

# Legislative

Amendments, as adopted, for the Legislative Department add a net total of \$101,000 GF the second year to the budget for the Legislative Department, and provide for an additional \$3.6 million GF in savings through the Legislative Reversion Clearing Account. The budget as adopted includes \$69.0 million GF the first year, \$69.1 million GF the second year, \$3.6 million NGF each year, and 609 positions from all funds for the Legislative Department.

- **General Assembly of Virginia**

- ***Legislative Compensation.*** Language is included to clarify current policies for compensation and reimbursement of members of the General Assembly for expenses for attending meetings when the legislature is not in session.
- ***Capitol Guides.*** Transfers \$190,000 GF the second year and one position from the Division of Legislative Services to the General Assembly’s Reversion Clearing Account for the Capitol Guides program. The allocation of funds is subject to the approval of the Committee on Joint Rules, and the program is to be administered jointly by the Clerks of the House of Delegates and the Senate.
- ***Financial Consultants.*** Transfers \$50,000 GF each year for consulting services from the Division of Legislative Services to the General Assembly, with half provided for the House Appropriations Committee and half provided for the Senate Finance Committee.
- ***Member Compensation.*** Includes \$94,700 GF the second year for the Office of the Clerk of the Senate to cover compensation for members of the Senate who sit on executive branch boards, authorities and commissions, which will no longer reimburse the Clerk’s office for the members’ compensation.

- **Auditor of Public Accounts**

- ***State Employee Health Insurance Fund.*** Includes language directing the Auditor of Public Accounts to complete a financial review of the fund.
- ***Local Ordinances.*** Includes language directing the Auditor of Public Accounts to audit the extent to which localities are enforcing local ordinances and collecting fines related to those ordinances, which parallel state statutes and related penalties for the same offenses.

- **Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP)**

- ***Balance Transfer.*** Includes language under the Governor’s Office for Substance Abuse Prevention (GOSAP) authorizing the Comptroller to transfer up to \$150,000 the second year from VASAP balances to replace federal funds which will no longer be available to support GOSAP after December 2011.

- **Division of Legislative Services**

- ***Redistricting Expenses.*** Authorizes the Committee on Joint Rules to transfer \$45,712 in balances from the Legislative Reversion Clearing Account, on or before June 30, 2011, to cover one-time expenses that will be incurred as a result of the 2011 redistricting process.
- ***Director's Salary.*** Clarifies that the Committee on Joint Rules may set the salary for the director within a salary range.
- ***Autism Advisory Council.*** Provides \$6,300 from the general fund the second year for expenses of the Autism Advisory Council established pursuant to Chapter 752 of the 2011 Acts of Assembly.
- ***Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission.*** Provides \$25,000 the second year from carry-forward balances to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation.

- **Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC)**

- ***BPOL Study.*** Includes language directing JLARC to study the impact of restructuring the local Business, Professional, and Occupational License (BPOL) tax such that the basis of the tax is changed from gross receipts to net income.
- ***Sexually Violent Predators.*** Includes language directing JLARC to review the civil commitment of sexually violent predators at the Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation and the conditional release program administered by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

- **Legislative Department Reversion Clearing Account**

- ***Legislative Agency Reversions.*** Includes language authorizing the Committee on Joint Rules to revert a total of \$3.3 million GF on or before June 30, 2011, from savings generated by the following agencies: the Division of Capitol Police (\$2.3 million), the Division of Legislative Automated Systems (\$473,266), JLARC (\$477,344), and the Commission on Youth (\$50,000).
- ***Other Legislative Reversions.*** Includes language authorizing the Committee on Joint Rules to revert \$301,710 GF on or before June 30, 2011, from savings generated by the Virginia Disability Commission, the State Water Commission, the Virginia Housing Commission, the Commission on Unemployment Compensation, the Small Business Commission, the Commission on Electric Utility Regulation, the Manufacturing Development Commission, the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules, and the Commission on Prevention of Human Trafficking.