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House Appropriations Committee Technology Oversight & Government Activities Subcommittee Agenda

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I. Bills Before the Subcommittee

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Summary

HB 2037

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Collection of debt owed the Commonwealth. Establishes the Debt Collection Recovery Fund. The bill also provides that the Division of Debt Collection shall (i) deposit to the Fund all revenues generated by it, less any cost of recovery, from receivables collected on behalf of state agencies and (ii) transfer the remaining funds to the appropriate state agencies on a periodic basis. In addition, the bill provides that final orders of final agency case decisions may be recorded, enforced, and satisfied as orders or decrees of a circuit court upon certification of such orders by the agency head or his designee. Furthermore, each state agency and institution may charge attorney's fees and collection fees on all past due accounts receivable.

HB 2092 Pollard

Budget process of the Commonwealth. Changes the

Commonwealth's budget from a biennial budget to a budget covering a single fiscal year beginning with the budget for the period July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013. The bill also provides that if a general appropriation act is not passed by the General Assembly within the first 60 days of a regular session, then General Assembly members would no longer receive a per diem subsequent to such 60 days in a regular or special session of the General Assembly, until such time as the General Assembly passes a general appropriation act.

HB 2201 Vanderhye Oversight of research and development in the Commonwealth.

Merges the Innovative Technology Authority (ITA), and the Virginia Research and Technology Advisory Commission into a single entity, named the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Investment Authority (IEIA). The IEIA will have 10 members as follows: three presidents of state institutions of higher education, the Secretary of Technology, and six nonlegislative citizen members representing the entrepreneurial, investment, and science and technology communities. The IEIA will continue the work of the ITA, with heightened responsibilities regarding the oversight of research and development efforts in the Commonwealth.

HB 2206 Frederick **Budget Bill; funding for transportation.** Requires the Governor to include in his Budget Bill funding for transportation in the biennium in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the amount by which the projected general fund revenues for the biennium exceed the general fund revenues of the immediately previous biennium.

HB 2207 Frederick

Virginia Budget Office. Establishes the Virginia Budget Office in the legislative branch of state government. The Office will have the power and duty to (i) prepare fiscal impact statements on legislation, (ii) investigate the operating efficiencies of state agencies, (iii) explore opportunities to privatize, outsource, consolidate, and reorganize various governmental functions to operate more efficiently, (iv) examine policies and strategies that can be instituted to streamline government programs, (v) undertake any research and analysis that would provide creditable, lower cost alternatives to existing or proposed budget programs, (vi) provide revenue and growth forecasts to the House Appropriations Committee, the Senate Finance Committee and the General Assembly, and (vii) analyze policy proposals offered in other states or elsewhere that have been offered or implemented.

HB 2287 Cline

Department of Planning and Budget; submissions to the General Assembly. Requires the Department of Planning and Budget, in addition to providing copies of all agency budget estimates, to prepare an analysis of such estimates for the deliberative use of the Governor and the General Assembly, such analysis to include, but not be limited to, (i) appropriations requested as compared to the prior year, (ii) a brief description of each agency's priorities for receiving funding, and (iii) a discussion of major changes or initiatives recommended for the ensuing fiscal year. The Department is required to submit the estimates and analysis to the Governor and, within 30 days thereof, submit the same to the chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance.

Gilbert

Bill for the 2010-12 biennium and future Budget Bills to be prepared and formulated utilizing zero-based budgeting principles.

HB 2497 Nixon Facilitation of electronic government. Requires the Secretary of Technology to develop and implement strategies for the adoption of electronic government and electronic signature initiatives that would allow for the electronic submission of documents and forms, with a goal of adoption of electronic government initiatives by July 1, 2013. Each agency would be required to identify such electronic government initiatives that could improve services to citizens and improve efficiencies as part of its strategic plan, and would be required to report to the Secretary of Technology a list of all paper or electronic forms currently in use by the agency.

HB 2547 Albo **Federal economic stimulus funds.** Provides that any federal economic stimulus funds made available to Virginia be used exclusively for transportation and education infrastructure improvements. In awarding contracts, preference is to be given to Virginia businesses and Virginia subcontractors.

HB 2583 Merricks Local government investment pool; limitations. Provides that no less than 10 percent of local government investment pool assets shall be invested in time, savings, or demand deposits at financial institutions qualified to accept public deposits under the Virginia Security for Public Deposits Act.