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**House Appropriations Committee  
Elementary & Secondary Subcommittee  
Agenda**

**Tuesday, February 5, 2008  
Robert Tata, Chairman  
Appropriations Room  
3:00 p.m.**

**I. Bills Before the Subcommittee**

***HB 566 (Crockett-Stark) Literary Fund; distributions.***

**Literary Fund; distributions.** Raises the maximum limit for any loan from the Literary Fund from \$7.5 million to \$14 million.

***HB 654 (Moran) Math, Science, and Career and Technical Education Grant Program and Fund; established.***

**Math, Science, and Career and Technical Education Grant Program and Fund.** Establishes the Math, Science, and Career and Technical Education Grant Program and Fund to award competitive grants to current teachers in Virginia to obtain master's degrees.

***HB 749 (Caputo) Standards of Quality; apportionment of state & local share for costs of giving educational programs.***

**Apportionment of state and local share; adjustments for English as a second language and special education programs.** Directs that the General Assembly, in apportioning the state and local share for the costs of providing an educational program meeting the Standards of Quality shall, as provided in the appropriation act, modify the formula that determines each locality's ability to pay for its share of providing an educational program meeting the prescribed Standards of Quality to incorporate statewide average teacher salaries and to provide adjustments for the number of special education students and students receiving English as a second language instruction.

***HB 878 (Loupassi) School divisions, local; requires 65% of each education dollar to be spent in classroom, report.***

**Expenditures and reports on instructional spending.** Requires each local school board to allocate 65 percent of its operating budget to instructional spending. Local school boards must report annually to the Board of Education the percentage of their operating budgets allocated to instructional spending. Any school division that fails to meet the 65 percent requirement must present a plan to the Board of

Education to increase instructional spending by 0.5 percent in the following fiscal year. School divisions failing to submit such a plan must be audited by the Auditor of Public Accounts, who is required to submit recommendations to the Board, including instruction concerning how failing school divisions can increase their instructional spending to 65 percent. In addition, the Board must annually report to the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Appropriations the amount of spending allocated by the local school divisions to instructional spending based on the reports submitted annually by the local school boards.

***HB 923 (Rust) School Construction Revolving Fund; created, report.***

**Public schools; financing.** Creates the Virginia School Construction Revolving Fund for financing elementary, secondary, or vocational education school projects.

***HB 936 (Gilbert) Composite index, local; number of students.***

**Local composite index; number of students.** Increases from 350 to 1200 the maximum number of students allowed for a school division to qualify to have its state share of aid adjusted, based on a cost-sharing agreement with a neighboring school division.

***HB 1053 (Scott, J.M.) Standards of Quality; increased positions for students having limited English proficiency.***

**Standards of Quality; Standard 2:** Increases the requirement for state-supported instructional positions for students identified as having limited English proficiency from 17 full-time equivalent positions for each 1,000 students to 30 full-time equivalent positions for each 1,000 students.

***HB 437 (Miller, J.H.) Public schools; composite index formula for basic state aid.***

**Composite index formula for basic state aid to public schools.** Requires division superintendents to include the number of students enrolled in the public schools of the school division for whom English is a second language in estimating the amount of money that will be needed during the next fiscal year for the support of the public schools of the school division. Also, the Department of Education must include the percentage of such students in the public schools of each school division when calculating the composite index of local ability-to-pay. In addition, the Superintendent of Public Instruction must prepare or cause to be prepared the calculation of the composite index of local ability-to-pay to include the percentage of such students in every school division

***HB 1216 (Tyler) Planning time for school teachers.***

**Planning time for school teachers.** Requires school boards to ensure that all school teachers are provided at least three hours a week of unencumbered, self-directed planning time.

***HB 1164 (Saxman) Income tax, corporate; public/private education investment tax credit.***

**Income tax; Public/Private Education Investment tax credit.** Creates income tax credits for business entities and individual taxpayers who make contributions to eligible public school foundations and eligible scholarship foundations. For individual taxpayers, the amount of the annual credit is 100 percent of the contribution but may not exceed \$800 for individual taxpayers and \$1,200 for married taxpayers filing jointly. The amount of the annual credit for business entities is 90 percent of the contribution with no limit on the dollar amount. The public school foundations are required to disburse annually 90 percent of the contributions for capital improvement projects approved by the local school board and for extracurricular activities. The scholarship foundations are required to disburse 90 percent of the contributions for qualified educational expenses through scholarships.

There is a \$20 million cap on total tax credits awarded annually, with \$10 million allocated for contributions made to public school foundations and \$10 million allocated for contributions made to

scholarship foundations. The credit would be effective for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2008.

## II. Budget Amendments

### *Amendment Request to House Bills 29 & 30, as Introduced – Patron Order*

<b>Chief Patron</b>	<b>Item #</b>			<b>Short Title</b>
Abbitt	140 13	h		Hold Harmless Composite Index Payment
Athey	140 35	h		COCA - Fauquier, Warren, Frederick, Winchester
BaCote	140 18	h		Student Assistance Programs
Bell	140 29	h		Composite Index Formula Change
Bell	140 32	h		Composite Index Formula Adjustment - Albemarle
Carrico	139 4	h		Jobs for Virginia Graduates
Carrico	140 5	h		Carroll students to Linwood Holton Governor's School
Carrico	140 21	h		Additional Regional Alternative Education Slots
Cline	140 19	h		Jackson River Governor's School
Gilbert	140 15	h		COCA - Shenandoah County
Gilbert	140 17	h		COCA - Page County
Griffith	139 3	h		Western Virginia Public Education Consortium
Hamilton	140 1	h		CTE Industry Certification and Licensure
Hamilton	140 6	h		Grants for Academic Programs in Career and Technical Education
Hamilton	140 37	h		At-Risk Add-on
Howell, A.	140 23	h		At-Risk After School Pilots
Kilgore	131 1	h		Secretary of Education
Kilgore	140 24	h		School Nurse Hourly Rate Increase
Lewis	140 26	h		Hold Harmless Payments Relative to HB29 Allocations
Lewis	140 27	h		Composite Index Transition Payments
Lewis	140 28	h		COCA - Accomack County
May	140 31	h		Hold Harmless Composite Index Payment
Moran	139 5	h		Math, Science, and Career Technical Education Grant program and Fund
Moran	140 25	h		3% Teacher Salary Increase - July 1, 2008
Nutter	138 1	h		Review SOL with Career and Technical Education
O'Bannon	140 20	h		Increase School Lunch Reimbursement Rate

O'Bannon	140	30	h	Increase School Breakfast Reimbursements
Oder	135	1	h	An Achievable Dream
Peace	140	22	h	Technical Correction for Special Education Students
Phillips	139	6	h	Southwest Virginia Public Education Consortium
Saxman	140	36	h	No Child Left Behind
Scott, E.T.	140	2	h	COCA - Orange County
Scott, E.T.	140	3	h	Madison Students to Blue Ridge Virtual Governor's School
Scott, J.M.	140	4	h	Remove Student Reimbursement cap at Thomas Jefferson Governor's School
Scott, J.M.	140	14	h	Additional ESL Teachers
Toscano	140	33	h	Composite Index Formula Adjustment - Albemarle
Watts	140	34	h	Composite Index Formula & Population Density