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REPORT OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC SAFETY

House Bill 29 & House Bill 30

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TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Transportation and Public Safety Subcommittee, I am pleased to present to you our budget recommendations.

In the area of Transportation, the subcommittee has continued the practice of limiting budget actions to a narrow group of high priority items. The 2024-26 biennial budget includes more than \$22.5 billion for the Transportation Secretariat. Nearly all of these funds are distributed using funding formulas established by the *Code of Virginia* and then allocated to specific projects based on data-driven processes. This practice has, and will continue to serve, the Commonwealth well.

However, as in the recent past, the Subcommittee recognizes that are there some projects or issues that are so large and have such a significant impact on the Commonwealth as a whole, that direct budget action is warranted. For this reason, the Subcommittee is happy to include in its recommendations \$70 million in general funds to expedite the widening of I-81 in the Salem area. This \$70 million will enable the widening of the southbound lanes concurrently with the northbound lanes and therefore save \$70 million over the life of the project.

Additionally, the Subcommittee is pleased to recommend \$149.5 million from the general fund over two years in increased support for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. This funding is necessary to address a financial shortfall for WMATA driven largely by the Covid pandemic and the resulting increase in teleworking. This funding will allow us to cover the financial shortfall in the short term

while we work with our partners to ensure the system's financial viability in the long run. As you well know Mr. Chairman, a healthy and vibrant public transit system is vital to success and continued economic growth of the Washington metropolitan area as a whole and Northern Virginia specifically. Furthermore, I would like to take the opportunity to remind the Committee that approximately 45 percent of the Commonwealth's tax revenues are derived from the Northern Virginia region. A healthy and successful WMATA system benefits Virginia as whole.

In the area of Public Safety, to support our correctional officers, the Subcommittee report provides \$9.5 million each year to establish a career progression program. This item will provide us with another tool to retain our most qualified officers by allowing them to receive merit-based compensation increases and promotions.

The Subcommittee report also supports the Commonweath's efforts to join the growing list of states that have established well-regulated adult use retail cannabis markets. To this end, the report includes \$20 million over the biennium to the Cannabis Control Authority so that they have the resources needed to ensure adults have access to safe, legal products outside the influence of the black market.

With that, Mr. Chairman, the report of the Subcommittee is now before you and the members of the Committee. I hope it will be the Committee's pleasure to adopt the subcommittee's report. Respectfully Submitted by the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation & Public Safety:

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TRANSPORTATION	2024-26 BIEN	NIAL TOTAL	
HB 30 Amendments	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTEs
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT			
General Assembly			
Joint Subcommittee on Northern Virginia Public Transit OFFICE OF NATURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES	Language		
Department of Environmental Quality			
HB 884 - Inspections of Vehicle Exhaust Systems	150,000		
OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION	·		
Department of Aviation			
Establish Advanced Air Aviation Test Site	1,000,000		
Department of Motor Vehicles			
Provide 3 FTEs to Assist DMV with the Sealing and Expungement Processes	656,400	-	3.00
Department of Rail and Public Transportation			
Additional Support for WMATA	149,500,000	-	0.00
PRTDC - Authority to Enter into Contracts	Language	-	0.00
Department of Transportation			
Funding to Support the Public Policy Day Conference	-	100,000	0.00
Allocate Funding for the Fall Line Trail	Language	-	0.00
Clarify Language in Introduced Budget for I-81	Language	-	0.00
Strike GF Deposit into the TPOF	(20,000,000)	-	0.00
Amend Language Related Transportation Deposits into the TPOF	Language	-	0.00
Transfer Multi-Use Trails Office to the Department of Conservation and Recreation	Language	-	0.00
Authorize Partially Funded Projects be Included in SYIP	Language	-	0.00
Evaluate Feasibility of Converting the Dulles Greenway to a PPTA Contract (language only)	Language	-	0.00
Ensure Local Maintenance of Public Streets	Language	-	0.00

PUBLIC SAFETY & VETERANS AND DEFENSE AFFAIRS	2024-26 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
HB 30 Amendments	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTEs
Executive Offices			
Office of the State Inspector General			
HB 555 - Department of Corrections Ombudsman	\$3,847,378	\$0	12.00
Administration			
Compensation Board			
Transfer Jail-Based Substance Use Disorder Program to DCJS	\$0	(\$500,000)	0.00
Public Safety and Homeland Security			
Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security			
Fire Services Funding Sufficiency	\$250,000	\$0	0.00
Cannabis Control Authority			
HB 698 - Positions and Funding for Retail Cannabis Market	\$0	\$19,090,848	84.00
Department of Corrections			
Increase Commissary Fund Support for Faith-Based Services	\$0	\$400,000	0.00
Provided to Inmates	φО	\$600,000	0.00
Provide \$2 million Each Year for Increased Costs of Operating	(\$4,000,000)	\$0	0.00
HB 1244 - Restrictive Housing and Isolated Confinement	\$7,800,000	\$0	44.00
HB 801 - Backfill Foregone Inmate Communication Commissions	\$250,000	\$0	0.00
HB 555 - Department of Corrections Ombudsman	\$2,743,850	\$0	3.00
Corrections Special Reserve Fund Deposit	\$509,816	\$0	0.00
Remove Proposed PILT Payments	(\$1,000,000)	\$0	0.00
Mixed Sentence Eligibility for Enhanced Earned Sentence Credits	Language	\$0	0.00
Department of Criminal Justice Services			
HB 637 - Substantial Risk Order Training	\$0	\$750,000	0.00
HB 250 - Interrogation Practices Training	\$125,000	\$0	0.00
HB 586 - Harm Reduction Training	\$50,000	\$0	0.00
HB 1246 - Autism Spectrum Disorder Training	\$125,000	\$0	0.00
Demand Reduction and Safe Harbor for Domestic Minor Sex Traffic	\$800,000	\$0	0.00
HB 611 - Civilian Deaths in Custody Reporting	\$246,500	\$0	1.00
Adjust Operation Ceasefire Appropriation to Reflect Observed Utilization	(\$17,000,000)	\$0	0.00
Community Resource Opportunity Project	\$60,000	\$0	0.00
Help Me Help You	\$250,000	\$0	0.00

PUBLIC SAFETY & VETERANS AND DEFENSE AFFAIRS	2024-26 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
HB 30 Amendments	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTEs
Jail MH Pilots - Reflect Closure of Hampton Roads Regional Jail	(\$1,000,000)	\$0	0.00
Restore SRO Grant Funding to Historic Levels	(\$10,921,426)	\$0	0.00
Public Awareness of Grants to Combat Hate Crimes	Language	\$0	0.00
Allow Localities to Apply for Security Grant Funding	Language	\$0	0.00
Pretrial Service for Powhatan, Buckingham, and Charlotte Countie	\$160,000	\$0	0.00
Pretrial Services for Botetourt and Alleghany Counties	\$189,500	\$0	0.00
Restrictions On Awards of Operation Ceasefire Grant Funds	Language	\$0	0.00
Transfer Jail-Based Substance Use Disorder Program from Compensation Board	\$0	\$2,000,000	0.00
Redirect Proposed One-Time Recruitment Initiative	(\$18,000,000)	\$0	0.00
REAL LIFE Initiative	Language	\$0	0.00
HB 797 - Concealed Handgun Permits	\$831,500	\$0	3.00
Department of Fire Programs	# 00.040	Φ0	0.00
HB 133 - Emergency Response Toxic Exposure Workgroup	\$23,040	\$0	0.00
Department of Forensic Science	(\$0E2 E0.4)	Φ0	0.00
Remove Unnecessary Funds Continued from Chapter 1 Department of State Police	(\$253,504)	\$0	0.00
HB 62 - Animal Cruelty Conviction List	\$196,360	\$0	0.00
HB 916 - Substantial Risk Order Reporting System	\$96,300	\$0	0.00
HB 799 - Fingerprint Submissions for Concealed Handgun Permits	\$532,208	\$0	2.00
HB 838 - Expungement of Police and Court Records	\$320,320	\$0	0.00
Remove Unnecessary Appropriation Included in HB 30 as Introduced	(\$336,112)	\$0	-2.00
HB 904 - Monthly Reports to Department of Elections	\$234,360	\$0	0.00
Remove Proposed Fusion Center Positions	(\$1,363,106)	\$0	-7.00
Remove Unnecessary Funds Continued from Chapter 1	(\$200,628)	\$0	0.00
Veterans and Defense Affairs			
Department of Veteran Services	(4.0.4.70.4)	••	
Redirect Funding for Proposed A.I. Self-Service Portal	(\$694,734)	\$0	0.00
HB 141 - Veterans' Fellowship for State Government Pilot Program	\$1,400,245	\$0	0.00
Central Appropriations			
Interest Earnings on Victims of Mass Violence Funds	Language	\$0	0.00
Independent Agencies			

PUBLIC SAFETY & VETERANS AND DEFENSE AFFAIRS	2024-26 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
HB 30 Amendments	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTEs
Relocate Cannabis Control Authority to Independent Agencies	Language	\$0	0.00
Relocate Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority to Independent Agencies	Language	\$0	0.00
Part 3 (HB 29)			
Adjust FY 2024 ABC Net Profit Transfer	Language	\$0	0.00

Item 3-1.01 #2h

Transfers

Interfund Transfers Language

Language:

Page 223, line 6, strike "\$174,069,911" and insert "\$169,169,911".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces the assumed transfer of Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority net profits by \$4.9 million in the second year.)

Item 1 #7h

Legislative Department

General Assembly of Virginia

Language

Language:

Page 12, after line 34, insert:

- "W.1. There is hereby established a Joint Subcommittee to study long-term, sustainable, dedicated funding and cost-containment controls and strategies to ensure the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), Virginia Railway Express (VRE), and all Northern Virginia transit systems meet the growing needs of public transit in the region.
- 2. The joint subcommittee shall have a total membership of ten members that shall consist of members from each of the following committees, to be appointed by the respective committee chairs: (i) two from the House Committee on Appropriations; (ii) three from the Senate Committee on Finance And Appropriations; (iii) two from the House Committee on Transportation; (iv) and three ex officio members, to include the Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, an elected local government official serving on the Metro Board, and an elected government official serving on the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. The joint subcommittee shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership, who shall be members of the General Assembly.
- 3. In conducting its study, the subcommittee shall establish a technical working group consisting of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC), VRE, WMATA, and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) to further examine the ten revenue sources identified in NVTC's Metro Operating Funding and Reform Working Group and to propose up to five additional revenue sources that would contribute to a fund for new dedicated operating and/or capital funding for Northern Virginia transit agencies that leverages, and exists in addition to, current state and local funding commitments. The technical working group shall examine industry-wide cost-saving and cost-containment tools to ensure the long-term fiscal sustainability of transit operators.
- 4. To the extent feasible, the subcommittee shall incorporate in its study the technical work completed as part of NVTC's Metro Operating Funding and Reform Working Group effort and incorporate the WMATA Funding Accountability, and Reform Recommendations from NVTC's 2023 Annual Report on the Performance and Condition of WMATA.
- 5. Technical Assistance shall be provided to the subcommittee by the NVTC, PRTC, WMATA, VRE, and DRPT and all other transit agencies operating in these transportation districts. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the subcommittee for this study, upon request.

6. The subcommittee shall submit to the Governor and General Assembly an interim report containing an executive summary of its activity and work no later than December 1, 2024, and a final report containing an executive summary of its activities and recommendations no later than August 1, 2025. The executive summaries and reports shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website."

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes the establishment of a legislative Joint Subcommittee to study long-term, sustainable, dedicated funding and cost-containment controls and strategies to ensure the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), Virginia Railway Express (VRE), and all Northern Virginia transit systems meet the growing needs of public transit in the region. This amendment is a placeholder until a fiscal impact statement for the bill is produced.)

		Item 56 #1h	
Executive Offices	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Office of the State Inspector General	\$1,958,019 12.00	\$1,889,359 12.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 47, line 12, strike "\$8,042,053" and insert "\$10,000,072". Page 47, line 12, strike "\$8,042,053" and insert "\$9,931,412". Page 48, line 5, strike "\$250,000" and "\$250,000" and insert: "\$1,958,019" and "\$1,889,359".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.9 million the first year and \$1.9 million the second year from the general fund and twelve positions for the Office of the Inspector General (OSIG) in support of the provisions of House Bill 555, related to the responsibilities of the new Office of the Department of Corrections Ombudsman within OSIG.)

		Item 60 #2h	
Administration	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Compensation Board	(\$500,000)	\$0	NGF

Language:

Page 50, line 29, strike "\$649,885,072" and insert "\$649,385,072". Page 53, strike lines 49 through 51.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$500,000 from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund and associated language from the Compensation Board. A companion amendment appropriates these funds at the Department of Criminal Justice Services.)

		Item 364 #1h	
Natural and Historic Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Environmental Quality	\$150,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 422, line 1, strike "\$30,529,452" and insert "\$30,679,452".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$150,000 from the general fund pursuant to the passage of House Bill 884 of the 2024 Session which established a pilot program in Northern Virginia to prohibit cars from having exhaust systems which emit noises in excess of 95 decibels. The \$150,000 from the general fund is provided to purchase equipment to test vehicles if they are cited for being in violation of the prohibition.)

		Item 377 #1h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security	\$250,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 433, line 3, strike "\$782,092" and insert "\$1,032,092".

Page 434, after line 4, insert:

"D. The Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security shall complete a review and assessment of the sufficiency of fire and emergency medical services funding in the Commonwealth. The review and assessment shall include, but not be limited to, (i) identification of local, state, and federal funding provided to support local fire and emergency medical services by locality or region, and to the extent possible, trends in funding by source; (ii) consideration of identifiable fire or emergency medical service funding needs by locality or region; (iii) identification of factors that influence or differentiate the ability of localities or regions to meet the funding needs of local and regional fire and emergency medical services; (iv) economic factors influencing the ability of localities or regions to meet fire and emergency medical services funding needs; and, (v) consideration of the costs and benefits of consolidation state-level administration of fire and emergency medical services funding and oversight, to

include an assessment of administrative models used in other states. In completing his assessment, the Secretary shall convene at least three stakeholder group meetings whose membership shall include, but not be limited to, representatives from the Department of Fire Programs, the Office of Emergency Medical Services, the Virginia Fire Services Council, Virginia's Regional EMS Councils, the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association, the Virginia Association of Counties, and the Virginia Municipal League. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$250,000 the first year from the general fund for the Secretary to procure the services of technical experts to complete the review and assessment. The Secretary shall provide a summary report of the findings of the review and assessment, as well as any recommendations, to the Chairs of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations no later than November 1, 2024."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security to complete a review and assessment of the sufficiency of fire and emergency medical services funding in the Commonwealth.)

		Item 382 #1h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Virginia Cannabis Control Authority	\$9,023,075 75.00	\$10,067,773 84.00	NGF FTE

Language:

Page 435, line 50, strike "\$5,411,060" and insert "\$14,434,135". Page 435, line 50, strike "\$5,411,060" and insert "\$15,478,833".

Explanation:

(This amendment provide \$9.0 million the first year and \$10.1 million the second year from nongeneral funds pursuant to House Bill 698, which would establish the framework for the establishment of a regulated adult-use recreational cannabis market in the commonwealth.)

		Item 388 #1h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Corrections	\$300,000	\$300,000	NGF

Language:

Page 439, line 32, strike "\$926,775,111" and insert "\$927,075,111". Page 439, line 32, strike "\$908,097,549" and insert "\$908,397,549". Page 439, line 44, strike "\$1,620,000" and "\$1,620,000" and insert:

"\$1,920,000" and "\$1,920,000".

Page 439, line 50, strike "\$1,325,000" and "\$1,325,000" and insert:

"\$1,625,000" and "\$1,625,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment appropriates an additional \$300,000 from the nongeneral fund each year from the commissary fund to support the continued provision of faith-based services to inmates held by the Department of Corrections.)

		Item 388 #3h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Corrections	(\$2,000,000)	(\$2,000,000)	GF

Language:

Page 439, line 32, strike "\$926,775,111" and insert "\$924,775,111". Page 439, line 32, strike "\$908,097,549" and insert "\$906,097,549".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces from \$4.0 million each year to \$2.0 million each year from the general fund the amounts provided for unspecified cost increases in Department of Corrections operations.)

		Item 388 #4h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Corrections	\$3,900,000 44.00	\$3,900,000 44.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 439, line 32, strike "\$926,775,111" and insert "\$930,675,111". Page 439, line 32, strike "\$908,097,549" and insert "\$911,997,549".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.9 million each year from the general fund and 44 positions pursuant to House Bill 1244, which makes changes to allowed utilization of restrictive housing and isolated confinement in state correctional facilities.)

Item 388 #5h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Corrections	\$125,000	\$125,000 GF

Language:

Page 439, line 32, strike "\$926,775,111" and insert "\$926,900,111". Page 439, line 32, strike "\$908,097,549" and insert "\$908,222,549".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$125,000 each year from the general fund to backfill foregone revenues from commissions collected for the provision of inmate communication services, pursuant to House Bill 801.)

		Item 388 #6h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Corrections	\$1,624,425 3.00	\$1,119,425 3.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 439, line 32, strike "\$926,775,111" and insert "\$928,399,536". Page 439, line 32, strike "\$908,097,549" and insert "\$909,216,974".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.6 million the first year and \$1.1 million the second year from the general fund to implement the provisions of House Bill 555.)

		Item 390 #1h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Corrections	\$509,816	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 442, line 11, strike "\$208,269,421" and insert "\$208,779,237".

Page 444, line 48, strike "\$440,184" and insert "\$950,000".

Page 444, strike lines 52 and 53.

Page 445, strike line 1.

Page 444, after line 51, insert:

"1. House Bill 2 - \$50,000

2. House Bill 18 - \$50,000

3. House Bill 22 - \$50,000

- 4. House Bill 36 \$50,000
- 5. House Bill 113 \$50,000
- 6. House Bill 172 \$50,000
- 7. House Bill 173 \$50,000
- 8. House Bill 175 \$50,000
- 9. House Bill 351 \$50,000
- 10. House Bill 362 \$50,000
- 11, House Bill 454 \$50,000
- 12. House Bill 590 \$50,000
- 13. House Bill 633 \$50,000
- 14. House Bill 698 \$50,000
- 15. House Bill 798 \$50,000
- 16. House Bill 861 \$50,000
- 17. House Bill 1174 \$50,000
- 18. House Bill 1187 \$50,000
- 19. House Bill 1195 \$50,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides a total of \$950,000 the first year from the general fund for deposit in the Corrections Special Reserve Fund to reflect the indeterminate criminal sentencing impacts of 19 House Bills.)

Item 390 #2h

Public Safety and Homeland Security FY24-25 FY25-26 Department of Corrections (\$500,000) (\$500,000) GF

Language:

Page 442, line 11, strike "\$208,269,421" and insert "\$207,769,421".

Page 442, line 11, strike "\$207,829,237" and insert "\$207,329,237".

page 444, strike lines 45 through 47.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes funding and associated language proposed in House Bill 30 as introduced which would have provided \$500,000 each year from the general fund as a payment in lieu of taxes to the County of Sussex. Existing language within the Appropriations Act explicitly exempts the Department of Corrections from providing such payments.)

Item 390 #3h

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Corrections

Language

Language:

Page 444, after "R." strike "1."

Page 444, strike lines 41 through 44.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language limiting eligibility for inmates convicted of certain offenses to receive enhanced earned sentence credits pursuant to § 53.1-202.3, Code of Virginia.)

		Item 391 #1h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$750,000	\$0	NGF

Language:

Page 445, line 11, strike "\$5,807,704" and insert "\$6,557,704".

Page 446, after line 20, insert:

"K. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$750,000 the first year from Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program funds to provide Substantial Risk Order training consistent with the provisions of House Bill 637 of the 2024 Session of the General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$750,000 the first year from nongeneral funds to implement Substantial Risk Order training.)

		Item 391 #2h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$125,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 445, line 11, strike "\$5,807,704" and insert "\$5,932,704".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$125,000 the first year from the general fund pursuant to House Bill 250, which directs the Department of Criminal Justice Services to develop training standards for law enforcement officers regarding interrogation practices.)

		Item 391 #3h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$50,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 445, line 11, strike "\$5,807,704" and insert "\$5,857,704".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50,000 the first year from the general fund to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 586.)

		Item 391 #4h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$125,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 445, line 11, strike "\$5,807,704" and insert "\$5,932,704".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$125,000 the first year from the general fund pursuant to House Bill 1246, which directs the Department of Criminal Justice Services to develop training standards for law enforcement officers regarding autism spectrum disorders.)

		Item 391 #5h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$490,750 3.00	\$340,750 3.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 445, line 11, strike "\$5,807,704" and insert "\$6,298,454". Page 445, line 11, strike "\$5,807,704" and insert "\$6,148,454".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$490,750 the first year and \$340,750 the second year from the

general fund and three positions pursuant to House Bill 797.)

		Item 392 #1h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$400,000	\$400,000	GF

Language:

Page 446, line 22, strike "\$3,226,221" and insert "\$3,626,221".

Page 446, line 22, strike "\$3,226,221" and insert "\$3,626,221".

Page 446, after line 49, insert:

"G. Included within the appropriation for this item is \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the second year for the Demand Reduction and Safe Harbor for Domestic Minor Sex Trafficked Youth pilot program, consistent with the provisions of Chapter 556 of the 2023 Session of the General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$400,000 each year from the general fund for the Demand Reduction and Safe Harbor for Domestic Minor Sex Trafficked Youth pilot program.)

		Item 392 #2h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$123,250 1.00	\$123,250 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 446, line 22, strike "\$3,226,221" and insert "\$3,349,471". Page 446, line 22, strike "\$3,226,221" and insert "\$3,349,471".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$123,250 each year from the general fund and one position pursuant to House Bill 611, which directs the Department of Criminal Justice Services to analyze and report on deaths of individual in custody or while incarcerated.)

		Item 394 #1h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	

Department of Criminal Justice (\$8,500,000) (\$8,500,000) GF Services

Language:

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$223,993,666" and insert "\$215,493,666".

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$227,893,666" and insert "\$219,393,666".

Page 452, line 14, strike "\$17,500,000" and "\$17,500,000" and insert:

"\$9,000,000" and "\$9,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment makes a downward adjustment in the base appropriation for the Operation Ceasefire Grant Fund to reflect observed utilization of the Fund. This amendment supports the provision of \$9.0 million each year for the Grant Fund.)

		Item 394 #2h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$30,000	\$30,000	GF

Language:

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$223,993,666" and insert "\$224,023,666".

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$227,893,666" and insert "\$227,923,666".

Page 453, after line 44, insert:

"S. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$30,000 the first year and \$30,000 the second year from the general fund for the Community Resource Opportunity Project."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$30,000 each year from the general fund for the Community Resource Opportunity Project.)

		Item 394 #3h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$125,000	\$125,000	GF

Language:

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$223,993,666" and insert "\$224,118,666".

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$227,893,666" and insert "\$228,018,666".

Page 453, after line 44, insert:

"S. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the second year from the general fund to the City of Richmond to support the Help Me Help You program."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$125,000 each year from the general fund to support the Help Me Help You (HMHY) program. HMHY serves as a resource to the city of Richmond and the State of Virginia's Department of Corrections to assist returning citizens who have been released from jail or prison.)

		Item 394 #4h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)	GF

Language:

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$223,993,666" and insert "\$223,493,666". Page 447, line 6, strike "\$227,893,666" and insert "\$227,393,666". Page 450, line 37, strike "\$2,500,000" and "\$2,500,000" and insert: "\$2,000,000" and "\$2,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces the appropriation for the Jail Mental Health Pilot Program by \$500,000 each year from the general fund to reflect the closure of Hampton Roads Regional Jail.)

		Item 394 #5h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	(\$4,083,951)	(\$6,837,475)	GF

Language:

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$223,993,666" and insert "\$219,909,715". Page 447, line 6, strike "\$227,893,666" and insert "\$221,056,191". Page 449, line 27, strike "\$27,200,000" and "\$27,200,000" and insert: "\$23,116,049" and "\$20,362,525".

Explanation:

(This amendment allows for the provision of \$4.7 million each year in new School Resource

Officer Incentive Grants, as well as reflecting ongoing grant obligations totaling \$18.4 million the first year and \$15.7 million the second year. Including both new and ongoing grant obligations, grant spending by the School Resource Officer Incentive Grant program totaled \$18.7 million in fiscal year 2024, substantially lower than the \$27.2 million provided for the program in that year.)

Item 394 #7h

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Criminal Justice Services

Language

Language:

Page 453, line 13, after "crimes." insert:

"The Department shall disseminate information about the opportunity to stakeholders in order to ensure awareness of the grant process and timeline for application among interested parties. The Department may use up to \$50,000 of the funds for the dissemination of information."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Criminal Justice Services to disseminate information relating to the funding opportunity made available through the competitive grant program establish to support organizations and non-profit institutions that have been the targets of or at risk of being targeted for hate crimes. The amendment authorizes the Department to use up to \$50,000 from the fund to support its public awareness efforts.)

Item 394 #8h

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Criminal Justice Services

Language

Language:

Page 453, line 7, after "organizations", insert:

"or localities that have established a partnership program with institutions or nonprofit organizations."

Page 453, line 11, after "institutions" insert ", localities,".

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Criminal Justice Services to allow localities who have partnered with eligible institutions or nonprofit organizations to apply for the competitive grant program establish to support organizations and non-profit institutions that have been the targets of or at risk of being targeted for hate crimes.)

Item 394 #9h

Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$80,000	\$80,000 GF

Language:

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$223,993,666" and insert "\$224,073,666".

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$227,893,666" and insert "\$227,973,666".

Page 449, after line 22, insert:

"3. Out of this appropriation, \$80,000 the first year and \$80,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for Comprehensive Community Corrections and Pretrial Services Program for the Counties of Buckingham, Charlotte, and Powhatan, served through Piedmont Court Services."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$80,000 each year from the general fund to support establishment of a pretrial services program serving the Counties of Powhatan, Buckingham, and Charlotte.)

		Item 394 #10h	1
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$94,750	\$94,750	GF

Language:

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$223,993,666" and insert "\$224,088,416".

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$227,893,666" and insert "\$227,988,416".

Page 449, after line 22, insert:

"3. Out of this appropriation, \$94,750 the first year and \$94,750 the second year from the general fund is provided for the expansion of pretrial services to the Counties of Botetourt and Alleghany."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$94,750 each year from the general fund to support expansion of pretrial services to the Counties of Botetourt and Alleghany.)

Item 394 #11h

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Criminal Justice Services

Language

Language:

Page 452, line 3, strike "providing equipment or law-enforcement agencies,".

Page 452, line 4, strike "state and".

Page 452, line 6, after "efforts." insert:

"No grants awarded shall be given to state agencies or offices."

Explanation:

(This amendment prohibits the Department of Criminal Justice Services from awarding Operation Ceasefire Grant Fund grants to state agencies, or for the purchase of equipment for law enforcement.)

Item 394 #12h

Public Safety and Homeland Security

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Criminal Justice Services

\$2,000,000

\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 447, line 6, strike "\$223,993,666" and insert "\$225,993,666".

Page 453, after line 44, insert:

"S. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$2,000,000 the first year from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund for deposit in the Jail-Based Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Transition Fund."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million the first year from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund to be deposited in the Jail-Based Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Transition Fund. A companion amendment to the Compensation Board removes \$500,000 the first year Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund provided for such purpose.)

Item 394 #13h

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Department of Criminal Justice Services

Language

Language:

Page 452, line 16, after "Fund." insert:

"Out of the amounts in this paragraph, \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year is

provided to support the REAL LIFE initiative."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 each year from the amounts provided for the Operation Ceasefire Grant Fund to support the REAL LIFE initiative. REAL LIFE is a targeted intervention initiative, focusing on individuals most likely to engage in or become victims of gun violence within a specific locality.)

		Item 396 #1h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	(\$18,000,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 453, line 57, strike "\$237,650,081" and insert "\$219,650,081".

Page 454, strike lines 51 through 55.

Page 455, strike lines 1 through 18.

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$18.0 million from the general fund the first year proposed in House Bill 30 at introduced which would have established a new, one-time officer recruitment and wellness initiative within the Department of Criminal Justice Services.)

		Item 405 #1h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Fire Programs	\$23,040	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 460, line 40, strike "\$11,565,448" and insert "\$11,588,488".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$23,040 the first year from the general fund for administrative costs related to House Bill 133, which establishes a workgroup to review and address potential responses to local government employee exposure to toxic materials.)

		Item 408 #1h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	

Department of Forensic Science

(\$126,752)

(\$126,752)

GF

Language:

Page 461, line 34, strike "\$63,963,945" and insert "\$63,837,193". Page 461, line 34, strike "\$64,084,004" and insert "\$63,957,252".

Explanation:

(This amendment makes a technical correction of amounts included in House Bill 30 which incorrectly calculated annualization of costs of amounts included in Chapter 1, 2023 Special Session I.)

		Item 415 #1h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of State Police	\$196,360	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 467, line 11, strike "\$117,760,285" and insert "\$117,956,645".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$196,360 the first year from the general fund to implement the provisions of House Bill 62.)

		Item 415 #2h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of State Police	\$96,300	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 467, line 11, strike "\$117,760,285" and insert "\$117,856,585".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$96,300 the first year from the general fund to implement the provisions of House Bill 916.)

		Item 415 #3h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of State Police	\$349,666 2.00	\$182,542 2.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 467, line 11, strike "\$117,760,285" and insert "\$118,109,951". Page 467, line 11, strike "\$115,794,644" and insert "\$115,977,186".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$349,666 the first year and \$182,542 the second year from the general fund to implement the provisions of House Bill 799.)

		Item 415 #4h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of State Police	\$320,320	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 467, line 11, strike "\$117,760,285" and insert "\$118,080,605".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$320,320 the first year from the general fund to implement the provisions of House Bill 838.)

		Item 415 #5h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of State Police	(\$153,216) -2.00	(\$182,896) -2.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 467, line 11, strike "\$117,760,285" and insert "\$117,607,069". Page 467, line 11, strike "\$115,794,644" and insert "\$115,611,748".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes funding included in the introduced budget tied to background checks required pursuant to House Bill 27. The legislation as it passed the House does not require this funding.)

		Item 415 #6h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of State Police	\$234,360	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 467, line 11, strike "\$117,760,285" and insert "\$117,994,645".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$234,360 the first year from the general fund pursuant to House Bill 904, for State Police to make Central Criminal Records Exchange improvements to comply with the provisions of the legislation.)

		Item 416 #1h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of State Police	(\$636,732) -7.00	(\$726,374) -7.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 469, line 42, strike "\$382,697,521" and insert "\$382,060,789". Page 469, line 42, strike "\$383,543,932" and insert "\$382,817,558". Page 471, strike 36 through 38.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$637,000 the first year and \$726,000 the second year from the general fund for new positions at the Fusion Center proposed in House Bill 30 as introduced.)

		Item 417 #1h	
Public Safety and Homeland Security	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of State Police	(\$100,314)	(\$100,314)	GF

Language:

Page 471, line 39, strike "\$45,926,971" and insert "\$45,826,657". Page 471, line 39, strike "\$45,926,971" and insert "\$45,826,657". Page 472, line 34, strike "\$905,364" and "\$905,364" and insert: "\$805,050" and "\$805,050".

Explanation:

(This amendment makes a technical reduction to amounts included for impaired driving enforcement training included in House Bill 30 as introduced based upon inaccurate annualization of amounts included in Chapter 1, 2023 Special Session I.)

Item 422 #1h

Transportation	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Aviation	\$1,000,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 477, line 11, strike "\$32,157,020" and insert "\$33,157,020".

Page 478, after line 4, insert:

"G. Out of the amounts included in this appropriation, \$1,000,000 from the general fund the first year is provided to support the development of an Advanced Air Aviation Test Site. The Department, in cooperation with the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority, shall work with the industry to identify the optimal location and uses of these funds."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1,000,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 to support the development of an Advanced Air Aviation Test Site in the Commonwealth.)

		Item 426 #1h	
Transportation	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Motor Vehicles	\$442,500 3.00	\$213,900 3.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 478, line 44, strike "\$230,505,286" and insert "\$230,947,786". Page 478, line 44, strike "\$230,505,286" and insert "\$230,719,186".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides DMV with three FTEs to implement the sealing and expungement processes as a result of legislation adopted during the 2021 and 2023 Sessions as recommended by the Crime Commission. The fiscal year 2025 cost includes one-time cost of \$228,600 to process the 25,400 records that would qualify for automatic expungement pursuant to the provisions the bills. DMV incurs a one-time cost of \$9 per automated expungement.)

		Item 433 #1h	
Transportation	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Rail and Public Transportation	\$65,000,000	\$84,500,000	GF

Language:

Page 483, line 6, strike "\$848,991,629" and insert "\$913,991,629".

Page 483, line 6, strike "\$860,649,660" and insert "\$945,149,660".

Page 484, strike lines 20 through 46, and insert:

"E.1. The provisions of Virginia Code § 33.2-1526.1 (K) are temporarily suspended for fiscal years 2025 and 2026. This section of Code shall resume in fiscal year 2027. This Code change provides a two-year suspension of the requirement that limits the annual Virginia operating assistance for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to no more than three percent over the prior year's approved budget.

2. The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority shall complete a comparison of its total costs and overhead costs, defined as general administration and non-vehicle maintenance costs, against the cost of simlar transit systems providing service in the cities of Boston, MA; Chicago, IL; New York, NY; Philadelphia, PA; San Francisco, CA; and Washington, DC, and submit this comparison to the Joint Subcommittee on Northern Virginia Public Transit."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$65.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 and increase in support for WMATA in fiscal year 2025 and assumes the higher support will continue in fiscal year 2026.)

Item 433 #2h

Transportation

Department of Rail and Public Transportation

Language

Language:

Page 484, after line 46 insert

"G. Notwithstanding § 33.2-1915, Code of Virginia, the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation District Commission may enter into contracts or agreements with the counties, cities or towns or planning districts that are within an adjacent planning district to provide commuter transit service between such counties, cities or towns and Washington D.C in the I-66 and US 29 corridor."

Explanation:

(This amendment includes language to clarify that the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation District Commission has the authority to enter into contracts and agreements with adjacent localities and/or planning districts in an effort to promote commuter transit services within the region.)

Item 437 #1h

Transportation FY24-25 FY25-26

Department of Transportation

\$50,000

\$50,000 NGF

Language:

Page 485, line 49, strike "\$152,889,813" and insert "\$152,939,813".

Page 485, line 49, strike "\$114,076,286" and insert "\$114,126,286".

Page 486, line 6, strike "\$7,000,000" and "\$7,000,000" and insert:

"\$7,050,000" and "\$7,050,000".

Page 486, line 8, after "needs." insert:

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

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50,000 from the nongeneral fund each year to support the annual Public Policy Day Conference that is held in Washington DC annually. The conference brings together government and industry leaders to promote best practices related to autonomous vehicles.)

Item 438 #1h

Transportation

Department of Transportation

Language

Language:

Page 488, after line 22, insert:

"N. Out of the unexpended funds provided during the 2022-24 biennium for the planning and construction of multi-use trails, \$10,000,000 shall be allocated for the continued development of the Fall Line Trail."

Explanation:

(This amendment allocates \$10.0 million from the unallocated funding previously provided for the development of multi-use trails to continue the constuction of the Fall Line Trail in Central Virginia.)

Item 438 #2h

Transportation

Department of Transportation

Language

Language:

Page 488, line 21, after "support the", strike the remainder of the line and insert: "advancement of projects in the Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Program." Page 488, strike line 22.

Explanation:

(This amendment modifies language in the introduced budget related to the \$70.0 million from the general fund proposed for the I-81 Corridor Improvement program. The introduced language referenced the funding was for Northbound Lane Widening Project from Mile Marker 116 to 128 in the Salem District. The funding would allow for the widening of both the south bound lanes to happen concurrently which will reduce the total cost over the life the project by \$70.0 million.)

Item 438 #3h

Transportation FY24-25 FY25-26

Department of Transportation (\$20,000,000) \$0 GF

Language:

Page 486, line 31, strike "\$4,019,337,848" and insert "\$3,999,337,848". Page 488, strike lines 17 through 19.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates the \$20 million from the general fund deposit into the Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund which was proposed in the introduced budget for fiscal year 2025.)

Item 438 #4h

Transportation

Department of Transportation

Language

Language:

Page 488, line 13, after "K." insert "1."

Page 488, line 13, strike "at least \$200,000,000" and insert:

"up to \$90,000,000, no more than \$15,000,000 in any individual year,"

Page 488, after line 16, insert:

"2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any proposed direction of funds by the Governor for transportation projects under the Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund pursuant to § 33.2-1529.1 (C)(2) of the Code of Virginia in excess of \$20 million for any one project, and any cumulative direction of funds pursuant to that subdivision in excess of \$50

million during a biennium, shall be subject to approval by the MEI Project Approval Commission established pursuant to § 30-309, and the Commission shall complete such review within 21 days of submission. Absent a recommendation within such 21-day period that the funds should not be directed, or in the event that the Commission does not provide a recommendation within such 21-day period, the funds shall be directed."

Explanation:

(This amendment amends language included in the introduced budget related to the CTB's authority to deposit Commonwealth Transportation Funds into the Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund over the next six years.)

Item 438 #5h

Transportation

Department of Transportation

Language

Language:

Page 488, after line 22, insert:

"N. Effective July 1, 2024 the Virginia State Trails Offiice shall be transferred to the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The Department of Transportation shall continue to support the development and construction of multi use trails in coordination with the Department of Conservation and Recreation."

Explanation:

(This amendment transfers the Virginia State Trails Office from VDOT to DCR.)

Item 438 #6h

Transportation

Department of Transportation

Language

Language:

Page 488, after line 22, insert:

"N. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 33.2-214, E. of the Code of Virginia, the Commonwealth Transportation Board may advance projects preliminary engineering and any right-of-way activities prior to full funding for construction, if the projects are in the Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Program as adopted by the Board. The anticipated funding for the construction of the project must be planned for with the subsequent three years after the Six-Year Improvement Program. The Department of Transportation shall report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations, House Transportation, Senate Finance and Appropriations, and Senate Transportation Committees on any projects advanced in this manner."

Explanation:

(This amendment makes a limited exception to the Code requirement to allow projects in the I-81 Corridor Improvement Program to move forward even if all of the funding is not included for the completion of the project in the 6 year improvement plan. Allowing this exception on a limited basis for I-81 projects is proposed based on the fact that their is a dedicated revenue stream for these projects and the cost of these projects are signficant whichs means waiting until projects are fully funded will lead to signfiicant delays.)

Item 439 #1h

Transportation

Department of Transportation

Language

Language:

Page 488, after line 43, insert:

"E. The Commissioner of Highways (Commissioner) shall evaluate whether roadways operating under the Virginia Highway Corporation Act of 1988 (HCA) would serve the public interest if operated under the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 (PPTA). If the Commissioner determines that a roadway operating under the HCA would serve the public interest by operating under the PPTA, the Commissioner shall negotiate the key business terms of a new comprehensive agreement for operation under the PPTA and present them to the Transportation Public-Private Steering Committee. The key business terms shall provide toll rate reductions and distance-based tolling and shall not include any Commonwealth contribution or assumption of debt by the Commonwealth. If the Commissioner, Secretary of Transportation, and the Transportation Public-Private Steering Committee each concur that it is in the public interest for a roadway operating under the HCA to operate under the PPTA in accordance with the negotiated key business terms, the Commissioner is authorized to finalize and execute a new comprehensive agreement between the roadway operator and the Department of Transportation to authorize the projects operation under the PPTA."

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes the Commissioner to evaluate whether the contract for the Dulles Greenway should be converted to a PPTA contract.)

Item 442 #1h

Transportation

Department of Transportation

Language

Language:

Page 490, after line 4, insert:

"G. Notwithstanding § 33.2-319 of the Code, any municipality that annexed or incorporated land from an adjacent county pursuant to an annexation order that became effective in 1941 which land included a residential subdivision with streets that had been maintained by the county and that are open to and used by the public, shall accept such streets into such municipality's public street system, shall maintain such streets in the same manner as it maintains public streets in other residential subdivisions and shall qualify for payments under § 33.2-319 with respect to such streets, even though such streets may not meet current or previous design standards for streets in such municipality."

Explanation:

(This amendment clarifies that cities which acquired land previously part of a neighboring county shall be responsible for maintaining public roads even if they were once privately owned roads.)

		Item 456 #1h	
Veterans and Defense Affairs	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Veterans Services	(\$427,914)	(\$266,820)	GF

Language:

Page 502, line 9, strike "\$37,389,137" and insert "\$36,961,223". Page 502, line 9, strike "\$37,374,318" and insert "\$37,107,498".

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$694,734 over the biennium from the general fund which was proposed in House Bill 30 as introduced for the procurement, implementation, and operation of an artificial intelligence driven veterans self-service portal.)

		Item 456 #2h	
Veterans and Defense Affairs	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Veterans Services	\$755,430	\$644,815	GF

Language:

Page 502, line 9, strike "\$37,389,137" and insert "\$38,144,567". Page 502, line 9, strike "\$37,374,318" and insert "\$38,019,133".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$755,430 the first year and \$644,815 the second year from the

general fund to implement the Veterans' Fellowship for State Government Pilot Program pursuant to House Bill 141.)

Item 471 #8h

Central Appropriations

Central Appropriations

Language

Language:

Page 522, line 25, after "reappropriated." insert:

"Any interest earned attributable to these amounts shall be applied to the balance of these funds."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs any interest earnings attributable to the \$10.0 million provide in Chapter 1, 2023 Special Session I for victims of mass violence shall be applied to the balance of these funds.)

Item 489.10 #1h

Independent Agencies

Virginia Cannabis Control Authority

Language

Language:

All appropriations and items provided for the Cannabis Control Authority shall be transferred to Independent Agencies upon enrollment.

Explanation:

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

Item 489.10 #2h

Independent Agencies

Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority

Language

Language:

All appropriations and items of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority shall be transferred to Independent Agencies upon enrollment.

Explanation:

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