter 38 (§ 58.1-3800 et seq.) of Title 58.1 generated by transactions taking place upon the premises of the district; (iii) ticket tax revenues; (iv) license taxes pursuant to Chapter 37 (§ 58.1-3740 et seq.) of Title 58.1 from businesses located in the district; and (v) real and personal property taxes pursuant to Chapters 32 (§ 58.1-3200 et seq.) and 35 (§ 58.1-3500 et seq.) of Title 58.1 from property located in the district.

"District pass-through entity tax revenues" means income tax revenues as estimated by the Tax

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Commissioner according to the provisions of Article 9 (§ 58.1-390.1 et seq.) of Chapter 3 of Title 58.1 from any pass-through entity, as defined in § 58.1-390.1, generated from the company or any professional sports team or any affiliates thereof based on income generated in the district, including revenues generated in connection with the development and construction of the district.

"District personal income tax revenues" means personal income tax revenues as estimated by the Tax Commissioner from individuals under Article 2 (§ 58.1-320 et seq.) of Chapter 3 of Title 58.1 based on salaries, wages, and other income generated through employment or the conduct of a trade or business in the district. The Tax Commissioner shall calculate such revenues by multiplying such income described by the average effective tax rate calculated by the Department for the prior taxable year.

"District sales tax revenues" means tax collections under the Virginia Retail Sales and Use Tax Act (§ 58.1-600 et seq.), as limited herein, and as may be amended, generated by construction and transactions taking place within the district. For purposes of this chapter, "district sales tax revenues" shall not include (i) the one percent of the state sales and use tax revenue distributed among the counties and cities of the Commonwealth pursuant to subsection D of § 58.1-638 on the basis of school-age population; (ii) any sales and use tax revenues distributed pursuant to subsection F of § 58.1-638; (iii) the local sales and use tax imposed under §§ 58.1-605 and 58.1-606, which shall be remitted to the Authority under the provisions of subsection B of § 15.2-5835; and (iv) the local sales and use tax imposed under §§ 58.1-605.1 and 58.1-606.1 and used for the construction or renovation of schools.

"Eligible expenses" means the reasonable expenses necessary for the Authority to carry out responsibilities set forth under this chapter.

"Excess funds" means any moneys available to the Authority in the Fund after the accounts set forth in subsection B of § 15.2-5833 have been sufficiently funded.

"Fund" means the Virginia Sports and Entertainment Authority Financing Fund established in this chapter.

"Major parties" means the company and its affiliates, the Authority, the City, and the Oversight Commission.

"Oversight Commission" means the Sports and Entertainment Authority Oversight Commission established by § 30-430.

"Person" means the same as that term is defined in § 1-230, except that "person" does not include the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions or any agency or instrumentality thereof.

"Professional sports arena" means a state of the art sports and entertainment facility capable of hosting the home games of a professional sports team.

"Professional sports team" means a National Basketball Association team or National Hockey League team.

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"Sufficiently funded" means that the accounts established pursuant to subsection B of § 15.2-5833 have adequate funds to meet the needs of the Authority to honor its debt service obligations and contractual commitments and to maintain the district, campus, and professional sports arena. Whether the accounts are sufficiently funded shall be determined based on criteria adopted by the Authority in consultation with the Oversight Commission, as well as the terms set forth in bond and other financing documents entered into by the Authority.

"Ticket tax revenues" means the tax revenues received by the City from the imposition of an admissions tax at the rate of no less than 10 percent pursuant to Chapter 38 (§ 58.1-3800 et seq.) of Title 58.1 on admission to events taking place upon the premises of the district.

"Transaction documents" means any memorandum of understanding, lease agreement, development agreement, operating agreement, bond financing document, debt schedules, or any other long-form documents deemed necessary or desirable by one or more of the major parties to document the terms relating to the development of the district.

§ 15.2-5825. Virginia Sports and Entertainment Authority established.

There is hereby established a body corporate and politic known as the Virginia Sports and Entertainment Authority. The Authority is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth. It shall be the principal duty of the Authority to ensure the construction and operational and financial viability of the district, to meet the debt service obligations for bonds issued pursuant to this chapter, and to ensure compliance with all terms and conditions of contracts, memoranda of understanding, and other agreements entered into regarding the district.

§ 15.2-5826. Membership; chairman; terms.

A. The Authority shall consist of 15 members. Five members shall be appointed by the Governor, three nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, two nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, three members shall be appointed by the governing body of the City, one member shall be appointed by Arlington County, and one member shall be appointed by the company. The members of the Authority annually shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman from their membership; the vice-chairman shall perform the duties of the chairman in the chairman's absence. The appointments of the members by the Governor pursuant to this section shall be confirmed in accordance with § 2.2-107.

B. The members appointed by the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the Senate Committee on Rules, Arlington County, and the City shall have significant private-sector business experience in one or more of the following industries: public-private partnerships, sports or entertainment, retail or hospitality, commercial construction or development, or financial services.

C. After the initial staggering of terms, members shall serve a term of four years. No member shall be eligible to serve for more than two successive terms.

D. At the end of a term, a member shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed and

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qualifies. A member who is appointed after a term has begun shall serve for the remainder of the term and shall be eligible to be reappointed for a full term at the expiration of such term. Upon the end of the term of a member, or upon the resignation or removal of a member, the original appointing authority shall appoint a member to the Authority. The Governor may remove a member for cause in accordance with § 2.2-108. The members of the Authority shall receive no compensation for their services, but a member may be reimbursed by the Authority for reasonable expenses actually incurred in the performance of the duties of that office.

§ 15.2-5827. Quorum; actions of Authority; meetings.

The Authority shall meet at least quarterly. Eight members of the Authority shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business. To be effective, any action of the Authority shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present. No vacancy on the Authority shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise all rights and perform all the duties of the Authority. The Authority shall determine the times and places of its regular meetings. Special meetings of the Authority shall be held when requested by two or more members of the Authority. Any such request for a special meeting shall be in writing, and the request shall specify the time and place of the meeting and the matters to be considered at the meeting. Notice of any special meeting shall be provided to members of the Authority no later than five business days prior to such meeting. No matter not specified in the notice shall be considered at such special meeting unless all the members of the Authority are present.

§ 15.2-5828. Executive Director appointment; duties.

A. The Authority shall select an Executive Director who shall report to, but not be a member of, the Authority. The Executive Director shall have at least 10 years of experience as the head of a government agency, quasi-governmental entity, or sports and entertainment authority similar to the Authority created by this chapter. The Executive Director shall serve as the ex officio secretary of the Authority and shall administer, manage, and direct the Authority's affairs and activities in accordance with the policies adopted by and under the direction and control of the Authority.

B. In addition to any other duties set forth in this chapter, the Executive Director shall:

- 1. Attend all meetings and keep minutes of all proceedings;*
- 2. Approve all accounts for salaries and allowable expenses of the Authority and its independent contractors and approve all expenses incidental to the operation of the Authority;*
- 3. Annually prepare and present a budget for approval by the Authority. Throughout the year, the Executive Director shall monitor the Authority's fiscal performance relative to the budget and regularly deliver financial reports to the Authority regarding such performance;*
- 4. Ensure proper execution of contracts, memoranda of understanding, and other such agreements and commitments of the Authority; and*
- 5. Perform any other duty that the Authority requires for carrying out the provisions of this chapter.*

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C. Until sufficient funds are generated by the entitlement to tax revenues under § 15.2-5835, the salary of the Executive Director and any staff or other personnel employed by the Authority shall only be paid from funds from the Commonwealth's Development Opportunity Fund established by § 2.2-115 or any other funds made available by the appropriation act.

§ 15.2-5829. Powers.

A. In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this chapter, the Authority may:

- 1. Adopt and alter an official seal;*
- 2. Sue and be sued in its own name;*
- 3. Adopt bylaws, rules, and regulations to carry out the provisions of this chapter;*
- 4. Maintain an office on the campus. Until such office space is constructed, the Authority shall maintain an office at such place as the Authority may designate;*
- 5. Employ, either as regular employees or independent contractors, consultants, accountants, attorneys, financial experts, agents, managers and other professional personnel, and any other personnel as may be necessary in the judgment of the Authority to carry out its responsibilities as outlined in this chapter, and fix their compensation;*
- 6. Proceed with any undertaking and enter into any contracts or agreements with the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof or any person as the Authority deems necessary or desirable to carry out the provisions of this chapter related to development of the district and campus;*
- 7. Review the Authority's responsibilities under contracts, memoranda of understanding, and other similar agreements, and delegate appropriate authority to the Executive Director to ensure that the provisions of such agreements are being efficiently, effectively, and prudently executed by the Executive Director and other staff;*
- 8. Acquire, hold, lease, use, encumber, transfer, or dispose of real and personal property within the district boundaries, including a lease of its property or any interest therein, whatever the condition thereof, whether or not constructed or acquired, that is owned by the Authority to the company or its affiliates or the City to carry out the provisions of this chapter, provided that any lease shall comply with § 15.2-5830;*
- 9. Enter into an agreement to lease land to the City for the City to develop, operate, and own the performance venue;*
- 10. Design, construct, reconstruct, improve, operate, and maintain the district and campus and any of its component buildings and facilities or delegate the rights to the same;*
- 11. Fix, charge, and collect rates, fees, and charges for the use of, or the benefit derived from, the facilities provided, owned, operated, or financed by the Authority. Such rates, fees, and charges may be charged to and collected by such persons and in such manner as the Authority may determine from (i) any person using the facilities and (ii) the owners, tenants, or customers*

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of the real estate and improvements that are served by, or benefit from the use of, any such facilities, in such manner as shall be authorized by the Authority in connection with the provision of such facilities or may delegate the rights to the same;

12. Issue bonds under this chapter;

13. Borrow money;

14. Receive and accept from any source, private or public, contributions, gifts, or grants of money or property; and

15. Do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers granted by this chapter.

B. In no event shall the Authority:

1. Enter into any agreement pursuant to the provisions of this chapter for the development, acquisition, or lease of more than one professional sports arena, campus, or district; and

2. Sell or otherwise dispose of any real or personal property located on the campus, except as expressly authorized by an act of the General Assembly enacted after the effective date of this section.

§ 15.2-5830. Acquisition of property; facility development and lease agreement.

A. The Authority may acquire or otherwise use in its own name, by gift or purchase, any real or personal property, or interests in property, located within the district boundaries and that are necessary or convenient to construct or operate the district and campus.

B. In any jurisdiction where planning, zoning, and development regulations may apply, the Authority shall comply with and is subject to those regulations to the same extent as a private commercial or industrial enterprise.

C. The Authority shall negotiate and enter into a lease agreement for all or a portion of the buildings and facilities located on the campus if the Authority finds that a company has committed to locate or relocate to the campus and that such company and its affiliates have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Authority that the company and its affiliates have the experience and financial resources to be able to successfully develop and operate the campus. Such lease agreement shall lease to (i) the company and its affiliates the professional sports arena, public plaza, company headquarters and operations facilities, practice and training facilities, and broadcast production facilities and (ii) the City land to develop, operate, and own the performance venue;

D. Any lease agreement for the campus entered into by the Authority with a company or its affiliates shall:

1. Provide for the payment of rent to the Authority, which shall be deposited into the Fund;

2. Provide for the payment of revenues, if any, generated by the company related to on-site underground parking on the campus to the Authority, which shall be deposited into the Fund;

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- 3. Provide 100 percent of any campus naming rights revenues to the Authority, which shall be deposited into the Fund;*
- 4. Grant the company and its affiliates operational control of the professional sports arena, public plaza, company headquarters and operations facilities, practice and training facilities, and broadcast production facilities;*
- 5. Permit the Authority to allow the City to develop, operate, and own the performance venue;*
- 6. Establish standards consistent with subsection F concerning the operation and maintenance of, and capital reinvestment in, the campus throughout the term of the lease agreement that are necessary to support the Authority's financial obligations;*
- 7. Have a term of no less than the term of the bonds sold pursuant to § 15.2-5831 for the construction and development of the campus;*
- 8. Provide that, if the company, its affiliates, or any professional sports team owned by the company relocates before the expiration date of any lease entered into, the company will pay any outstanding principal, any outstanding interest, and any other financing costs of all bonds issued under this chapter;*
- 9. Provide for the distribution of campus assets and ongoing revenues from the campus at the end of the lease term. Such distribution shall provide ownership of the professional sports arena to the Authority;*
- 10. Require that in operating the professional sports arena, the company and its affiliates shall promote Virginia tourism, products made by Virginia-based companies, and Virginia cuisine;*
- 11. Provide for at least three intercollegiate sporting events to take place at the professional sports arena per year, involving at least one Virginia-based or Washington, D.C.-based intercollegiate team in each game;*
- 12. Require the company and its affiliates to procure and carry insurance coverage customarily carried by operators of facilities similar to the professional sports arena and any other area of the district. The cost of such insurance shall be borne by the company and its affiliates;*
- 13. Require the Authority to procure and carry insurance coverage customarily carried by lessors of facilities similar to the professional sports arena and any other area of the district. Such insurance coverage shall, to the extent possible, limit the liability of the Authority for damages occurring within the district boundaries. The cost of such insurance shall be borne by the Authority;*
- 14. Require the company or its affiliates to pay the costs of all utilities at facilities leased by the company or its affiliates; and*
- 15. Contain such other terms and conditions as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Authority and agreed to by the company that further the purpose of the Authority related to the financing of the campus.*

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E. Any development agreement for the facility entered into by the Authority with the company or its affiliates shall require the location, design, fit, and finish of the facility to be consistent with professional sports facilities approved for construction by the professional sports team's league. Such development agreement shall:

- 1. Identify the location of the professional sports arena and the boundaries of the campus;*
- 2. Set forth the sources of financing to pay the costs of the development and construction of the professional sports arena and the campus, and may specify a minimum principal amount of bonds to be issued by the Authority to finance the facility pursuant to § 15.2-5832;*
- 3. Require the company to provide periodic progress reports to the Authority and the Oversight Commission on the status of the development and construction of the district, campus, and professional sports arena; and*
- 4. Contain such other terms as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Authority and agreed to by the company and its affiliates that further the purposes of the Authority related to the financing of the facility.*

F. The lease agreement entered into pursuant to this section shall provide the following obligations for operations and maintenance expenditures and capital expenditures on the campus:

- 1. The Authority shall, to the extent practicable, deposit no less than \$12 million per year in the Operations and Maintenance and Capital Expenditures Account established by subdivision 8 of § 15.2-5833, to be applied to capital expenditures and operations and maintenance expenses in the campus.*
- 2. The Company may request reimbursements from the funds set aside under subdivision 1 of up to \$7 million per year, plus two percent annually beginning with the year after the year in which the professional sports arena holds its first ticketed event. If less than the maximum amount of reimbursements allowed by this subdivision are provided to the company in any year, such surplus amount may be carried over by the company. The company shall submit a separate request for each project for which it requests reimbursement.*
- 3. All requests for expenditures for operations and maintenance and capital expenditures shall be subject to approval by the Authority.*
- 4. All expenses that (i) are not approved by the Authority under subdivision 3; (ii) exceed the annual reimbursement levels under subdivision 2, including any amounts carried over; or (iii) exceed the amounts of funds in the Operations and Maintenance and Capital Expenditures Account established by subdivision 8 of § 15.2-5833 shall be at the cost of the company.*
- 5. The City shall be responsible for 100 percent of costs for operations and maintenance and capital expenditures at the performance venue.*

§ 15.2-5831. Bond issues.

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A. The Authority may at any time, and from time to time, issue bonds to carry out any of the purposes of this chapter. As used in this chapter, "bonds" includes notes of any kind, interim certificates, refunding bonds, and any other evidence of obligation.

B. The bonds of any issue shall be payable solely from the property or receipts of the Authority, or other security specifically pledged by the Authority to the payment thereof, including:

- 1. Taxes, fees, charges, lease payments, or other revenues payable to the Authority, including amounts transferred from the Fund;*
- 2. Payments by financial institutions, insurance companies, or others pursuant to letters or lines of credit, policies of insurance, or purchase agreements;*
- 3. Investment earnings from funds or accounts maintained pursuant to a bond resolution or trust agreement; and*
- 4. Proceeds of refunding bonds.*

C. Bonds shall be authorized by resolution of the Authority and may be secured by a trust agreement by and between the Authority and a corporate trustee or trustees, which may be any trust company or bank having the powers of a trust company within or outside the Commonwealth. The bonds shall:

- 1. Be issued at, above, or below par value, for cash or other valuable consideration, and mature at a time or times, whether as serial bonds or as term bonds or both, not exceeding 40 years from their respective dates of issue;*
- 2. Bear interest at the fixed or variable rate or rates determined by the method provided in the resolution or trust agreement;*
- 3. Be payable at a time or times, in the denominations and form, and carry the registration and privileges as to conversion and for the replacement of mutilated, lost, or destroyed bonds as the resolution or trust agreement may provide;*
- 4. Be payable in lawful money of the United States at a designated place;*
- 5. Be subject to the terms of purchase, payment, redemption, refunding, or refinancing that the resolution or trust agreement provides;*
- 6. Be executed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the officers of the Authority designated by the Authority. Such signatures shall be valid at delivery even for one who has ceased to hold office; and*
- 7. Be sold in the manner and upon the terms determined by the Authority, including private negotiated sale.*

D. Any resolution or trust agreement may contain provisions that shall be a part of the contract with the holders of the bonds as to:

- 1. Pledging, assigning, or directing the use, investment, or disposition of receipts of the*

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Authority or proceeds or benefits of any contract and conveying or otherwise securing any property rights;

2. The setting aside of loan funding deposits, debt service reserves, capitalized interest accounts, cost of issuance accounts, and sinking funds, and the regulation, investment, and disposition thereof;

3. Limitations on the purpose to which the proceeds of sale of any issue of bonds may be applied and restrictions to investments of such proceeds or revenues available to pay debt service;

4. Limitations on the issuance of additional bonds and the terms upon which additional bonds may be issued and secured and may rank on a parity with, or be subordinate or superior to, other bonds;

5. The refunding or refinancing of outstanding bonds;

6. The procedure, if any, by which the terms of any contract with bondholders may be altered or amended and the amount of bonds the holders of which must consent thereto, and the manner in which consent shall be given;

7. Defining the acts or omissions that shall constitute a default in the duties of the Authority to bondholders and providing the rights or remedies of such holders in the event of a default that may include provisions restricting individual rights of action by bondholders;

8. Providing for guarantees, pledges of property, letters of credit, or other security, or insurance for the benefit of bondholders; and

9. Any other matter relating to the bonds which the Authority determines appropriate.

E. No member of the Authority nor any person executing the bonds on behalf of the Authority shall be liable personally for the bonds or subject to any personal liability by reason of the issuance of the bonds.

F. The Authority may enter into agreements with agents, banks, insurers, or others for the purpose of enhancing the marketability of, or as security for, its bonds.

G. A pledge by the Authority of revenues as security for an issue of bonds shall be valid and binding from the time the pledge is made. The revenues pledged shall immediately be subject to the lien of the pledge without any physical delivery or further act, and the lien of any pledge shall be valid and binding against any person having any claim of any kind in tort, contract, or otherwise against the Authority, irrespective of whether the person has notice. No resolution, trust agreement or financing statement, continuation statement, or other instrument adopted or entered into by the Authority need be filed or recorded in any public record other than the records of the Authority in order to perfect the lien against third persons, regardless of any contrary provision of public general or public local law.

H. Except to the extent restricted by an applicable resolution or trust agreement, any holder of bonds issued under this chapter or a trustee acting under a trust agreement entered into under

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this chapter, may, by any suitable form of legal proceedings, protect and enforce any rights granted under the laws of Virginia or by any applicable resolution or trust agreement.

I. The Authority may issue bonds to refund any of its bonds then outstanding, including the payment of any redemption premium and any interest accrued or to accrue to the earliest or any subsequent date of redemption, purchase, or maturity of the bonds. Refunding bonds may be issued for the public purposes of realizing savings in the effective costs of debt service, directly or through a debt restructuring, for alleviating impending or actual default and may be issued in one or more series in an amount in excess of that of the bonds to be refunded.

J. The company shall agree, as part of any development and lease agreement entered into pursuant to § 15.2-5830, that the company and its affiliates will not be relocated and that the company will operate on the campus until any bonds issued hereunder to finance and refinance the campus are redeemed or defeased.

§ 15.2-5832. Investments in bonds.

Any financial institution, any investment company, any insurance company or association, and any personal representative, guardian, trustee, or other fiduciary may legally invest any moneys belonging to it or within its control in any bonds issued by the Authority.

§ 15.2-5833. Virginia Sports and Entertainment Authority Financing Fund; use.

A. There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund for the Authority to be known as the Virginia Sports and Entertainment Authority Financing Fund. The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller. All revenues to which the Authority is entitled pursuant to § 15.2-5835, all revenues and moneys pledged by the local governing body of the City to be directed to the Fund, all revenues and moneys generated by a lease agreement entered into pursuant to § 15.2-5830, a contribution made by the company or its affiliates toward the development of the campus, any other moneys that may be appropriated by the General Assembly, and any moneys that may be received for the credit of the Fund from any other source shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Fund by the Comptroller as soon as practicable following their receipt. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund.

B. The amounts dedicated to the Fund pursuant to subsection A shall be distributed to the Authority as soon as practicable for use in accordance with this chapter. The Authority shall establish and deposit revenues into each of the accounts described in subdivisions 1 through 8 and ensure that such accounts are sufficiently funded. The amounts deposited in such accounts shall be in amounts determined by the Authority in the following priority order:

- 1. Revenue Account;*
- 2. Senior Debt Service Account;*
- 3. Senior Debt Service Reserve Account;*

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- 4. Subordinate Debt Service Account;*
- 5. Subordinate Debt Service Reserve Account;*
- 6. Lease Debt Service Account;*
- 7. Lease Debt Service Reserve Account; and*
- 8. Operations and Maintenance and Capital Expenditure Account.*

C. To the extent deemed appropriate by the Authority, the receipts of the Fund shall be pledged to and transferred for the payment of debt service on Authority bonds and all reasonable charges and expenses related to Authority borrowing and the management of Authority obligations.

D. In addition to the accounts required by subsection B, the Authority shall also establish a Distribution Account. If, in the opinion of the Authority, all accounts listed in subdivisions B 1 through 8 are sufficiently funded, the Authority shall distribute any excess funds back to the Commonwealth and the City, on a quarterly basis as described in subsection E.

E. Excess funds distributed back to the Commonwealth and the City from the Distribution Account described in subsection D shall be distributed as follows:

1. If the revenues available for distribution equal or exceed the amount of tax revenues pledged by the Commonwealth and by the City for the previous quarter, (i) the Commonwealth and City shall each receive an amount equal to its respective amount of tax revenues pledged and (ii) after the distribution provided by clause (i), the Commonwealth and City shall each receive 50 percent of any remaining revenues.

2. If the revenues available for distribution are less than the amount of tax revenues pledged by the Commonwealth and by the City for the previous quarter, the Commonwealth and the City shall each receive a percentage of the total revenues available for distribution based on the proportion of tax revenues paid into the Authority from each source of funds pledged by the Commonwealth and the City to the Authority for the previous quarter.

F. Revenues received by the Commonwealth pursuant to subsection E shall be distributed as follows:

1. One hundred percent of such funds shall be deposited in the Commonwealth Transportation Fund until an amount has been deposited in such fund equal to the total amount expended by the Commonwealth from all sources for transportation improvements related to the district.

2. After the requirements of subdivision 1 have been met, 50 percent of such revenues shall be deposited in the general fund and 50 percent of such revenues shall be deposited in the Housing Trust Fund established by § 36-142.

§ 15.2-5834. Additional duties; report.

A. In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this chapter, the Authority shall:

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- 1. Keep records as are consistent with sound business practices and accounting records using generally accepted accounting practices;*
- 2. Secure an annual external audit of the books of the Authority and its transactions by a nationally recognized auditing firm with sufficient skills and experience to conduct a thorough audit of the Authority. The results of such audit shall be submitted no later than August 1 each year to the Governor and the Oversight Commission;*
- 3. Be subject to audit and examination at any reasonable time of its accounts and transactions by the Auditor of Public Accounts; and*
- 4. Submit a detailed annual report no later than December 1 each year of its activities and financial standing to the Governor and the Oversight Commission.*

B. In addition to the report required by subdivision A 4, the Authority shall:

- 1. No later than June 15 of each year, provide to the members of the Oversight Commission, the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, and the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget, a report of its operating plan for the forthcoming year.*
- 2. No later than August 1 of each year, submit to the entities described in subdivision 1 a detailed expenditure report and a listing of the salaries and bonuses for all authority employees for the most recently concluded fiscal year.*
- 3. Prepare the reports required by subdivisions 1 and 2 in the format approved by the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget, and shall also include the following:*
 - a. All planned and actual revenue and expenditures along with funding sources, including a detailed breakdown of state revenues by tax source, local revenues by tax source, parking revenues, campus naming rights revenues, and other sources;*
 - b. Total investments made in the development of the campus, broken out by type of investment activity; and*
 - c. Cash balances by funding source, including a detailed breakdown of state revenues by tax source, parking revenues, campus naming rights revenues, and other sources, and balances in the accounts established by § 15.2-5833.*
- 4. Require the Executive director to also report quarterly to Authority, the members of the Oversight Commission, the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, and the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget, in a format approved by the Authority, the following:*
 - a. The quarterly financial performance, determined by comparing the budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures to planned revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year;*
 - b. Total investments made in the development of the campus, broken out by type of investment activity; and*
 - c. Cash balances by funding source, including a detailed breakdown of state revenues by tax*

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source, parking revenues, campus naming rights revenues, and other sources, and balances in the accounts established by § 15.2-5833.

Such report shall be submitted no later than 30 days after the conclusion of each quarter.

§ 15.2-5835. Entitlement to certain tax revenues.

A. 1. The Authority shall be entitled, subject to appropriation and to the limitations of this chapter, to all district sales tax revenues. Revenues received under this subsection shall be applied to debt service on the Authority's bonds. The State Comptroller shall remit such district sales tax revenues to the Fund on a monthly basis, subject to such reasonable processing delays as may be required by the Department. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State Comptroller shall make such remittances to the Fund, as provided herein, notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in the Virginia Retail Sales and Use Tax Act (§ 58.1-600 et seq.). Such entitlement shall continue as necessary until the expiration of the entitlement as provided in this chapter.

2. The Authority shall be entitled, subject to appropriation and to the limitations of this chapter, to all district personal income tax revenues, district corporate income tax revenues, and district pass-through entity tax revenues. Such revenues shall be applied to payment of debt service on the Authority's bonds. The State Comptroller shall remit all such district tax revenue to the Fund on a quarterly basis, except for pass-through entity tax revenues which shall be remitted to the Fund on a yearly basis, subject to such reasonable processing delays as may be required by the Department. Such entitlement shall continue as necessary until the expiration of the entitlement as provided in this chapter.

B. 1. The local governing body of the City shall agree, as a condition of hosting the district, to provide, by resolution or ordinance, the tax entitlement required by subdivision 2.

2. The resolution or ordinance described in subdivision 1 shall direct that:

a. All district local tax revenues shall be remitted by the City to the Authority, including the tax revenues described in subdivision b;

b. The City shall impose an admissions tax at the rate of no less than 10 percent pursuant to Chapter 38 (§ 58.1-3800 et seq.) of Title 58.1 on transactions taking place upon the premises of the campus; and

c. The City shall continue to provide the tax entitlement described in this subsection for the duration of any lease agreement entered into pursuant to subsection C of § 15.2-5830.

3. The remittances described in this subsection shall be for the same period and under the same conditions as remittances to the Authority paid in accordance with subsection A, mutatis mutandis.

C. In the event that any remittances described in subsection B have not been made by the City to the Authority, the Governor shall direct the Comptroller to withhold all further payment to the City of all funds, or of any part of such funds, appropriated and payable by the Commonwealth to the City for any and all purposes until the unpaid sum is obtained.

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D. The entitlement to tax revenues provided by subsections A and B shall expire upon the earliest of (i) the date on which all bonds issued pursuant to § 15.2-5831 have been repaid or (ii) the date on which the lease agreement entered into pursuant to subsection C of § 15.2-5830 expires.

§ 15.2-5836. Administration by Department of Taxation.

A. The Authority shall provide the Department with the name and contact information for a central point of contact at the Authority, who shall provide the following information to the Department:

1. A list of names and social security numbers or federal employer identification numbers for the companies, professional sports teams, and affiliates generating district corporate income tax, district pass-through entity tax, or district personal income tax revenues, including employee withholding remitted to the Department pursuant to Article 16 (§ 58.1-460 et seq.) of Chapter 3 of Title 58.1 generated in the district and subject to the entitlement set forth in this section.

2. A list of names and social security numbers or federal employer identification numbers for all (i) dealers generating sales and use tax revenues generated by construction and transactions taking place in the district and (ii) contractors purchasing or leasing items used in construction of the district.

3. Updated information pursuant to subdivisions 1 and 2 on a monthly basis.

B. The Authority shall provide in any memoranda of understanding entered into with any company, professional sports team, affiliate, or dealer that enters into a lease agreement for all or a portion of the building and facilities located in the district and any other agreements entered into regarding the district that the company, professional sports team, affiliate, or dealer shall be subject to the requirements of subsection C.

C. Every company, professional sports team, affiliate, and dealer doing business in the district shall file tax returns and make tax payments required pursuant to Chapter 6 (§ 58.1-600 et seq.) and Articles 9 (§ 58.1-390.1 et seq.), 10 (§ 58.1-400 et seq.), and 16 (§ 58.1-460 et seq.) of Chapter 3 of Title 58.1 using an electronic medium in a format prescribed by the Tax Commissioner. In addition, every company, professional sports team, affiliate, dealer, and contractor doing business in the district shall provide the following information to the Department:

1. Every dealer that collects district sales tax revenues shall provide information regarding tax collections generated from construction or transactions taking place in the district on the returns filed pursuant to § 58.1-615 as prescribed by the Tax Commissioner.

2. Every contractor shall report and remit use tax on the purchase and lease of items used in construction in the district as prescribed by the Tax Commissioner.

3. Every company, professional sports team, and affiliate that generates district corporate

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income tax revenues shall separately report estimated payments for corporate income taxes generated from the district and shall provide annually to the Department information regarding gross revenues generated from activities on the district and gross revenues from all activities in Virginia.

4. Every company, professional sports team, and affiliate that generates district pass-through entity tax revenues shall provide annually to the Department information regarding income in the district, including revenues generated in connection with the development and construction of the district.

5. Every company, professional sports team, and affiliate that pays salaries and wages to employees in the district shall register for a separate withholding account and shall remit the wages and salaries withheld from employees for activities performed on the campus separately from all income taxes withheld by such employer.

6. Every company, professional sports team, and affiliate that makes payments to an independent contractor attributable to construction or transactions in the district shall provide information regarding such payments to the Department by January 31 in a format prescribed by the Tax Commissioner.

7. Notwithstanding any provision of § 58.1-3 to the contrary, the Tax Commissioner shall be authorized to disclose taxpayer information regarding transactions, real or personal property, income, or business of any person to the Authority as may be necessary for the administration of the tax entitlements authorized by this chapter.

§ 15.2-5837. Cooperation between the Authority and other political subdivisions.

The Authority may enter into agreements with any other political subdivision of the Commonwealth for joint or cooperative action in accordance with § 15.2-1300.

§ 15.2-5838. Tort liability.

No pecuniary liability of any kind shall be imposed on the Commonwealth or on any other political subdivision of the Commonwealth because of any act, agreement, contract, tort, malfeasance, or nonfeasance by or on the part of the Authority, its independent contractors, or its agents.

§ 15.2-5839. Tort claims.

For purposes of the Virginia Tort Claims Act (§ 8.01-195.1 et seq.), the Authority is an "agency" within the meaning of § 8.01-195.2 and each of its members and agents is an "employee" within the meaning of such section.

§ 15.2-5840. Policy statement.

It is hereby found, determined, and declared that the construction and development of the district will result in substantial economic development in the Commonwealth and is in all respects for the benefit of the people of the Commonwealth and is a public purpose and that the Authority will be performing an essential government function in the exercise of the powers

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conferred by this chapter.

§ 15.2-5841. Audits and reports.

A. The Auditor of Public Accounts of the Commonwealth and his legally authorized representatives are hereby authorized and empowered from time to time to examine the accounts and books of the Authority, including its receipts, disbursements, contracts, leases, investments, and any other matters relating to its finances, operation, and affairs.

B. The Tax Commissioner shall report to the Oversight Commission and the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the House Committee on Finance, before July 1 of each year, the amount of the entitlement pursuant to § 15.2-5835.

C. The governing body of the City shall report to the Oversight Commission and the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the House Committee on Finance, before July 1 of each year, the amount of the entitlement pursuant to § 15.2-5835.

§ 15.2-5842. Prohibited use of funds.

No funds of the Authority may be used to pay fees or expenses of lobbyists required to register under § 2.2-422.

§ 15.2-5843. Exemption of Authority from personnel and procurement statutes.

The provisions of the Virginia Personnel Act (§ 2.2-2900 et seq.) and the Virginia Public Procurement Act (§ 2.2-4300 et seq.) shall not apply to the Authority in the exercise of any power conferred under this chapter.

CHAPTER 67.SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMISSION.

§ 30-430. Sports and Entertainment Authority Oversight Commission; membership; terms; compensation and expenses; definition.

A. The Sports and Entertainment Authority Oversight Commission (the Commission) is established as an advisory commission in the legislative branch of state government. The purpose of the Commission shall be to review financing and management of the facilities encompassed by the Virginia Sports and Entertainment Authority pursuant (the Authority) to Chapter 58.1 (§ 15.2-5824 et seq.) of Title 15.2. Such review shall include oversight of bonds issued by the Authority; the use of proceeds from such bonds; management of the campus and professional sports arena by the Authority, as those terms are defined in § 15.2-5824; and the distribution of revenues from the Distribution Account described in § 15.2-5833. The Authority shall provide quarterly updates to the Commission regarding the issuance of debt, payment of debt service, development of the campus and professional sports arena, and generation of revenues by the Authority, and any information on any other matters requested by the Commission. The Authority shall provide to the Commission, upon the request of the chairman, any transaction documents or other relevant documents involving the major parties, as that

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term is defined in § 15.2-5284, within five business days of such request.

B. The Commission shall consist of 14 members as follows: the 12 voting members of the MEI Project Approval Commission, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

C. Members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Vacancies for unexpired terms shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

D. The members of the Commission shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman annually. A majority of the voting members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum. The meetings of the Commission shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.

E. Legislative members of the Commission shall receive such compensation as provided in § 30-19.12.

F. Administrative staff support shall be provided by the staffs of the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, and the Division of Legislative Services.

28. That the initial appointment of members of the Virginia Sports and Entertainment Authority established by the twenty-seventh enactment of this act shall be staggered as follows: (i) two of the members appointed by the Governor, one of the members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, one of the members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, one of the members appointed by the governing body of the City of Alexandria, and the member appointed by the company shall be appointed for a term of four years; (ii) one of the members appointed by the Governor, one of the members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, one of the members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, and one of the members appointed by the governing body of the City of Alexandria shall be appointed for a term of three years; (iii) one of the members appointed by the Governor, one of the members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and one of the members appointed by the governing body of the City of Alexandria shall be appointed for a term of two years; and (iv) one of the members appointed by the Governor and the member appointed by Arlington County shall be appointed for a term of one year. Members appointed to an initial term of less than four years shall be eligible to be reappointed for two full four-year terms.

29. That the provisions of the twenty-seventh enactment of this act shall expire if the Virginia Sports and Entertainment Authority established under § 15.2-5825 of the Code of Virginia, as created by the twenty-seventh enactment of this act, has not entered into a lease agreement pursuant to subsection D of § 15.2-5830 of the Code of Virginia, as created by the twenty-seventh enactment of this act, and a development agreement pursuant to subsection E of § 15.2-5830 of the Code of Virginia, as created by the twenty-seventh enactment of this act, before January 1, 2026.

30. That the provisions of the twenty-seventh enactment of this act shall expire if the City

of Alexandria does not enact the tax entitlement described in subsection B of § 15.2-5835 of the Code of Virginia, as created by the twenty-seventh enactment of this act, before January 1, 2026.

31. That no bonds, as defined by § 15.2-5831 of the Code of Virginia, as created by the twenty-seventh enactment of this act, shall be issued by the Virginia Sports and Entertainment Authority (the Authority) established by § 15.2-5825 of the Code of Virginia, as created by the twenty-seventh enactment of this act, for the development of the district, as defined by § 15.2-5824 of the Code of Virginia, as created by the twenty-seventh enactment of this act, prior to (i) the enactment by the City of Alexandria (the City) of the tax entitlement described in subsection B of § 15.2-5835 of the Code of Virginia, as created by the twenty-seventh enactment of this act; (ii) execution of a lease agreement and development agreement as described in § 15.2-5830 of the Code of Virginia, as created by the twenty-seventh enactment of this act; (iii) a cash contribution by the company, as defined by § 15.2-5824 of the Code of Virginia, as created by the twenty-seventh enactment of this act, to the Authority toward the development of the district and professional sports arena, as those terms defined in § 15.2-5824 of the Code of Virginia, as created by the twenty-seventh enactment of this act ; and (iv) execution of a memorandum of understanding between the company and its affiliates, the Authority, and the City that describes the duties of all parties related to the development of the district.

32. That any bonds, as that term is defined in § 15.2-5831 of the Code of Virginia, as created by twenty-seventh enactment of this act , issued pursuant to § 15.2-5831 of the Code of Virginia, as created by the twenty-seventh enactment of this act, shall be subject to review by the Treasury Board established by Article 8 (§ 2.2-2415 et seq. of the Code of Virginia) of Chapter 24 of Title 2.2.

33. That the fourteenth enactment of Chapter 766 of the Acts of Assembly of 2013 is amended and reenacted as follows:

14. That the provisions of this act that generate additional revenue through state taxes or fees for transportation (i) throughout the Commonwealth and in Planning District 8 and Planning District 23 or (ii) in any other Planning District that becomes subject to the state taxes or fees imposed solely in Planning Districts pursuant to this act shall expire on December 31 of any year in which the General Assembly appropriates any of such additional revenues for any non-transportation-related purpose or transfers any of such additional revenues that are to be deposited into the Commonwealth Transportation Fund or any subfund thereof pursuant to general law for a non-transportation-related purpose. In the event a local government of any county or city wherein the additional taxes and fees are levied appropriates or allocates any of such additional revenues to a non-transportation purpose, such locality shall not be the direct beneficiary of any of the revenues generated by the taxes or fees in the year immediately succeeding the year in which revenues were appropriated or allocated to a non-transportation purpose. *Notwithstanding the foregoing, the provisions of this enactment shall not apply to the use of revenues generated by this act to provide funding to an authority created for the purpose of*

building a professional sports arena in Planning District 8 on or after July 1, 2024.

34. That the tenth enactment of Chapters 1230 and 1275 of the Acts of Assembly of 2020 are amended and reenacted as follows:

That the provisions of this act generating additional state revenue for transportation shall expire on December 31 of any year in which the General Assembly appropriates or transfers any of such additional revenues for any non-transportation-related purposes. *Notwithstanding the foregoing, the provisions of this enactment shall not apply to the use of revenues generated by this act to provide funding to an authority created for the purpose of building a professional sports arena in Planning District 8 on or after July 1, 2024.*

35. That the provisions of the twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth, thirtieth, thirtieth-first, thirtieth-second, thirtieth-third, and thirtieth-fourth enactment of this act shall not become effective unless reenacted by the 2025 Session of the General Assembly."

Page 333, line 20, strike "and".

Page 333, line 20, after "twenty-eighth" insert "twenty-ninth, thirtieth, thirtieth-first, thirtieth-second, thirtieth-third, thirtieth-fourth, and thirtieth-fifth."

Explanation:

(This amendment creates the Virginia Sports and Entertainment Authority.)

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Item 60 #3h

Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Compensation Board	\$50,715	\$322,682	GF

Language:

Page 50, line 29, strike "\$649,885,072" and insert "\$649,935,787".

Page 50, line 29, strike "\$641,385,072" and insert "\$641,707,754".

Page 53, after line 51, insert:

"Q. Out of this appropriation, \$50,715 the first year and \$322,682 the second year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1 of the 2024 General Assembly. The Executive Secretary of the Compensation Board shall be responsible for distributing these funds to support cost increases for Sheriffs' Offices and Regional Jails."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$373,397 over the biennium from the general fund to support increasing the state's minimum wage.)

Item 62 #1h

Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Compensation Board	\$10,594	\$60,684	GF

Language:

Page 56, line 56, strike "\$6,930,692" and insert "\$6,941,286".

Page 56, line 56, strike "\$6,930,692" and insert "\$6,991,376".

Page 57, after line 35, insert:

"C. Out of this appropriation, \$10,594 the first year and \$60,684 the second year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1 of the 2024 General Assembly. The Executive Secretary of the Compensation Board shall be responsible for distributing these funds to support cost increases for Local Finance Directors."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$71,278 over the biennium to support increasing the state's minimum wage.)

Item 63 #1h

Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26	
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Compensation Board	\$55,369	\$296,123	GF
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Language:

Page 57, line 37, strike "\$27,235,570" and insert "\$27,290,939".

Page 57, line 37, strike "\$27,235,570" and insert "\$27,531,693".

Page 58, after line 30, insert:

"D. Out of this appropriation, \$55,369 the first year and \$296,123 the second year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1 of the 2024 General Assembly. The Executive Secretary of the Compensation Board shall be responsible for distributing these funds to support cost increases for Local Commissioners of the Revenue."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$351,492 over the biennium to support increasing the state's minimum wage.)

Item 64 #1h

Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Compensation Board	\$2,932	\$32,752	GF

Language:

Page 58, line 32, strike "\$102,292,840" and insert "\$102,295,772".

Page 58, line 32, strike "\$101,492,840" and insert "\$101,525,592".

Page 61, after line 2, insert:

"K. Out of this appropriation, \$2,932 the first year and \$32,752 the second year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1 of the 2024 General Assembly. The Executive Secretary of the Compensation Board shall be responsible for distributing these funds to support cost increases for Commonwealth's Attorneys."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$35,684 over the biennium to support increasing the state's minimum wage.)

Item 66 #1h

Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Compensation Board	\$65,624	\$328,838	GF

Language:

Page 63, line 20, strike "\$27,395,833" and insert "\$27,461,457".

Page 63, line 20, strike "\$27,395,833" and insert "\$27,724,671".

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Page 64, after line 27, insert:

"E. Out of this appropriation, \$65,624 the first year and \$328,838 the second year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1 of the 2024 General Assembly. The Executive Secretary of the Compensation Board shall be responsible for distributing these funds to support cost increases for Local Treasurers."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$394,462 over the biennium to support increasing the state's minimum wage.)

Item 70 #1h

Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of General Services	\$250,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 69, line 27, strike "\$67,972,051" and insert "\$68,222,051".

Page 70, after line 9, insert:

"F. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1404 of the 2024 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$250,000 the first year from the general fund to the Department of General Services to update the state's electronic procurement system, eVA to accommodate the provisions of House Bill 1404 of the 2024 General Assembly.)

Item 86 #1h

Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	(\$589,070) (\$60,000) -1.00	(\$589,070) GF (\$60,000) NGF -1.00 FTE

Language:

Page 85, line 34, strike "\$27,048,267" and insert "\$26,399,197".

Page 85, line 34, strike "\$26,828,967" and insert "\$26,179,897".

Page 86, strike lines 37 through 40.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$589,000 each year from the general fund and \$60,000 each year from the nongeneral fund pursuant to House Bill 892, which transfers the responsibilities of the

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Office of Farmland Preservation from VDACS to the Department of Forestry. A companion amendment to the Department of Forestry appropriates these funds.)

Item 86 #2h

Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$25,000	\$25,000	GF

Language:

Page 85, line 34, strike "\$27,048,267" and insert "\$27,073,267".

Page 85, line 34, strike "\$26,828,967" and insert "\$26,853,967".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$25,000 each year from the general fund pursuant to House Bill 1460, which establishes the Virginia Verified Meat certification process.)

Item 87 #1h

Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$250,000	\$500,000	GF

Language:

Page 87, line 13, strike "\$6,352,698" and insert "\$6,602,698".

Page 87, line 13, strike "\$1,852,698" and insert "\$2,352,698".

Page 87, line 28, strike "\$250,000" and insert "\$500,000".

Page 87, line 28, after "first year" insert:

"and \$500,000 the second year".

Explanation:

(This amendment increases the appropriation for the Blue Catfish Processing, Flash Freezing, and Infrastructure Grant Program to \$500,000 each year.)

Item 87 #2h

Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	(\$1,000,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

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Page 87, line 13, strike "\$6,352,698" and insert "\$5,352,698".

Page 87, line 18, strike "\$3,250,000" and insert "\$2,250,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment level-funds provides for a first year increase of \$1.0 million for the Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund.)

Item 87 #3h			
Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	(\$2,000,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 87, line 13, strike "\$6,352,698" and insert "\$4,352,698".

Page 87, strike lines 31 through 37.

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$2.0 million the first year from the general fund proposed in House Bill 30 as introduced to establish a new agricultural technology research grant program.)

Item 88 #1h			
Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$485,000 1.00	\$485,000 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 87, line 38, strike "\$5,105,671" and insert "\$5,590,671".

Page 87, line 38, strike "\$5,105,671" and insert "\$5,590,671".

Page 88, after line 12, insert:

"D. Out of the amounts appropriated in this item, \$485,000 the first year and \$485,000 the second year from the general fund and one position is provided to the Department to support one additional staff position and related expenses for invasive species management and to take steps to eradicate or slow the spread of priority species."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$485,000 each year from the general fund and one position at the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to mitigate the impact of invasive species in support of the goals outlined by the Virginia Invasive Species Management Plan. Companion amendments to the Departments of Forestry, Conservation and Recreation, and Wildlife

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resources support corresponding funding and positions.)

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Department of Agriculture and
Consumer Services

\$292,525

\$292,525

GF

Language:

Page 87, line 38, strike "\$5,105,671" and insert "\$5,398,196".

Page 87, line 38, strike "\$5,105,671" and insert "\$5,398,196".

Page 88, after line 12, insert:

"D. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$292,525 the first year and \$292,525 the second year from the general fund is provided to enhance the grant agreement between USDA and VDACS regarding the Wildlife Damage Cooperative Program to maintain the wildlife technical assistance to help landowners with wildlife depredation from coyotes, black vultures and other wildlife."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$292,525 each year from the general fund at the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to support the grant agreement with USDA to provide technical assistance to livestock producers dealing with wildlife depredation.)

Item 94 #1h

Agriculture and Forestry

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Language

Language:

Page 90, line 4, after "fund." insert:

"The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply fees paid pursuant to § 18.2-340.31:1, Code of Virginia."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an exception to the require transfer to the general fund of charitable gaming proceeds for the fee charged pursuant to § 18.2-340.31:1, which would be established by House Bill 523.)

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Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Forestry	\$175,000	\$175,000	GF
	1.00	1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 90, line 31, strike "\$44,214,578" and insert "\$44,389,578".

Page 90, line 31, strike "\$43,954,578" and insert "\$44,129,578".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$175,000 each year from the general fund and one position for the Department of Forestry to establish a position focused on the analysis, development, and implementation of policy related to the Department's mission and objectives. The Department has increasing needs for policy expertise on complex issues, including Carbon Lifecycle Analysis, the Forest Sustainability Fund, the Invasive Species Management Plan, as well as the increasing complexities of managing state forests.)

Item 96 #2h

Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Forestry	\$940,000	\$940,000	GF
	2.00	2.00	FTE

Language:

Page 90, line 31, strike "\$44,214,578" and insert "\$45,154,578".

Page 90, line 31, strike "\$43,954,578" and insert "\$44,894,578".

Page 91, after line 47, insert:

"M. Out of the amounts in this item, \$940,000 the first year and \$940,000 from second year from the general fund and two positions is provided to support the implementation of strategies to and determine metrics to mitigate the impact of invasive species in support of the objectives outlined in the Virginia Invasive Species Management Plan (2018). The Department shall take steps to eradicate or slow the spread of priority species on private and public lands; support the creation of additional Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISMs); and provide statewide coordination of invasive species management working with VDACS, DCR, and DWR, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$940,000 each year from the general fund and two positions at the Department of Forestry to mitigate the impact of invasive species in support of the goals outlined by the Virginia Invasive Species Management Plan. Companion amendments to the Departments of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Conservation and Recreation, and Wildlife Resources support corresponding funding and positions.)

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Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Forestry	\$630,000	\$530,000	GF
	1.00	1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 90, line 31, strike "\$44,214,578" and insert "\$44,844,578".

Page 90, line 31, strike "\$43,954,578" and insert "\$44,484,578".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$630,000 the first year and \$530,000 the second year for the development of a statewide forest conservation plan, pursuant to House Bill 309.)

Item 96 #4h

Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Forestry	\$589,070	\$589,070	GF
	\$60,000	\$60,000	NGF
	1.00	1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 90, line 31, strike "\$44,214,578" and insert "\$44,863,648".

Page 90, line 31, strike "\$43,954,578" and insert "\$44,603,648".

Page 91, after line 47, insert:

"M. Out of the amounts in this item, \$437,500 the first year and \$437,500 the second year from the general fund shall be deposited to the Virginia Farmland and Forestland Preservation Fund established in § [10.1-119.3](#), Code of Virginia."

Explanation:

(This amendment appropriates \$589,000 each year from general funds and \$60,000 each year from nongeneral funds pursuant to House Bill 892, which transfers the responsibilities of the Office of Farmland Preservation from VDACS to the Department of Forestry. A companion amendment to VDACS removes these funds.)

Item 98 #1h

Agriculture and Forestry	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Racing Commission	\$300,000	\$0	GF

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Language:

Page 92, line 15, strike "\$3,400,000" and insert "\$3,700,000".

Page 92, after line 19, insert:

"Out of this appropriation, \$300,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the County of Rockbridge to support the Virginia Horse Center."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$300,000 the first year from the general fund to Rockbridge County to support parking lot paving at the Virginia Horse Center.)

	Item 101 #1h		
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Economic Development Incentive Payments	(\$130,000,000)	(\$30,000,000)	GF

Language:

Page 94, line 20, strike "\$281,536,441" and insert "\$151,536,441".

Page 94, line 20, strike "\$137,235,171" and insert "\$107,235,171".

Page 96, line 25, strike "\$150,000,000" and "\$50,000,000" and insert: "\$20,000,000" and \$20,000,000"..

Explanation:

(This amendment provides a \$20 million base budget for the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program.)

	Item 101 #2h		
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Economic Development Incentive Payments	(\$10,000,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 94, line 20, strike "\$281,536,441" and insert "\$271,536,441".

Page 96, strike lines 46 through 52.

Page 97, strike lines 1 through 17, and insert:

"Q. The State Comptroller shall continue the funds established in Item 113, paragraph T., Chapter 1, Acts of Assembly, 2023 Special Session I. All moneys shall be used in accordance with the provisions of Item 113, paragraph T., Chapter 1, Acts of Assembly, 2023 Special Session I."

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Explanation:

(This amendment continues the \$10 million provided in Chapter 1, Acts of Assembly, 2023 Special Session I for the development of an inland port in Southwest Virginia. The Port of Virginia will have an estimate of the entire cost of the project by fall 2024, and can accomplish this goal with the existing \$10 million provided in Chapter 1, Acts of Assembly, 2023 Special Session I.)

			Item 101 #3h
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Economic Development Incentive Payments	(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,000,000)	GF

Language:

Page 94, line 20, strike "\$281,536,441" and insert "\$280,536,441".
Page 94, line 20, strike "\$137,235,171" and insert "\$136,235,171".
Page 95, line 21, strike "5,000,000" and "5,000,000", and insert:
"4,000,000" and "4,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment adjusts funding for the Motion Picture Opportunity Fund by \$1 million each year that reflects the removal of a one-time investment provided in 2022.)

			Item 101 #4h
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Economic Development Incentive Payments	(\$1,300,000)	(\$1,300,000)	GF

Language:

Page 94, line 20, strike "\$281,536,441" and insert "\$280,236,441".
Page 94, line 20, strike "\$137,235,171" and insert "\$135,935,171".
Page 96, strike lines 2 through 4.
Page 96, line 5, strike "J" and insert "I".
Page 96, line 16, strike "K" and insert "J".
Page 96, line 19, strike "L" and insert "K".
Page 96, line 22, strike "M" and insert "L".
Page 96, line 25, strike "N" and insert "M".
Page 96, line 39, strike "O" and insert "N".
Page 96, line 43, strike "P" and insert "O".

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Page 96, line 46, strike "Q" and insert "P".
Page 97, line 18, strike "R" and insert "Q".
Page 97, line 23, strike "S" and insert "R".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes the anticipated grants payments for an economic development incentive project for Morgan Olson. This project is in the process of being canceled and the funds are no longer required.)

			Item 101 #5h
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Economic Development Incentive Payments	\$0	(\$42,500,000)	GF

Language:

Page 94, line 20, strike "\$137,235,171" and insert "\$94,735,171".
Page 96, line 22, strike "and \$42,500,000 the".
Page 96, line 23, strike "second year".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes an advance deposit to the Major Headquarters Workforce Grant Fund. With a proposed deposit of \$42.5 million in fiscal year 2025 combined with previous appropriations, \$163.0 million will be available for payments to Amazon starting in fiscal year 2027.)

			Item 101 #6h
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Economic Development Incentive Payments	\$208	\$255	GF

Language:

Page 94, line 20, strike "\$281,536,441" and insert "\$281,536,649".
Page 94, line 20, strike "\$137,235,171" and insert "\$137,235,426".
Page 97, line 23, strike "\$1,633,008" and "\$1,403,988" and insert: "\$1,633,216" and "\$1,404,243".

Explanation:

(This amendment adjusts initial grant payments included in House Bill 30 for the Wells Fargo economic development project.)

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Economic Development Incentive
Payments

\$40,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 94, line 20, strike "\$281,536,441" and insert "\$321,536,441".

Page 97, after line 27, insert:

"T.1. Out of this appropriation, \$40,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Newport News to support a capital investment from the United States Navy in an amount estimated to be up to \$400,000,000 to build infrastructure to house and care for sailors who reside in Newport News when a ship is being built, overhauled, or otherwise in a maintenance shipbuilding facility. The state general fund share of this project shall not exceed \$40,000,000.

2. The Director of Department of Planning and Budget shall release the funds provided in this paragraph under the following conditions: (i) the United States Navy has committed sufficient resources to fund the project; (ii) the City has provided matching funds for the project; and (iii) seventy-five percent of non-state funds secured for the project have been expended.

3. Any funding remaining at the end of fiscal year shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year for the purposes described in this paragraph. "

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$40.0 million the first year from the general fund to represent the Commonwealth's share of an infrastructure investment by the United States Navy to build housing for sailors residing in Newport News when a ship is in dock.)

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Commerce and Trade

Economic Development Incentive Payments

Language

Language:

Page 96, line 45, after "Virginia." insert:

"The funds provided in this paragraph are directed to a company made eligible for grants from the Cloud Computing Infrastructure Grant Fund in Item 113, Paragraph S., Chapter 1, Acts of Assembly, 2023 Special Session I. The eligibility criteria, methodology for calculating the grant payments owed to the company, and total aggregate cap of grant payments that may be awarded to the eligible company as directed in Item 113, Paragraph S., Chapter 1, Acts of Assembly,

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2023 Special Session I shall continue."

Explanation:

(This amendment connects the grant payments provided to AWS in House Bill 30 to the budget language in Chapter 1, Acts of Assembly, 2023 Special Session I making the company eligible for grant awards from the Cloud Computing Infrastructure Grant Fund.)

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Commerce and Trade

Economic Development Incentive Payments

Language

Language:

Page 96, after line 38, insert:

"4. For purposes of the definition of "eligible site" under the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program Fund set forth in § 2.2-2240.2:1, Code of Virginia, an otherwise eligible site shall not be considered noncontiguous solely because it is bisected by a roadway and other utility related infrastructure."

Explanation:

(This language amendment permits the participation of sites that may be bisected by a roadway or other utility related infrastructure in the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program.)

Item 101 #10h

Commerce and Trade

Economic Development Incentive Payments

Language

Language:

Page 96, line 32, after "acres" strike the remainder of the line.

Page 96, line 33, strike "Regions 1 and 2".

Explanation:

(This amendment updates language in the budget for the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program to conform with the provisions of House Bill 223 of the 2024 General Assembly.)

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Department of Housing and
Community Development

\$12,500,000

\$25,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 97, line 38, strike "\$297,250,885" and insert "\$309,750,885".

Page 97, line 38, strike "\$297,250,885" and insert "\$322,250,885".

Page 98, line 29, strike "\$75,000,000" and "\$75,000,000" and insert:
"\$87,500,000" and "\$100,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$37.5 million over the biennium for the Virginia Housing Trust Fund.)

Item 102 #2h

Commerce and Trade

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 99, after line 39, insert:

"M.1. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 10.1-1330, Code of Virginia, the department shall utilize \$5,000,000 of unobligated balances in the Low-Income Energy Efficiency Program Fund (02017) for the purpose of establishing a pilot program to assist residents of a manufacturing home park or organizations exempt from taxation under 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code acquire manufactured home parks located in Virginia.

2. The department shall award the funds provided in this paragraph as revolving loans to either: (i) associations consisting of residents of one or more manufactured home parks in Virginia, or (ii) organizations exempt from taxation under 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code that provide, construct, or renovate affordable housing in Virginia.

3. The department shall develop criteria and guidelines for this pilot program on or before December 1, 2024. At a minimum, the guidelines shall prohibit any loans that result in the involuntary displacement of any person residing in the park at the time of its acquisition. The interest rate of loans issued under this pilot program shall not exceed the lowest annual interest rate offered on a loan from the Virginia Housing Trust Fund.

4. Up to twenty-five of funds provided in this paragraph may be distributed to organizations exempt from taxation under 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code that provide, construct, or renovate affordable housing in Virginia that have been assigned a right of first refusal to purchase a manufactured home park by a locality, pursuant to the provisions of House Bill 1397 of the 2024 General Assembly. Upon receipt of notice from a nonprofit that they have: (i) been assigned right of first refusal by a locality to purchase manufactured home parks, or (ii) received

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notice from the locality that such owner has entered into a contract to sell the park contingent upon first providing the right of first refusal, the department shall expedite the application for a loan, and notify the applicant of its decision within 30 days of receiving the application.

5. The department shall report to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2025 the results of this pilot program. At a minimum, the report shall contain information on the number of applications, the number and dollar amount of loans made, number of parks acquired, and the estimated costs of continuing the program.

6. The department may recover administrative costs from the amounts provided in this paragraph."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$5 million from unobligated balances of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative for the Department of Housing and Community Development to launch a new program to assist nonprofits and associations of tenants residing in manufactured home parks acquire land on which homes reside.)

Item 102 #3h

Commerce and Trade

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 99 after line 39, insert:

"M.1. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 10.1-1330, Code of Virginia, the department shall utilize \$5,000,000 of unobligated balances in the Low-Income Energy Efficiency Program Fund (02017) for the purposes of effectuating the provisions of House Bill 1105 of the 2024 General Assembly.

2. The department is authorized to use the funds provided in this paragraph to support the administrative costs of the pilot program created by House Bill 1105 of the 2024 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$5.0 million from the unobligated balances of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative to fund a pilot program to incentivize localities to adopt favorable zoning practices.)

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Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 99, after line 39, insert:

"M.1. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 10.1-1330, Code of Virginia, the department shall utilize \$5,000,000 of unobligated balances in the Low-Income Energy Efficiency Program Fund (02017) for the purpose of creating a down-payment assistance pilot program. The grants awarded under this pilot program shall be issued as a forgivable, second trust mortgage.

2. The department in administrating the funds provided in this paragraph may elect to contract with an organization exempt from taxation under 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code with expertise in providing, constructing, or renovating affordable housing.

3. The department shall develop criteria and guidelines for this pilot program on or before December 1, 2024. At a minimum, the guidelines shall include eligibility criteria that targets grants to recipients earning less than 60 percent of the Area Median Income. The guidelines shall also stipulate a process for forgiving the grants awarded by the department that includes: (i) regular payments by the recipients on the first mortgage and (ii) residing in the home for at least fifteen years from date of closing. The guidelines shall detail a process for recovering any awards made under this pilot program.

4. The department shall report on or before December 1, 2025 to the General Assembly the results of this pilot program. The report at a minimum shall contain information on the number of applicants, number and dollar amount of grants made, number of homes purchased, and an estimated cost of continuing the program.

5. The department may recover administrative costs from the amounts provided in this paragraph."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$5.0 million from the unobligated balances of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative for the Department of Housing and Community Development to create a new grant program to provide second forgivable mortgages to home buyers.)

Item 102 #5h

Commerce and Trade

FY24-25

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Department of Housing and
Community Development

\$700,000

\$700,000 GF

Language:

Page 97, line 38, strike "\$297,250,885" and insert "\$297,950,885".

Page 97, line 38, strike "\$297,250,885" and insert "\$297,950,885".

Page 99, line 12, strike "\$3,300,000" and "\$3,300,000" and insert:

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

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$700,000 in each year for the Virginia Eviction Reduction Program, which provides funding to local and regional eviction prevention programs through a competitive grant process administered by Department of Housing and Community Development. Grantees use these funds to prevent evictions in their communities and can be used to pay any cost or debt putting a household at risk of eviction, including and especially past due rent.)

	Item 102 #6h		
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$171,400	\$150,000	GF

Language:

Page 97, line 38, strike "\$297,250,885" and insert "\$297,422,285".

Page 97, line 38, strike "\$297,250,885" and insert "\$297,400,885".

Page 99, after line 39, insert:

"M. Out of this appropriation, \$171,400 the first year and \$150,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the department's housing division."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$321,400 over the biennium for the Department of Housing and Community Development's housing division to accommodate the provisions House Bills 1203, 1207, and 1487 of the 2024 General Assembly.)

	Item 102 #7h		
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$150,000	\$150,000	GF

Language:

Page 97, line 38, strike "\$297,250,885" and insert "\$297,400,885".

Page 97, line 38, strike "\$297,250,885" and insert "\$297,400,885".

Page 99, after line 39, insert:

"M. Out this appropriation, \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the City of Richmond for Housing Opportunities Made Equal to provide statewide education and outreach about the protected classes covered under Virginia's

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Fair Housing law."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$300,000 over the biennium to Housing Opportunities Made Equal for statewide education and outreach on Virginia's Fair Housing Law.)

Item 102 #8h			
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$0	\$100,000,000	NGF

Language:

Page 97, line 38, strike "\$297,250,885" and insert "\$397,250,885".

Explanation:

(This amendment appropriates \$100.0 million in fiscal year 2026 in anticipation of future revenues earned through the state rejoining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. This is a companion budget amendment.)

Item 103 #1h			
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Housing and Community Development	(\$2,000,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 99, line 40, strike "\$127,802,325" and insert "\$125,802,325".

Page 101, line 22, after "H." insert "1."

Page 101, line 22, strike "\$7,000,000" and insert "\$5,000,000".

Page 101, after line 27, insert:

"2. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 59.1-548, Code of Virginia, the department shall award grants to real property projects that include rooftop solar or solar canopies for parking lots. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to any outstanding balances of the Industrial Revitalization Fund, including State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$2.0 million the first year for the Industrial Revitalization Fund, which makes real property investments in communities throughout the Commonwealth. In addition, it includes language directing the Department of Housing and

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Community Development to invest in projects that include rooftop solar or solar canopies for parking lots.)

Item 103 #2h

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Department of Housing and
Community Development

(\$15,000,000)

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 99, line 40, strike "\$127,802,325" and insert "\$112,802,325".

Page 105, strike lines 37 through 56.

Page 105, strike lines 1 through 4, and insert:

"U.1. Out of this appropriation, \$10,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the department to award competitive grants to eligible recipients to expand the availability of early childcare centers in the state.

2. Eligible recipients include public and private institutions of higher education, local governments, and state government agencies.

3. The department in consultation with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the Virginia Department of Education, and Virginia Community College System shall develop criteria and guidelines for this program on or before December 1, 2024.

4. In awarding these funds, the department shall prioritize applications that: (i) utilize space available on community college campuses; (ii) include a public funded provider as defined by § 22.1-289.02, Code of Virginia; (iii) target areas of high need as defined by the department in the guidelines; (iv) limits grant costs to repurposing and/or retrofitting space; (v) includes a financing plan for sustaining center operations; and (vi) offers early child education training opportunities to Virginia higher education students.

5. As a condition of this appropriation, the department shall award at least one grant to an applicant near the seat of government in Richmond, Virginia with the express purpose of providing early childcare services to state government employees.

6. The department may utilize up to three percent of the appropriation provided for program administration.

7. Unused funds in the first year shall be carried forward to the second year."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$10.0 million to incentivize the development of child care centers with a priority for using under utilized space at Virginia's community colleges.)

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Item 103 #3h

Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Housing and Community Development	(\$10,000,000)	\$10,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 99, line 40, strike "\$127,802,325" and insert "\$117,802,325".

Page 99, line 40, strike "\$78,802,325" and insert "\$88,802,325".

Page 101, line 42, strike "20,000,000 the first year" and insert:

"10,000,000 the first year and \$10,000,000 the second year".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides a \$10.0 million second year base for the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative.)

Item 103 #4h

Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$30,000,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 99, line 40, strike "\$127,802,325" and insert "\$157,802,325".

Page 105, after line 36, insert:

U.1. Out of the amounts in this item, \$30,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the Virginia Make Ready Initiative. The funds shall be used to supplement deployment projects selected in the fiscal year 2022 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative and funded with resources from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund or the Capital Projects Fund of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 by increasing the proportion of underground construction and/or investing in more utility pole replacement than contemplated in the initial fiscal year 2022 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative award. Any balances for the purposes specified in this paragraph which are unexpended on June 30, 2025 shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

2. The department shall establish an application process for broadband service providers to seek reimbursement for costs associated with utility pole replacements, mid-span pole installations, and undergrounding in excess of the amounts included in the approved fiscal year 2022 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative award, and where the costs were incurred on or after January 1, 2024. Undergrounding costs shall only be eligible for reimbursement if the applicant can demonstrate that the broadband deployment will include a higher percentage of underground miles than contemplated in the approved application and undergrounding will result in less

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reimbursement than pole replacements and mid-span pole installations. The application process shall require applicants to submit the following information:

- i. The number, cost, and locations of pole replacements, mid-span pole installations, or undergrounding for which reimbursement is requested;
- ii. Documentation sufficient to establish that the pole replacements, mid-span pole installations, and undergrounding described in the application have been completed or will be completed within 120 days of receipt of funds;
- iii. Documentation sufficient to establish the costs for which reimbursement is requested;
- iv. Documentation from the approved fiscal year 2022 Virginia Telecommunications award for the project demonstrating project costs for utility pole replacements, mid-span pole installations, and undergrounding;
- v. Documentation demonstrating that requested funds supplement previously awarded funds for utility pole replacements, mid-span pole installations, and undergrounding;
- vi. For applications requesting reimbursement for undergrounding costs, documentation sufficient to demonstrate undergrounding is more cost-effective than performing pole replacements and mid-span installations.

3. Within thirty days of receipt of a completed application, the department shall reimburse applicants for: (i) no more than \$30,000 per mile for pole replacements and mid-span poles installed or seventy-five percent of the total amount incurred or paid by the applicant for eligible pole replacement and/or mid-span installation costs, or (ii) no more than \$30,000 per mile for undergrounding costs. The department shall award the applicant the lesser amount.

4. Applications must include a letter of support from the unit of local government co-applicant of the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative award.

5. The department shall award funds based on a competitive basis and develop a scoring criteria to prioritize eligible applications that (i) facilitate broadband service to the greatest number of unserved/underserved locations per mile; (ii) include private investment from the applicant; (iii) will accelerate broadband deployment; (iv) include project cost effectiveness; (v) prioritize active projects at risk for completion by December 31, 2026; and (vi) incorporate other criteria determined by the department. The department shall review and award funds on a monthly basis starting on September 1, 2024.

6. The department may use the funds provided in this paragraph for administrative expenses.”
Page 105, line 37, strike “U” and insert “V”.

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$30.0 million in each year from the general fund to the Virginia Make Ready Initiative to supplement costs for make ready work related to projects funded under the fiscal year 2022 Virginia Telecommunications Initiative.)

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Item 103 #6h

Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$3,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 99, line 40, strike "\$127,802,325" and insert "\$130,802,325".

Page 106, after line 4, insert:

"V. Out of this appropriation, \$3,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the City of Danville to develop property along the Dan River known as White Mill, including the establishment of a recreation and first responder training facility, White Mill Whitewater Channel. The department shall require the city to provide a one for two match from non-state sources as certified by the department or a minimum investment of non-state funds of \$6,000,000 prior to releasing any of these funds."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.0 million in fiscal year 2024 from the general fund for the City of Danville to develop a property along the Dan River and establish a recreational and training facility called the White Mill Whitewater Channel. This budget amendment calls for a 2:1 match of state funds.)

Item 103 #7h

Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$1,575,000	\$1,575,000 GF

Language:

Page 99, line 40, strike "\$127,802,325" and insert "\$129,377,325".

Page 99, line 40, strike "\$78,802,325" and insert "\$80,377,325".

Page 100, strike lines 6 through 43, and insert:

"1. To the Lenowisco Planning District Commission, \$164,971 the first year and \$164,971 the second year, which includes \$38,610 the first year and \$38,610 the second year for responsibilities originally undertaken and continued pursuant to § [15.2-4207](#), Code of Virginia, and the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority.

2. To the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission, \$164,971 the first year and \$164,971 the second year, which includes \$42,390 the first year and \$42,390 the second year for responsibilities originally undertaken and continued pursuant to § [15.2-4207](#), Code of

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Virginia, and the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority.

3. To the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission, \$164,971 the first year and \$164,971 the second year.
4. To the New River Valley Planning District Commission, \$164,971 the first year and \$164,971 the second year.
5. To the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, \$164,971 the first year and \$164,971 the second year.
6. To the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission, \$164,971 the first year and \$164,971 the second year.
7. To the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission, \$164,971 the first year and \$164,971 the second year.
8. To the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, \$240,943 the first year and \$240,943 the second year.
9. To the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission, \$164,971 the first year and \$164,971 the second year.
10. To the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission, \$164,971 the first year and \$164,971 the second year.
11. To the Region 2000 Local Government Council, \$164,971 the first year and \$164,971 the second year.
12. To the West Piedmont Planning District Commission, \$164,971 the first year and \$164,971 the second year.
13. To the Southside Planning District Commission, \$164,971 the first year and \$164,971 the second year.
14. To the Commonwealth Regional Council, \$164,971 the first year and \$164,971 the second year.
15. To the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission, \$202,957 the first year and \$202,957 the second year.
16. To the George Washington Regional Commission, \$164,971 the first year and \$164,971 the second year.
17. To the Northern Neck Planning District Commission, \$164,971 the first year and \$164,971 the second year.
18. To the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission, \$164,971 the first year and \$164,971 the second year.
19. To the Crater Planning District Commission, \$164,971 the first year and \$164,971 the

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second year.

20. To the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission, \$164,971 the first year and \$164,971 the second year.

21. To the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission \$240,943 the first year, and \$240,943 the second year."

Page 101, strike lines 1 through 4.

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$75,000 each year for the operations of Virginia's 21 Planning District Commissions.)

Item 103 #8h		
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$100,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 99, line 40, strike "\$127,802,325" and insert "\$127,902,325".

Page 106, after line 4, insert:

"V. Out of this appropriation, \$100,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to Prince William County to support workforce development training programs in the eastern part of the county."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 the first year to support workforce development programs in Eastern Prince William County.)

Item 103 #9h		
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$100,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 99, line 40, strike "\$127,802,325" and insert "\$127,902,325".

Page 106, after line 4, insert:

"V. Out of this appropriation, \$100,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to Prince William County to support the work of the Prince William County Community Foundation."

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 the first year to support the Prince William County Community Foundation.)

Item 103 #10h		
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$2,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 99, line 40, strike "\$127,802,325" and insert "\$129,802,325".

Page 106, after line 4, insert:

"V. "Out of the amounts in this paragraph, \$2,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to Charles City County to support the redevelopment and rehabilitation of a site on John Tyler Memorial Highway into a retail and public engagement space."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund for the Market 5 project in Charles City County.)

Item 103 #11h		
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$30,000	\$30,000 GF

Language:

Page 99, line 40, strike "\$127,802,325" and insert "\$127,832,325".

Page 99, line 40, strike "\$78,802,325" and insert "\$78,832,325".

Page 103, line 47, strike "\$424,000" and "\$424,000" and insert:

"\$454,000" and "\$454,000".

Page 104, after line 48, insert:

"10. The department shall add layers to the Map to demonstrate broadband availability in: (i) rural areas and (ii) on farmlands. The department, in collaboration with the Center for Rural Virginia, shall determine an appropriate definition of rural for effectuating the purposes of this paragraph. The Map shall utilize information from the Virginia Land and Energy Navigator, produced by the Virginia Cooperative Extension at Virginia Tech to showcase broadband availability on Virginia prime farmland. The Virginia Cooperative Extension at Virginia Tech

shall provide this data to the department at no cost."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Housing and Community Development to add layers to the state's broadband map to reflect broadband availability on Virginia prime farmland and in rural areas.)

Item 103 #12h

Commerce and Trade

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 103, line 42, after "Fund" insert:

"on or before December 1st of each year".

Page 103, line 46, after "outcomes." insert:

"The department shall utilize the information provided in this report to create a public facing performance dashboard to be updated annually that at a minimum includes individual projects organized by Region, total GO Virginia Resources committed to the project, anticipated outcomes, and final outcomes submitted to the department at the close of the project. This information shall further be disaggregated by year and shall feature all projects receiving GO Virginia grants."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires GO Virginia to develop a public facing dashboard to report on the outcomes achieved by individual projects receiving funds from this grant program.)

Item 103 #13h

Commerce and Trade

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 102, line 36, after "underperformance." insert:

"The department in providing such risk assessment shall include a reason for the project's delay."

Explanation:

(This amendment updates reporting language for Virginia Telecommunications Initiative funded projects, which requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to report to the General Assembly any projects at risk for incompleteness or underperformance. The

new sentence requires the department to provide a reason for the project's delay.)

Item 103 #14h

Commerce and Trade

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 105, strike lines 34 through 36, and insert:

"T.1. The department is hereby authorized to use federal funding received by Virginia from the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program of the Federal Infrastructure and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58).

2. In its implementation of Public Law 117-58, the department shall first ensure that sufficient funds are allocated to ensure the deployment of service to all unserved locations and all underserved locations in a manner consistent with Public Law 117-58 and related federal guidance.

3. Of the federal funding remaining after Paragraph T.2., the department shall allocate: (i) up to twenty percent to workforce development efforts in addition to those funded with deployment related resources, (ii) up to twenty percent to broadband resiliency effort to include utility pole replacements, mid-span pole installations, and undergrounding, (iii) up to fifteen percent to digital equity programs, and (iv) up to fifteen percent for broadband sign-up assistance programs.

4. Prior to making awards from the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program of the Federal Infrastructure and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58) related to broadband resiliency to include utility pole replacements, mid-span pole installations, and undergrounding, the department shall receive a letter from the National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) validating its eligibility under the BEAD program."

Explanation:

(This amendment designates remaining funds from the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program to specific programs and activities.)

Item 104 #1h

Commerce and Trade

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 106, line 18, after "Item." insert:

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"Notwithstanding the provisions of § 59.1-548, Code of Virginia, the department shall award real property grants to projects that include rooftop solar or solar canopies for parking lots."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Housing and Community Development to prioritize investing in real property improvements through the Enterprise Zone program that include either rooftop solar or solar canopies for parking lots as a part of the project's overall design and scope.)

	Item 105 #1h	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$10,500	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 106, line 19, strike "\$3,352,665" and insert "\$3,363,165".

Page 106, after line 25, insert:

"Out of this appropriation, \$10,500 the first year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 368 of the 2024 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$10,500 the first year from the general fund to support House Bill 368 of the 2024 General Assembly that creates a workgroup to review aspects of the State Building Code.)

	Item 108 #1h	
Commerce and Trade		
Department of Energy		Language

Language:

Page 107, after line 35, insert:

"G. The department shall identify and apply for any available federal or other non-generational funds for the purposes of waste coal and garbage of bituminous coal remediation in the coal fields region of the Commonwealth. The department shall report on such efforts and resulting funding by November 1, 2024, and by November 1 of each succeeding year to the Governor and General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires the Department of Energy to pursue funding to remediate waste coal

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and garbage of bituminous coal and report on its findings on or before November 1, 2024 to the Governor and General Assembly.)

Item 109 #1h

Commerce and Trade

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Energy

\$2,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 107, line 37, strike "\$4,766,189" and insert "\$6,766,189".

Page 108, after line 14, insert:

"E. Out of this appropriation, \$2,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to capitalize the Electric Vehicle Rural Infrastructure Fund, pursuant to House Bill 107 of the 2024 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million the first year to capitalize the Electric Vehicle Rural Infrastructure Fund.)

Item 109 #2h

Commerce and Trade

Department of Energy

Language

Language:

Page 108, after line 14, insert:

"E. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to expand capacity at the department to focus on solar and energy efficiency projects. This funding shall support the following activities: (i) securing and maximizing federal grants, (ii) building relationships with federal agencies, and (iii) supporting economic development of renewable energy industries and their relevant supply chains."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs \$250,000 each year included in House Bill 30, as introduced to expand capacity at the Department of Energy to focus on solar and energy efficiency projects.)

Item 110 #1h

Commerce and Trade

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Energy

(\$6,000,000)

\$0 GF

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Language:

Page 108, line 15, strike "\$11,866,474" and insert "\$5,866,474".

Page 108, strike lines 21 through 22.

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$6.0 million provided in House Bill 30 for the Virginia Power Innovation Fund to other initiatives. The General Assembly capitalized this Fund with \$4.0 million in Chapter 1, Acts of Assembly, 2023 Special Session I.)

Item 111 #1h

Commerce and Trade

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Small Business and
Supplier Diversity

\$1,299,202
5.00

\$598,403 GF
5.00 FTE

Language:

Page 108, line 33, strike "\$8,826,797" and insert "\$10,125,999".

Page 108, line 33, strike "\$8,826,797" and insert "\$9,425,200".

Page 110, after line 14, insert:

"I. Out of this appropriation, \$1,299,202 the first year and \$598,403 the second year from the general fund is provided to the department to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1404 of the 2024 General Assembly. Of these amounts, \$500,000 shall be used by the department to produced a new statewide disparity study."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.9 million to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1404 of the 2024 General Assembly, which codifies many of the provisions included in Executive Order 35 related to Small, Women, and Minority owned business utilization in state contracts.)

Item 112 #1h

Commerce and Trade

Fort Monroe Authority

Language

Language:

Page 111, after line 2, insert:

"C. Out of this appropriation, \$318,981 the first year and \$359,982 the second year from the general fund is provided for the authority to address the costs of its public works contracts.

D. Out of this appropriation, \$93,654 the first year from the general fund is provided for the authority to address critical tree maintenance."

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Explanation:

(This amendment sets out additional appropriations for the Fort Monroe Authority included in House Bill 30, as introduced.)

			Item 113 #1h
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Economic Development Partnership	(\$750,000)	(\$750,000)	GF

Language:

Page 111, line 6, strike "\$54,201,862" and insert "\$53,451,862".

Page 111, line 6, strike "\$54,701,862" and insert "\$53,951,862".

Page 113, after line 3, insert:

"Q. Out of this appropriation, \$1,250,000 the first year and \$1,500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to support reorganizing economic development services at the authority."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.8 million over the biennium to support the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority's launch of the Virginia Innovative Framework.)

			Item 113 #2h
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Economic Development Partnership	\$300,000	\$300,000	GF

Language:

Page 111, line 6, strike "\$54,201,862" and insert "\$54,501,862".

Page 111, line 6, strike "\$54,701,862" and insert "\$55,001,862".

Page 113, after line 3, insert:

"Q. Out of this appropriation, \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the authority to enhance cyber security initiatives."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$600,000 over the biennium for the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to improve its cyber security functions after several risk were identified in a recent audit.)

Item 113 #3h

Commerce and Trade

Virginia Economic Development Partnership

Language

Language:

Page 112, strike line 53.

Page 113, strike lines 1 through 3.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language requiring approval of the Secretary of Finance for the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to access \$1.5 million per year to expand its administration capacity.)

Item 113 #4h

Commerce and Trade

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Economic Development
Partnership

\$1,530,887

\$1,530,887

GF

Language:

Page 111, line 6, strike "\$54,201,862" and insert "\$55,732,749".

Page 111, line 6, strike "\$54,701,862" and insert "\$56,232,749".

Page 112, line 24, strike "1,983,600" and insert "3,514,487".

Page 112, line 24, strike "2,233,600" and insert "3,764,487".

Page 112, after line 44, insert:

"5. Of these amounts, \$1,530,887 in each year shall be used to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1083 of the 2024 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$3.0 million over the biennium for the Virginia Office of Education Economics to take over the management of the Virginia Longitudinal Data System, and effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1083 of the 2024 General Assembly.)

Item 113 #5h

Commerce and Trade

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Economic Development
Partnership

(\$300,000)

(\$300,000)

GF

Language:

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Page 111, line 6, strike "\$54,201,862" and insert "\$53,901,862".

Page 111, line 6, strike "\$54,701,862" and insert "\$54,401,862".

Page 113, after line 3, insert:

"Q. Out of this appropriation, \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the second year from general fund is provided to support the opening of the Virginia-Taiwan Trade Office."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$400,000 over the biennium to support the opening of the Virginia-Taiwan Trade Office.)

Item 113 #6h

Commerce and Trade

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Economic Development
Partnership

\$150,000

\$150,000 GF

Language:

Page 111, line 6, strike "\$54,201,862" and insert "\$54,351,862".

Page 111, line 6, strike "\$54,701,862" and insert "\$54,851,862".

Page 112, line 17, strike "\$1,812,500" and "\$1,812,500" and insert:
"\$1,962,500" and "\$1,962,500".

Page 112, line 21, after "of Virginia" strike "and".

Page 112, line 21, after "Code of Virginia," insert:

"and House Bill 1125 of the 2024 General Assembly".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$150,000 in each year to expand the administrative capacity of the real estate team at the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1125 of the 2024 General Assembly related to permitting for site development.)

Item 113 #8h

Commerce and Trade

Virginia Economic Development Partnership

Language

Language:

Page 113, after line 3, insert:

"Q. Notwithstanding any provision of subsection D of § 2.2-2237.1, Code of Virginia, to the contrary, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority may include in its annual report on its operational plan the most recent audit report from the Auditor of Public Account's

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examination of the Authority's accounts and books pursuant to § 2.2-2242, Code of Virginia, in lieu of the audited financial statements of the Authority for the year ending the previous June 30."

Explanation:

(This amendment clarifies the audit provisions in the Code of Virginia related to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority.)

Item 114 #1h

Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Virginia Tourism Authority	\$100,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 113, line 8, strike "\$25,964,929" and insert "\$26,064,929".

Page 114, after line 37, insert:

"N. Out of this appropriation, \$100,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Virginia Beach for the development of a Hampton Roads African American Heritage travel guide."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 in fiscal year 2025 for the city of Virginia Beach to develop a Hampton Roads African American Heritage travel guide.)

Item 114 #2h

Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26
Virginia Tourism Authority	\$5,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 113, line 8, strike "\$25,964,929" and insert "\$30,964,929".

Page 114, after line 37, insert:

"N. Out of this appropriation, \$5,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for sponsorship and partnership with and promotion of the Ladies Professional Golf Association's (LPGA) 2024 Solheim Cup hosted in Gainesville, Virginia. The authority shall use these funds to: (i) promote Prince William County and other Virginia Tourism assets during this event, and (ii) provide grants to Prince William County to address public safety and transportation services required for the domestic and international travelers attending the event."

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$5.0 million in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund to support the Ladies Professional Golf Association's (LPGA) 2024 Solheim Cup hosted in Gainesville, Virginia.)

		Item 114 #3h	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Tourism Authority	\$150,000	\$150,000	GF

Language:

Page 113, line 8, strike "\$25,964,929" and insert "\$26,114,929".
Page 113, line 8, strike "\$24,864,929" and insert "\$25,014,929".
Page 113, line 37, strike "\$3,900,000" and "\$3,100,000" and insert:
"\$4,050,000" and "\$3,250,000".
Page 113, line 41, strike "\$300,000" and "\$300,000" and insert:
"\$450,000" and "\$450,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$150,000 in each year for the Heart of Appalachia Tourism Authority, bringing total annual support to \$450,000.)

		Item 114 #4h	
Commerce and Trade	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Tourism Authority	\$200,000	\$200,000	GF

Language:

Page 113, line 8, strike "\$25,964,929" and insert "\$26,164,929".
Page 113, line 8, strike "\$24,864,929" and insert "\$25,064,929".
Page 114, after line 37, insert:
"N. Out of this appropriation, \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the authority to promote Virginia wineries and state parks through an advertising campaign."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$400,000 over the biennium for an advertising campaign featuring Virginia wineries and state parks.)

Item 114 #5h

Commerce and Trade

Virginia Tourism Authority

Language

Language:

Page 114, after line 37, insert:

"N. Out of the amounts in this item, \$330,012 the first year and \$330,012 the second year from the general fund is provided to promote and advertise tourism in Virginia. These amounts include \$130,012 in the first year and \$130,012 in the second year for a partnership operated by the Virginia Association of Broadcasters to advertise Virginia Tourism, provided the Association contributes a total of at least \$390,036 in television and radio advertising value to promote tourism in Virginia in the first year and \$390,036 in the second year. Also included in these amounts is \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year to promote Virginia Parks, and \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year to promote Virginia's wineries.

O. Out of the amounts in this item, \$497,544 the first year and \$497,544 the second year from the general fund is provided to purchase media in the Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Baltimore, Maryland markets through a partnership operated by the Virginia Association of Broadcasters, in association with its affiliates in other states in the region, provided that the Association can obtain contributions of at least \$1,492,632 the first year and \$1,492,632 the second year in television, radio and station-related internet advertising value to promote tourism in Virginia."

Explanation:

(This amendment restores two public private partnerships operated by the Virginia Association of Broadcasters in affiliation with the Virginia Tourism Authority to advertise Virginia. The funding is contingent on the Association contributing advertising to promote tourism in Virginia that is at least three times the value of the general funds appropriated. These funds would be used to promote tourism throughout Virginia as well as the Washington, D.C., Virginia and Baltimore media markets. The funds supporting these two public private partnerships were not reduced in the House Bill 30, as introduced.)

Item 115 #1h

Commerce and Trade

FY24-25

FY25-26

Virginia Innovation Partnership
Authority

(\$77,467,520)

\$73,888,304 GF

Language:

Page 114, line 41, strike "\$142,486,085" and insert "\$65,018,565".

Page 114, line 41, strike "\$42,486,085" and insert "\$116,374,389".

Page 119, strike lines 28 through 56.

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Page 120, strike line 1, and insert:

"P. Out of this appropriation, \$6,500,000 the first year and \$40,000,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the University of Virginia's Institute for Biotechnology. The University of Virginia shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority that includes performance objectives for the hiring of 30 researchers, including research faculty and staff to support the work of the Institute, and additional near-term and long-term performance objectives agreed to by both parties. In addition to performance metrics for the state's investments, the Memorandum of Understanding shall also identify: (i) the research specialization of the initiative; (ii) sources of private philanthropic and other funding; (iii) opportunities for joint research projects and clinical trials; and (iv) commitments to non-competition for research in life sciences. These amounts shall remain unallotted by the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget until such time as an executed Memorandum of Understanding has been received from the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority. On or before August 1st of each year, upon the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding, the University of Virginia shall submit information on the financial performance of the initiative to the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority to include i) budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures to planned revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year; (ii) total investments broken out into various investment activities; and (iii) cash balances.

Q. Out of this appropriation, \$6,750,000 the first year and \$24,237,550 the second year from the general fund is provided for Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University's Patient Research Center. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority that includes performance objectives for the hiring of 50 researchers over five years, including research faculty and staff to support the work of the Center, and additional near-term and long-term performance objectives agreed to by both parties. In addition to performance metrics for the state's investments, the Memorandum of Understanding shall also identify: (i) the research specialization of the initiative; (ii) sources of private philanthropic and other funding; (iii) opportunities for joint research projects and clinical trials; and (iv) commitments to non-competition for research in life sciences. These amounts shall remain unallotted by the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget until such time as an executed Memorandum of Understanding has been received from the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority. On or before August 1st of each year, upon the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding, the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University shall submit information on the financial performance of the initiative to the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority to include i) budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures to planned revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year; (ii) total investments broken out into various investment activities; and (iii) cash balances.

R. Out of this appropriation, \$7,280,000 the first year and \$7,600,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for Virginia Commonwealth University's Medicines for All Institute. Virginia Commonwealth University shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority that includes performance objectives for the hiring of

50 researchers over five years, including research faculty and staff to support the work of the Institute, and additional near-term and long-term performance objectives agreed to by both parties. In addition to performance metrics for the state's investments, the Memorandum of Understanding shall also identify: (i) the research specialization of the initiative; (ii) sources of private philanthropic and other funding; (iii) opportunities for joint research projects and clinical trials; and (iv) commitments to non-competition for research in life sciences. These amounts shall remain unallotted by the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget until such time as an executed Memorandum of Understanding has been received from the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority. On or before August 1st of each year, upon the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding, the Virginia Commonwealth University shall submit information on the financial performance of the initiative to the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority to include i) budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures to planned revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year; (ii) total investments broken out into various investment activities; and (iii) cash balances.

S. Out of this appropriation, \$2,002,480 the first year and \$2,050,754 the second year from the general fund is provided for Old Dominion University's Digital Patient Model. Old Dominion University shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority that includes performance objectives on new models developed through this investment, researcher collaborations, number of new technologies conceptualized, developed or tested, and additional near-term and long-term performance objectives agreed to by both parties. In addition to performance metrics for the state's investments, the Memorandum of Understanding shall also identify: (i) the research specialization of the initiative; (ii) sources of private philanthropic and other funding; (iii) opportunities for joint research projects and clinical trials; and (iv) commitments to non-competition for research in life sciences. These amounts shall remain unallotted by the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget until such time as an executed Memorandum of Understanding has been received from the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority. On or before August 1st of each year, upon the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding, the Old Dominion University shall submit information on the financial performance of the organization to the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority to include i) budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures to planned revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year; (ii) total investments broken out into various investments activities; and (iii) cash balances.

T. As a condition of this appropriation, the institutions listed in paragraphs P., Q., R., and S. of this item shall work in collaboration with the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority, Virginia Health Bioscience Research Corporation, and Virginia Biotechnology Research Partnership Authority to develop a proposal for a research center of life science in Virginia. This proposal shall include at a minimum: (i) an estimate of costs to continue the initiatives funded in paragraphs P., Q., R., and S. of this item; (ii) opportunities for joint research projects and clinical trials between the initiatives; (iii) a model that centralizes the funding for these initiatives, similar to the Commonwealth Cyber Initiative; (iv) opportunities to consolidate state funded life science efforts, programs, initiatives, and (v) options for including additional higher education institutions, especially Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the statewide

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effort. The proposal shall be submitted on or before June 30, 2025 report to the General Assembly, the Chairs of the House Committee on Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee."

Explanation:

(This amendment invests \$96.5 million over the biennium from the general fund in four life sciences efforts in the Commonwealth.)

Item 115 #2h

Commerce and Trade

Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority

Language

Language:

Page 118, strike lines 36 through 37.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language associated with the one-time funding initiative at the Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing.)

Item 115 #3h

Commerce and Trade

Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority

Language

Language:

Page 120, after line 1, insert:

"Q. Any additional funds transferred to the Authority as a result of actions pursuant to Item 126.10, paragraph S.5 of the Chapter 854, 2019 Acts of Assembly may be used: (1) to enable the establishment of a fund of funds that will permit the Commonwealth to invest in one or more syndicated private investment funds; (2) to enhance direct investment programs by placing additional investments in partnership with Virginia accelerators and university technology commercialization programs; and (3) to enable the establishment of a sustainable program to enhance discovery of, and early investment in, technologies aligned with the Virginia Innovation Index. Decisions to invest in private funds shall be subject to approval by the Board of Directors. Investments in such funds shall be monitored by the Board of Directors."

Explanation:

(This amendment reinserts budget language that was eliminated in House Bill 30, as introduced that directs how the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority can utilize the funds it received from the sale of the Center for Innovative Technology building.)

Item 115 #4h

Commerce and Trade

Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority

Language

Language:

Page 117, after line 46, insert:

"9. On or before August 1st of each year, the Virginia Bioscience Health Research Corporation shall submit information on the financial performance of the organization to the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority to include i) budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures to planned revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year; (ii) total investments broken out into various investment activities; and (iii) cash balances by funding source."

Page 118, after line 37, insert:

"7. On or before August 1st of each year, the Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing shall submit information on the financial performance of the organization to the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority to include i) budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures to planned revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year; (ii) total investments broken out into various investment activities; and (iii) cash balances by funding source."

Page 119, after line 10, insert:

"5. On or before August 1st of each year, the Commonwealth Cyber Initiative shall submit information on the financial performance of the organization to the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority to include i) budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures to planned revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year; (ii) total investments broken out into various investment activities; and (iii) cash balances by funding source."

Page 119, after line 21, insert:

"3. On or before August 1st of each year, the Commonwealth Center for Advanced Logistics shall submit information on the financial performance of the organization to the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority to include (i) budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures to planned revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year; (ii) total investments broken out into various investment activities; and (iii) cash balances by funding source."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires each Center of Excellence receiving pass-through funding from the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority to submit annual financial information to the authority.)

Item 348 #1h

Labor

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Secretary of Labor	(\$130,000) -1.00	(\$130,000) -1.00	GF FTE
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Language:

Page 407, line 3, strike "\$807,837" and insert "\$677,837".

Page 407, line 3, strike "\$807,837" and insert "\$677,837".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes proposed funding for a new position in the Secretary of Labor's Office. The Secretary currently has four positions to cover the responsibilities of four state agencies.)

Item 349 #1h

Labor	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Labor and Industry	\$100,000 1.00	\$100,000 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 407, line 12, strike "\$2,153,355" and insert "\$2,253,355".

Page 407, line 12, strike "\$2,153,355" and insert "\$2,253,355".

Page 408, after line 2, insert:

"C. Out of this appropriation, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the department to hire an additional compliance officer for child labor law violation enforcement."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 in each year from the general fund for the Department of Labor and Industry to hire an additional compliance officer for child labor law violation enforcement.)

Item 349 #2h

Labor	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Labor and Industry	\$50,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 407, line 12, strike "\$2,153,355" and insert "\$2,203,355".

Page 408, after line 2, insert:

"C. Out of this appropriation, \$50,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the department of effectuate the provisions of House Bill 335 of the 2024 General Assembly."

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50,000 the first year for the Department of Labor and Industry to enforce and monitor House Bill 335 of the 2024 General Assembly.)

Item 349 #3h			
Labor	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Labor and Industry	\$110,000	\$110,000	GF
	1.00	1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 407, line 12, strike "\$2,153,355" and insert "\$2,263,355".

Page 407, line 12, strike "\$2,153,355" and insert "\$2,263,355".

Page 408, after line 2, insert:

"C. Out of this appropriation, \$110,000 the first year and \$110,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 139 of the 2024 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$220,000 over the biennium from the general fund for the Department of Labor and Industry to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 139 of the 2024 General Assembly, which requires DOLI to determine and make available the prevailing wage rate for underground infrastructure work.)

Item 354 #1h			
Labor	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Workforce Development and Advancement	(\$1,700,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 409, line 32, strike "\$77,056,263" and insert "\$75,356,263".

Page 409, line 38, strike "\$3,201,000" and insert "\$1,379,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.4 million in the first year from the general fund to support start-up costs for the new workforce development agency.)

Item 354 #2h

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Labor

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Workforce
Development and Advancement

(\$1,000,000)

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 409, line 32, strike "\$77,056,263" and insert "\$76,056,263".

Page 409, strike lines 46 through 52.

Page 410, strike line 1.

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects proposed funding for a regional Healthcare Workforce Training System to other health care workforce initiatives funded through amendments in the Virginia Department of Health.)

Item 354 #3h

Labor

Department of Workforce Development and Advancement

Language

Language:

Page 409, line 40, after "B." insert "1."

Page 409, after line 45, insert:

"2. The Virginia Board of Workforce Development in collaboration with the Virginia Department of Workforce Development and Advancement and the Virginia Community College System shall review instructor salaries for noncredit workforce training programs offered as a part of the Hampton Roads Skilled Trades Rapid On-ramp Network for Growth (STRONG) initiative funded in this paragraph. This review shall include examining current instructor salaries for noncredit workforce training compared to current market rates for aligned professor positions; current approaches to funding instructor positions for noncredit and for credit courses offered as a part of the STRONG initiative; and options for increasing instructor salaries in noncredit course offerings, including appropriate funding model reforms. The Virginia Board of Workforce Development shall submit its preliminary review and recommendations to the Chairs of the House Committees on Appropriations and Education and the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and Education and Health on or before November 1, and a final report of its review and recommendations on or before by June 30, 2025."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Virginia Board of Workforce Development to review noncredit workforce training instructor salaries that are funded through the Hampton Roads Skilled Trades Rapid On-ramp Network for Growth (STRONG) initiative, and offer recommendations

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on how to improve the salaries of these instructor positions.)

Item 355 #1h

Labor	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Workforce Development and Advancement	(\$500,000)	(\$1,500,000)	GF

Language:

Page 410, line 2, strike "\$61,490,208" and insert "\$60,990,208".

Page 410, line 2, strike "\$61,490,208" and insert "\$59,990,208".

Page 410, line 32, strike "\$2,000,000" and "\$2,000,000" and insert:
"\$1,500,000" and "\$500,000".

Page 410, after line 45, insert:

"3. Of these amounts, \$500,000 the first year shall be directed to support registered apprenticeships in the film and TV industry in accordance with the provisions of House Bill 1495 of the 2024 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million over the biennium for a new program designed to incentivize employers to hire registered apprentices, and directs \$500,000 the first year to support apprenticeships in the film and tv industry pursuant to House Bill 1495 of the 2024 General Assembly.)

Item 356 #1h

Labor	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Employment Commission	\$357,167 3.00	\$357,167 3.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 411, line 2, strike "\$586,779,340" and insert "\$587,136,507".

Page 411, line 2, strike "\$586,779,340" and insert "\$587,136,507".

Page 412, after line 18, insert:

"L. Out of this appropriation, \$357,167 the first year and \$357,167 the second year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1261 of the 2024 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$357,167 in each year to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1261 of the 2024 General Assembly, related to the forgiveness of the overpayment of

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Unemployment Insurance benefits.)

Item 356 #2h

Labor	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Employment Commission	\$0	\$275,000	GF

Language:

Page 411, line 2, strike "\$586,779,340" and insert "\$587,054,340".

Page 412, after line 18, insert:

"L. Out of this appropriation, \$257,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 14 of the 2024 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$275,000 the second year from the general fund to the Virginia Employment Commission for one-time costs associated with the administration of House Bill 14 of the 2024 General Assembly, related to employer separation reports submitted for Underemployment Insurance claims.)

Item 356 #3h

Labor

Virginia Employment Commission

Language

Language:

Page 412, strike lines 13 through 18, and insert:

"K. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, as of January 1, 2025, tax rates established pursuant to §§ 60.2-531, 60.2-515, 60.2-526, 60.2-527, and 60.2-538, are hereby reduced by .05 percent. In addition to these rates, a separate administrative fee equal to .05 percent of taxable wages shall be assessed and paid quarterly. The administrative fee is necessary for the proper and efficient administration of the Virginia Unemployment Compensation Act, § 60.2. Administrative fees shall: (i) be deposited to the Special Unemployment Compensation Administration Fund pursuant to § 60.2-314 and will be used solely by the Commission for critical technology and staffing requirements; (ii) be due and payable to the Commission by each employer in accordance with such regulation as the Commission may prescribe; (iii) be collected through the same means available for collecting taxes, penalties, and interest. Interest applicable to unpaid taxes will also apply to the administrative fee; (iv) not be used to calculate the employer's amount of state unemployment taxes paid for Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) tax liability purposes; and, (v) not be deducted, in whole or in part, from employees' wages."

Explanation:

(This amendment updates language included in the introduced budget to allow the Virginia Employment Commission to begin collecting an administrative fee to support its operations. It is anticipated that the fee may generate up to \$16.0 million per year for the Commission.)

Item 356 #4h

Labor

Virginia Employment Commission

Language

Language:

Page 412, after line 18, insert:

"L.1. The Virginia Employment Commission in collaboration with the Department of Human Resource Management, the Compensation Board, the Virginia Department of Education, and the Department of Planning and Budget shall update its November 2021 *Virginia Paid Family and Medical Leave Study* to include the following:

(i) a maximum benefit level that accounts for regional variations in the cost of living in Virginia;

(ii) an assessment of the budgetary impacts of expanding benefits for state employees to align with the provisions of House Bill 737 and Senate Bill 373 of the 2024 General Assembly while maintaining the benefits provided in § 2.2-1210, Code of Virginia. Such assessment shall include the number of state employees with access to the benefits provided in § 2.2-1210, Code of Virginia, the number of state employees that will receive expanded family leave benefits including parental leave, the number of state employees that will receive expanded medical leave benefits, and the budgetary impact associated with each benefit type;

(iii) an assessment of the budgetary impacts for state-supported constitutional officers receiving salary support from the Compensation Board. Such assessment shall include the number of employees of state-supported constitutional officers that will receive family leave benefits, and the number of employees of state-supported constitutional officers that will receive expanded medical leave benefits, the budgetary impacts associated with each benefit type, including state budget salary impacts for the contributions required under in the Paid Family and Medical Leave Program established in House Bill 737 and Senate Bill 373 of the 2024 General Assembly;

(iv) an assessment of the budgetary impacts for local school divisions and on state direct aid to public education. Such assessment shall include the number of personnel in local school divisions that will receive family leave benefits, and the number of personnel in local school divisions expanded medical leave benefits, the budgetary impact associated with each benefit type including state budget salary impacts for the contributions required under the Paid Family and Medical Leave Program established in House Bill 737 and Senate Bill 373 of the 2024

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General Assembly, and the cost sharing implications for the state;

(v) an estimate of the number of private employers that will qualify for an exemption under the provisions of House Bill 737 and Senate Bill 373 of the 2024 General Assembly and related solvency impacts; and,

(vi) a determination of the frequency of employer contributions to the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Trust Fund.

2. For this purposes of this paragraph, "state employee" shall mean all persons employed by the Commonwealth to provide services, including both salaried and wage employees, whether employed full or part time.

3. The commission shall submit the updated report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations Committee and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee on or before December 1, 2024."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Virginia Employment Commission to update the 2021 *Virginia Paid Family and Medical Leave Study* to include the budgetary impacts of the program for state employees, state-supported local employees, and local school divisions.)

Item 358 #1h

Natural and Historic Resources

Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources

Language

Language:

Page 413, line 25, after "unless" strike the remainder of the line and insert:
"otherwise specified".

Page 413, line 26, strike \$100,000.000".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language changes proposed in House Bill 30 as introduced which would have removed the requirement that 15 percent of mandatory Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF) deposits be directed to the WQIF Reserve if the balance of the Reserve exceeds \$100.0 million.)

Item 359 #1h

Natural and Historic Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Conservation and
Recreation

\$1,000,000

\$0 GF

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Language:

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$541,484,912" and insert "\$542,484,912".

Page 417, after line 32, insert:

"U. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$1,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to support cyanobacteria mitigation and remediation efforts at Lake Anna."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million the first year from the general fund for cyanobacteria mitigation and remediation at Lake Anna.)

Item 359 #2h

Natural and Historic Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Conservation and
Recreation

\$350,000
2.00

\$350,000 GF
2.00 FTE

Language:

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$541,484,912" and insert "\$541,834,912".

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$136,318,884" and insert "\$136,668,884".

Page 417, after line 32, insert:

"U. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the Department to establish (i) a position to expedite the training and certification of Soil and Water Conservation District employees to enable them to provide engineering, agronomic, and technical assistance for the preparation of all conservation practices in the Virginia Agricultural Cost share program; and, (ii) a position to expedite the provision of assistance to Soil and Water Conservation Districts with engineering designs for structural practices."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$350,000 each year from the general fund and two positions to allow the Department of Conservation and Recreation to expedite assistance it provides to Soil and Water Conservation Districts.)

Item 359 #3h

Natural and Historic Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Conservation and
Recreation

\$3,000,000

\$3,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$541,484,912" and insert "\$544,484,912".

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Page 413, line 48, strike "\$136,318,884" and insert "\$139,318,884".

Page 414, line 17, strike "\$10,947,091" and "\$10,947,091" and insert:
"\$13,947,091" and "\$13,947,091".

Page 414, line 21, strike "\$9,809,091" and "\$9,809,091" and insert:
"\$12,809,091" and "\$12,809,091".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$3.0 million each year from the general fund to support the increasing operational costs faced by Soil and Water Conservation District offices. Additional financial support is necessary for district central operations, administrative assistance, technical assistance for implementation of agricultural and urban BMPs, technical assistance to operate and maintain 104 flood control dams, and technical assistance to implement Resource Management Plans and address tax credit applications.)

Item 359 #4h

Natural and Historic Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Language

Language:

Page 417, line 11, after "funds", insert:

"that shall be transferred to the Virginia Natural Resources Commitment Fund, and".

Explanation:

(This amendment directs \$63.0 million the first year from nongeneral funds included in House Bill 30 as introduced for Agricultural Best Management Practices be directed to the Virginia Natural Resources Commitment Fund, consistent with the general funds included in the introduced bill for such purpose.)

Item 359 #5h

Natural and Historic Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Conservation and
Recreation

\$593,352
5.00

\$593,352 GF
5.00 FTE

Language:

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$541,484,912" and insert "\$542,078,264".

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$136,318,884" and insert "\$136,912,236".

Page 416, line 18, strike "\$500,000" and "\$500,000" and insert:
"\$1,093,352" and "\$1,093,352".

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$593,352 each year from the general fund and five positions to increase support for the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Natural Heritage Program. The Natural Heritage Program provides active preserve management at Virginia's 66 Natural Area preserves.)

Item 359 #6h			
Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$136,000 1.00	\$136,000 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$541,484,912" and insert "\$541,620,912".

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$136,318,884" and insert "\$136,454,884".

Page 417, after line 32, insert:

"U. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$136,000 the first year and \$136,000 in the second year from the general fund is provided to the Department to support an additional position in Division of Soil and Water Conversation for the purpose of nutrient management planning."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$136,000 each year from the general fund and one position to support nutrient management planning.)

Item 359 #7h			
Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$541,484,912" and insert "\$542,484,912".

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$136,318,884" and insert "\$137,318,884".

Page 415, line 25, strike "\$1,583,531" and insert:

"\$2,583,531" and "\$2,583,531".

Explanation:

(This amendment restores to \$2.5 million each year the deposit in the Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF) Reserve derived from taxes on watercraft fuel sales. House Bill 30 as introduced proposed reducing the deposit to the Reserve by \$1.0 million each year.)

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Item 359 #8h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Conservation and Recreation	(\$25,000,000)	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$541,484,912" and insert "\$516,484,912".

page 417, strike lines 22 and 23.

page 417, line 24, strike "T." and insert "S."

Explanation:

(This amendment maintains the current capitalization of the Resilient Virginia Revolving Loan Fund at \$125.0 million. House Bill 30 as introduced proposed providing an additional capitalization of \$25.0 million the first year from the general fund.)

Item 359 #10h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Conservation and Recreation	10.00	10.00 FTE

Language:

Explanation:

(This amendment restores 10 nongeneral fund positions included in fiscal year 2024 that were not included in House Bill 30 as introduced.)

Item 359 #11h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$0	\$100,000,000 NGF

Language:

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$136,318,884" and insert "\$236,318,884".

Page 417, line 20, after "fund" insert:

"and \$100,000,000 the second year from nongeneral funds"

Explanation:

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(This amendment appropriates \$100.0 million from nongeneral funds the second year to the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund in anticipation of future revenues earned through the state rejoining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. This is a companion budget amendment.)

Item 359 #12h

Natural and Historic Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Language

Language:

Page 414, line 17, strike "\$10,947,091" and "\$10,947,094" and insert: "\$11,044,091" and "\$11,044,091".

Explanation:

(This amendment sets out \$97,000 each year from the general fund included in House Bill 30 as introduced to support Soil and Water Conservation District auditing services.)

Item 359 #13h

Natural and Historic Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Conservation and Recreation

\$1,000,000

\$1,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$541,484,912" and insert "\$542,484,912".

Page 413, line 48, strike "\$136,318,884" and insert "\$137,318,884".

Page 414, line 17, strike "\$10,497,091" and "\$10,497,091" and insert: "\$11,497,091" and "\$11,497,091".

Page 414, line 25, strike "\$468,000" and "\$468,000" and insert: "\$1,468,000" and "\$1,468,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$1.0 million each year from the general fund for small dam repairs undertaken by Soil and Water Conservation Districts.)

Item 360 #1h

Natural and Historic Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

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Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$250,000 2.00	\$250,000 2.00	GF FTE
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Language:

Page 417, line 33, strike "\$100,711,089" and insert "\$100,961,089".

Page 417, line 33, strike "\$98,359,044" and insert "\$98,609,044".

Page 419, after line 26, insert:

"N. Out of the amounts appropriated in this item, \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the Department to support two additional staff positions and related expenses for invasive species management."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$250,000 each year from the general fund and two positions at the Department of Conservation and Recreation to mitigate the impact of invasive species in support of the goals outlined by the Virginia Invasive Species Management Plan. Companion amendments to the Departments of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Forestry, and Wildlife Resources support corresponding funding and positions.)

Item 360 #2h

Natural and Historic Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Language

Language:

Page 418, line 33, strike "or".

Page 418, line 34, strike "Natural Area Preserve".

Page 418, line 37, strike "or Natural Area Preserve".

Page 418, line 38, strike "and C-26".

Page 418, line 39, strike "and C-26".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes the requirement that acquisitions of lands for Natural Area Preserves be limited to properties explicitly authorized by the General Assembly.)

Item 360 #3h

Natural and Historic Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Conservation and Recreation

\$4,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

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Page 417, line 33, strike "\$100,711,089" and insert "\$104,711,089".

Page 419, after line 26, insert:

"N. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$4,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for repair and renovations of the pool located in Natural Tunnel State Park."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$4.0 million the first year from the general fund for repair and renovation of the Natural Tunnel State Park pool.)

Item 360 #4h

Natural and Historic Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Conservation and
Recreation

\$265,350

\$139,050 NGF

Language:

Page 417, line 33, strike "\$100,711,089" and insert "\$100,976,439".

Page 417, line 33, strike "\$98,359,044" and insert "\$98,498,094".

Page 419, after line 26, insert:

"N. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$265,350 the first year and \$139,050 the second year from nongeneral funds is provided to establish an all-terrain power wheelchair pilot program consistent with the provisions of House Bill 1186 of the 2024 Session of the General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$265,350 the first year and \$139,050 the second year from the nongeneral fund pursuant to House Bill 1186, which establishes the two-year all-terrain wheelchair pilot program at the Department of Conservation and Recreation. This amendment is a placeholder until a fiscal impact statement for the bill is provided.)

Item 362 #1h

Natural and Historic Resources

Department of Environmental Quality

Language

Language:

Page 420, line 17, strike "2028" and insert "2025".

Page 420, line 17, strike "2030" and insert "2026".

Explanation:

(This amendment moves the effective date of the prohibition on use of polystyrene containers

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from 2028 to 2025 for retail food establishments operating 20 or more locations in the Commonwealth, and from 2030 to 2026 for smaller establishments.)

Item 362 #2h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Environmental Quality	\$2,545,760 4.00	\$2,545,760 4.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 419, line 43, strike "\$32,107,409" and insert "\$34,653,169".

Page 419, line 43, strike "\$32,107,409" and insert "\$34,653,169".

Page 420, after line 18, insert:

"D.1. Out of this appropriation, \$2,545,760 the first year and \$2,545,760 the second year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 316 of the 2024 Session of the General Assembly.

2. Of the amounts in this paragraph, \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to capitalize the Recycling Market Development Fund.

3. Of the amounts in this paragraph, \$545,760 the first year and \$545,760 the second year from the general fund shall be used by the department for program administration."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.5 million each year to establish Virginia Recycling Development Center and to capitalize the Recycling Market Development Fund, pursuant to House Bill 316.)

Item 362 #3h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Environmental Quality	\$526,000 2.50	\$326,000 2.50	NGF FTE

Language:

Page 419, line 43, strike "\$32,107,409" and insert "\$32,633,409".

Page 419, line 43, strike "\$32,107,409" and insert "\$32,433,409".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$526,000 the first year and \$326,000 the second year from nongeneral funds and 2.5 positions to implement the provisions of House Bill 496.)

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Item 363 #1h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Environmental Quality	(\$4,385,000) -1.00	(\$4,135,000) -1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 420, line 19, strike "\$60,852,618" and insert "\$56,467,618".

Page 420, line 19, strike "\$60,852,618" and insert "\$56,717,618".

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects to other Department of Environmental Quality needs \$4.4 million the first year and \$4.1 million the second year from the general fund proposed in the introduced budget to increase dissolved oxygen monitoring.)

Item 363 #2h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Environmental Quality	\$750,000 2.00	\$500,000 3.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 420, line 19, strike "\$60,852,618" and insert "\$61,602,618".

Page 420, line 19, strike "\$60,852,618" and insert "\$61,352,618".

Page 421, after line 54, insert:

"L. Out of the amounts in this item, \$750,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year to establish a mitigation trading platform and wetland in-lieu fee mitigation program consistent with the provisions of § 62.1-44.15:32.1, Code of Virginia."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$750,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year from the general fund and three positions to establish a mitigation trading platform and wetland in-lieu fee mitigation program.)

Item 363 #3h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Environmental Quality	\$675,000 5.00	\$675,000 5.00	GF FTE

Language:

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Page 420, line 19, strike "\$60,852,618" and insert "\$61,527,618".

Page 420, line 19, strike "\$60,852,618" and insert "\$61,527,618".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$675,000 each year from the general fund and five positions to increase the administrative workload capacity of the Virginia Pollution Discharge Elimination System program.)

Item 363 #4h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Environmental Quality	\$135,000 1.00	\$135,000 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 420, line 19, strike "\$60,852,618" and insert "\$60,987,618".

Page 420, line 19, strike "\$60,852,618" and insert "\$60,987,618".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$135,000 each year and one position to support monitoring of new state observation wells installed by the United States Geological Survey.)

Item 363 #5h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Environmental Quality	\$380,160 3.00	\$380,160 3.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 420, line 19, strike "\$60,852,618" and insert "\$61,232,778".

Page 420, line 19, strike "\$60,852,618" and insert "\$61,232,778".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$380,160 each year from the general fund and three positions pursuant to House Bill 1085, which establishes a system of monitoring and reporting on PFAS sources within public water systems.)

Item 363 #6h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
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Department of Environmental Quality	\$253,440 2.00	\$253,440 2.00	GF FTE
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Language:

Page 420, line 19, strike "\$60,852,618" and insert "\$61,106,058".

Page 420, line 19, strike "\$60,852,618" and insert "\$61,106,058".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$253,400 each year from the general fund and two positions pursuant to House Bill 949, which establishes reporting and monitoring processes related to leaks of hazardous substances.)

Item 365 #1h

Natural and Historic Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Environmental Quality	\$20,000,000	\$0	GF
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Language:

Page 423, line 1, strike "\$161,281,448" and insert "\$181,281,448".

Page 424, after line 51, insert:

"L. Out of the amounts in this item, \$20,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the establishment of a pay-for-outcomes pilot program in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The Department shall issue requests for nonpoint source pollution reduction proposals, conduct a transparent proposal selection process based on project ranking criteria, execute contracts with selected entities, verify that the promised nonpoint source pollutant reductions are being achieved, and make payments when contractually defined terms are verified. The project ranking criteria shall include cost per pound of nutrients removed, the level of assurance that nutrient reductions shall be provided, habitat and resilience benefits, readiness to proceed, local government coordination, the provision of long-term maintenance and applicability to locally impaired waters."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$20.0 million the first year from the general fund to establish a pay-for-outcomes pilot program at the Department of Environmental Quality.)

Item 365 #2h

Natural and Historic Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Environmental Quality	\$75,000	\$0	GF
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Language:

Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 30, as Introduced

Page 423, line 1, strike "\$161,281,448" and insert "\$161,356,448".

Page 424, after line 51, insert:

"L. Out of the amounts in this item, \$75,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to Virginia Tech to support, in collaboration with the Department and the Smith Mountain Lake Association, a study of harmful algal blooms occurring at Smith Mountain Lake. The study shall include, but not be limited to, evaluations of conditions that have lead to the appearance of harmful algal blooms, and recommendations for the prevention of further harmful algal bloom outbreaks."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$75,000 the first year from the general fund to support a study of harmful algal blooms at Smith Mountain Lake.)

Item 367 #1h			
Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Wildlife Resources	\$775,000	\$775,000	NGF
	2.00	2.00	FTE

Language:

Page 425, line 29, strike "\$58,881,987" and insert "\$59,656,987".

Page 425, line 29, strike "\$56,881,987" and insert "\$57,656,987".

Page 425, after line 51, insert:

"D. Out of the amounts appropriated in this item, \$775,000 the first year and \$775,000 the second year from nongeneral funds is provided to the Department to support two additional staff positions and related expenses for invasive species management and to take steps to eradicate or slow the spread of priority species."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$775,000 each year from nongeneral funds and two positions at the Department of Wildlife Resources to mitigate the impact of invasive species in support of the goals outlined by the Virginia Invasive Species Management Plan. Companion amendments to the Departments of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Forestry, and Conservation and Recreation support corresponding funding and positions.)

Item 371 #1h			
Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Historic Resources	\$400,000	\$0	GF

Language:

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Page 427, line 28, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$55,277,427".

Page 430, after line 32, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$400,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the Town of Wytheville for structural rehabilitation of the Haller-Gibboney Rock House Museum."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$400,000 the first year from the general fund for structural repairs to the Haller-Gibboney Rock House Museum.)

Item 371 #2h

Natural and Historic Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Historic Resources

\$850,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 427, line 28, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$55,727,427".

Page 430, after line 32, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$850,000 the first year from the general fund to the County of Clarke for structural repairs to the Burwell-Morgan Mill."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$850,000 the first year from the general fund for structural repairs to the Burwell-Morgan Mill in Clarke County.)

Item 371 #3h

Natural and Historic Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Historic Resources

(\$15,000,000)

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 427, line 28, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$39,877,427".

Page 430, line 23, strike "\$35,000,000" and insert "\$20,000,000".

Page 430, line 25, after "sites" insert:

"and history museums".

Page 430, line 27, strike "one-to-one" and insert:

"minimum one-third".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$20.0 million the first year from the general fund for the Department

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of Historic Resources to establish a matching grant program for capital improvements at historic sites and history museums expected to see increased visitation related to the Commonwealth's semiquincentennial celebrations. The amendment also establishes the minimum matching requirement for grantees at one-third of the amount awarded, and allows both historical sites and history museums to be eligible to receive grant awards.)

Item 371 #4h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Historic Resources	\$500,000	\$500,000	GF

Language:

Page 427, line 28, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$55,377,427".

Page 427, line 28, strike "\$13,877,427" and insert "\$14,377,427".

Page 430, after line 32, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the City of Roanoke for improvements at the Virginia Museum of Transportation."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 each year from the general fund to the City of Roanoke for improvements at the Virginia Museum of Transportation.)

Item 371 #5h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Historic Resources	(\$5,000,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 427, line 28, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$49,877,427".

Page 428, line 23, strike "G.1." and insert "G."

Page 428, line 23, strike "\$10,250,000" and insert "\$5,250,000".

Page 428, strike lines 29 through 39.

Explanation:

(This amendment level-funds the Virginia Battlefield Preservation Fund at \$5.3 million each year from the general fund by removing a one-time \$5.0 million increase the first year proposed in House Bill 30 as introduced, and removes language that directed \$4.5 million of this amount to a specific historic battlefield site.)

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Item 371 #6h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Historic Resources	\$250,000	\$250,000	GF

Language:

Page 427, line 28, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$55,127,427".

Page 427, line 28, strike "\$13,877,427" and insert "\$14,127,427".

Page 430, after line 32, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year from the general fund to the County of Fairfax to support Black Women United for Action in the creation of an African American Research Fellowship to be undertaken at the George Washington Presidential Library at Mount Vernon."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$250,000 each year from the general fund to support the establishment of an African American Research Fellowship at the George Washington Presidential Library at Mount Vernon.)

Item 371 #7h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Historic Resources	\$950,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 427, line 28, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$55,827,427".

Page 430, after line 32, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$950,000 the first year from the general fund to the City of Richmond to support the JXN Project."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$950,000 the first year from the general fund to support the JXN Project in the City of Richmond.)

Item 371 #8h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Historic Resources	\$5,000,000	\$0	GF

Language:

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Page 427, line 28, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$59,877,427".

Page 430, after line 32, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$5,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the County of Prince William to support activities undertaken by the National Museum of Americans in Wartime. These funds shall be matched by \$2,500,000 provided by the County of Prince William."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$5.0 million from the general fund the first year to Prince William County to support infrastructure development for the National Museum of Americans in Wartime. As a condition of this appropriation, Prince William County is required to provide matching funds totaling \$2.5 million.)

Item 371 #9h

Natural and Historic Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Historic Resources

\$285,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 427, line 28, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$55,162,427".

Page 430, after line 32, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$285,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the County of Appomattox for renovation of facilities of the Carver Price Legacy Museum."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$285,000 the first year from the general fund for improvements at the Carver price Legacy Museum.)

Item 371 #10h

Natural and Historic Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Historic Resources

\$884,800

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 427, line 28, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$55,762,227".

Page 430, after line 32, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$884,800 the first year from the general fund is provided to the County of Bedford to support emergency stabilization and restoration measures of the 1857 Slave Dwelling located at Poplar Forest."

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$884,800 the first year from the general fund to Bedford County for emergency stabilization the 1857 Slave Dwelling at Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest. Poplar Forest has completed a series of emergency stabilization measures to protect the structure, including buttressing the building with support beams in 1993 following a derecho, and a series of repairs to secure the walls. A full restoration of the 1857 Slave Dwelling offers a unique opportunity to reveal the untold stories of the enslaved African Americans who lived and worked at Poplar Forest during the decades before and immediately following Emancipation and to provide a physical space where visitors, and descendants can connect to their history. A more equitable interpretation of all who lived here is central to our mission and our responsibility to share the full story of Poplar Forest.)

Item 371 #11h

Natural and Historic Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Historic Resources

\$500,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 427, line 28, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$55,377,427".

Page 430, after line 32, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Richmond to support capital improvements at the Valentine Museum."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 the first year from the general fund to support the Valentine Museum's capital campaign to improve collection care, reinterpret the Edward Valentine Sculpture Studio, and build its endowment. Successful completion of the campaign will ensure expanded access to primary sources used in history and social studies education programming for student and adult audiences.)

Item 371 #12h

Natural and Historic Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Historic Resources

\$200,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 427, line 28, strike "\$54,877,427" and insert "\$55,077,427".

Page 430, after line 32, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$200,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the County of Botetourt to support improvements at the Buchanan Theater."

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$200,000 the first year from the general fund to support improvements at the Buchanan Theater.)

Item 373 #1h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Marine Resources Commission	\$3,750,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 430, line 51, strike "\$28,766,720" and insert "\$32,516,720".

Page 431, after line 38, insert:

"F. Out of this appropriation, \$3,750,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the non-federal share of costs of an Army Corps of Engineers environmental restoration project at Money Point in the Elizabeth River in the City of Chesapeake. Any remaining balance at year-end shall be carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.8 million the first year from the general fund for the non-federal share of costs of an Army Corps of Engineers environmental restoration project in the Elizabeth River in Chesapeake. The federal government has designated \$11.3 million in federal funds toward the project.)

Item 373 #2h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Marine Resources Commission	\$100,000	\$100,000 GF

Language:

Page 430, line 51, strike "\$28,766,720" and insert "\$28,866,720".

Page 430, line 51, strike "\$25,766,720" and insert "\$25,866,720".

Page 431, after line 38, insert:

"F. Out of this appropriation, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to support the implementation of oyster revitalization projects in the Potomac River by the Potomac River Fisheries Commission."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 each year from the general fund to the Potomac River Fisheries Commission to support oyster revitalization projects. This funding is expected to be matched by an equal amount provided by the State of Maryland.)

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Item 469 #4h

Central Appropriations

FY24-25

FY25-26

Central Appropriations

\$3,080,887

\$11,382,699 GF

Language:

Page 509, line 12, strike "\$84,088,011" and insert "\$87,168,898".

Page 509, line 12, strike "\$174,632,045" and insert "\$186,014,744".

Page 518, after line 41, insert:

"Z. Out of this appropriation \$3,080,887 the first year and \$11,382,699 the second year from the general fund is provided to support a proposed increase in the minimum wage. The Director of the Department of Planning and Budget shall distribute the funds provided in this paragraph among the state agencies requiring salary increases due the provisions of House Bill 1 of the 2024 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$14.4 million over the biennium to cover costs for state employees as a result of an increase in the state's minimum wage proposed in House Bill 1 of the 2024 General Assembly.)

Item 471 #1h

Central Appropriations

Central Appropriations

Language

Language:

Page 520, line 38, strike "\$1,500,000" and insert "\$5,000,000".

Page 520, line 40, after "Commonwealth." insert:

"Such payments shall be made in accordance with guidelines established by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. In developing the guidelines to allocate payments, the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall consult the representatives of the affected industries."

Page 520, line 40, strike "These".

Page 520, strike lines 41 through 44.

Explanation:

(This amendment makes changes to the animal disease indemnification payment authorization by allowing for indemnification payments to agricultural producers in the event of an animal disease outbreak, such as avian influenza, based on guidelines developed by VDACS in consultation with the affected industries.)

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Item 471 #6h

Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Central Appropriations	(\$15,000,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 519, line 54, strike "\$186,800,000" and insert "\$171,800,000".

Page 523, strike lines 4 through 14.

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$15.0 million proposed for the creation of a workforce recruitment and retention marketing campaign at the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to other committee priorities.)

Item 471 #7h

Central Appropriations	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Central Appropriations	(\$500,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 519, line 54, strike "\$186,800,000" and insert "\$186,300,000".

Page 522, strike lines 29 through 33, and insert:

"K. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 2.2-115, Code of Virginia, the Governor may direct up to \$500,000 the first year from the Commonwealth Development Opportunity Fund for the purpose of developing relevant capabilities, conducting planning, and evaluating potential economic incentives to attract sports teams to the state. The Commonwealth of Virginia is prepared to consider economic development proposals that are in the best interest of Virginia taxpayers to assist in relocating sports teams and their associated facilities to the state."

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$500,000 provided in the first year from the general fund for the Secretary of Finance to study economic development incentives to recruit sports teams and their facilities to the state to other budget initiatives. The language authorizes the Governor to use up to \$500,000 from the Commonwealth Development Opportunity Fund for this purpose.)

Item 476 #1h

Independent Agencies	FY24-25	FY25-26	
State Corporation Commission	\$90,000	\$90,000	NGF
	1.00	1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 526, line 20, strike "\$35,827,443" and insert "\$35,917,443".

Page 526, line 20, strike "\$35,827,443" and insert "\$35,917,443".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$180,000 over the biennium from the nongeneral fund to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 800 of the 2024 General Assembly.)

Item 3-1.02 #1h

Transfers

Interagency Transfers

Language

Language:

Page 571, after line 11, insert:

"QQ. On or before June 30 the first year, the State Comptroller shall transfer an estimated \$3,393,641 from the Virginia Biosciences Health Research Corporation."

Explanation:

(This amendment transfers \$3.3 million in nongeneral funds from the Virginia Bioscience Health Research Corporation (VBHRC) to the general fund. Chapter 56 of the 2020 General Assembly, Special Session I provided \$5.0 million in resources to VBHRC to invest in public-private partnerships to help accelerate the research and development of therapeutic drug treatments for COVID-19.)

Item 3-1.02 #2h

Transfers

Interagency Transfers

Language

Language:

Page 571, after line 11, insert:

"QQ. On or before June 30 the first year, the State Comptroller shall transfer an estimated \$7,500,000 from Economic Development Incentive Payments, related to the cancelation of an economic development project for the Economic Development Authority of York County."

Explanation:

(This amendment transfers \$7.5 million from Economic Development Incentive Payments,

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which were previously appropriated by the General Assembly for the extension of a cruise ship port-of-call location in Yorktown. These funds were provided to incentivize and support the docking of Princess Cruises Lines in Yorktown, VA. The company has decided to dock in Norfolk, Virginia for the 2024 season.)

Item 3-2.03 #1h

Working Capital Funds and Lines of Credit

Lines of Credit

Language

Language:

Page 573, line 30, after "unemployment." insert:

"For the purposes of this paragraph, significant increases in unemployment shall mean the unemployment rate is five percent or higher and is one-hundred and twenty percent of the average unemployment rate for the same 13-week period in the two previous years."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds a definition for a significant increase in unemployment to determine the standard by which the Virginia Employment Commission can access a \$30 million line of credit. This is consistent with the U.S. Department of Labor's standard for accessing extended unemployment benefits.)

Item 3-5.13 #1h

Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections

Sunset Dates for Income Tax Credits and Sales and Use Tax
Exemptions

Language

Language:

Page 576, line 14, after "Virginia." insert:

"This requirement shall not apply to § 58.1-439.30 authorizing awards of Virginia housing opportunity tax credits through December 31, 2025."

Explanation:

(This amendment ensures the Virginia Housing Opportunity Tax Credit will expire at the end of 2025, consistent with the provisions in the Code of Virginia establishing the program.)

Item 3-5.17 #1h

Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections

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Historic Preservation Tax Credit

Language

Language:

Page 578, line 47, strike "2017" and inert "2024".

Page 578, line 49, strike "\$5" and insert "\$10".

Page 578, line 49, after "year." insert:

"Beginning July 1, 2024, the aggregate amount of credits that may be claimed by all taxpayers under this section shall not exceed \$75 million per fiscal year. In the event that the amount of credits claimed exceeds \$75 million, then the tax credits shall be allocated to taxpayers on a pro rata basis and any unclaimed credits may be carried forward in the next ten taxable years or until the full credit is used, whichever occurs first."

Explanation:

(This amendment conforms budget language to the provisions of House Bill 960 of the 2024 General Assembly, which proposes to increase the individual tax payer cap for the the Historic Preservation Tax Credit program from \$5.0 million to \$10.0 million, and adds a total aggregate cap to the program of \$75 million.)

Item 3-5.22 #1h

Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections

Department of Taxation

Language

Language:

Page 580, after line 1, insert:

"§ 3-5.22 LAND PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT CLAIMED

Notwithstanding § 58.1-512 or any other provision of law, effective for the taxable year beginning on and after January 1, 2017, but before January 1, 2023, the amount of the Land Preservation Tax credit that may be claimed by each taxpayer, including amounts carrier over from prior taxable years, shall not exceed \$20,000."

Explanation:

(This amendment restores language removed in House Bill 30 as introduced that limits that the amount of Land Preservation Tax Credit that may be claimed by an individual in a taxable year to \$20,000.)

Item 4-5.12 #1h

Language

Language:

Page 614, after line 10, insert:

"§ 4-5.12 REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE PARTICIPATION

As a condition on all appropriations in this act and notwithstanding any other provision of this act, or any other law, no expenditures from general, special, or other nongeneral fund sources from any appropriation by the General Assembly shall be used to take any action that impedes or otherwise interferes with Virginia's rejoining of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative or continued participation therein. As a further condition on all appropriations in this act and notwithstanding any other provision of this act, or any other law, any state agency or authority with responsibilities identified in Code § 10.1-1330 must immediately take all actions necessary to rejoin the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and continue participating therein, and any auction proceeds received from allowance sales are hereby appropriated for the purposes set forth in Code § 10.1-1330(C). Such required actions include, but are not limited to, repealing the final regulation titled 9VAC5-140, Regulation for Emissions Trading Programs published in the Virginia Register on July 31, 2023, reissuing the final regulation titled 9VAC5-140, Regulation for Emissions Trading Programs published in the Virginia Register on August 3, 2020, selling the allowances generated by the reissued regulatory program through auctions run by the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, distributing auction proceeds in accordance with Code § 10.1-1330(C) and appropriations included herein, and providing annual reporting in accordance with Code § 10.1-1330(D). Any regulatory action necessary to effectuate the requirements of this provision is hereby exempted from the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.); the Department of Environmental Quality must complete such regulatory action without further action by the Air Pollution Control Board and the reissued regulatory program must take effect no later than 90 days from the effective date of this act."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires the Commonwealth to rejoin the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and directs the appropriate agencies to take the necessary actions to rejoin RGGI.)
