

Governor Warner's Proposed Executive Budget Amendments

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Title & Description	General Fund			Nongeneral Fund	
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2005	FY 2006
Revenue					
1 Excess balances in Regulatory & Consumer Advocacy Revolving Trust Fund This amendment increases transfers to the general fund resulting from an estimated excess balance in the Regulatory and Consumer Advocacy Revolving Trust Fund of the Office of the Attorney General. Current policy expressed in Section 3-1.01 N of HB/SB 30, as introduced, directs any balance in the Fund that exceeds \$750,000 on the final day of the fiscal year to be deposited to the credit of the general fund.	\$150,000				
2 Correct Lottery Proceeds Fund estimate This amendment corrects an error in the Lottery Proceeds Fund. The Part 3 lottery revenue estimate in the introduced caboose bill overstates anticipated revenue by \$1,018,773.	(\$1,018,773)				
3 Sale of ABC regional office This amendment captures proceeds from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's planned sale of its regional office in Alexandria in FY 2006. There is a companion language amendment in HB/SB29.			\$3,000,000		
Subtotal, Revenue	(\$868,773)	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0
Spending					
4 Fund increased cost of utilities at seat of government This amendment provides funding to state agencies at the seat of government for the rent plan managed by the Department of General Services. Funding is to be used for unanticipated utility cost increases experienced in the Capitol Complex and for inflationary increases on custodial and maintenance contracts.	\$225,000	\$238,500	\$281,200		
5 Adjust funding for remedial education payments This amendment makes a technical adjustment. It reflects the Department of Education's final calculation of remedial funding to be distributed to school divisions.		\$41,010	\$7,506		

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<p>6 Update K-3 class size reduction program for fall membership data</p> <p>This amendment reflects updated enrollment information in the K-3 Primary Class Size program.</p>		(\$650,000)	(\$650,000)		
<p>7 Correct special education funding</p> <p>This amendment makes a technical correction for an inadvertent double count reduction in Special Education categorical funding.</p>		\$600,000	\$600,000		
<p>8 Provide nongeneral fund appropriation for VCU's Nursing School capital project</p> <p>This amendment provides for private funds associated with the School of Nursing project at Virginia Commonwealth University.</p>				\$3,000,000	
<p>9 Increase operation and maintenance funding for new facilities</p> <p>This amendment revises the operating and maintenance funding for the Prince William Academic III facility at George Mason University. HB/SB 30, as introduced, included insufficient funding for George Mason University to cover the operating and maintenance costs associated with the opening of the facility.</p>		\$139,352	\$150,200	\$129,703	\$139,800
<p>10 Support domestic violence and TANF child support supplement</p> <p>These amendments supplant \$1,062,500 TANF dollars each year by providing \$531,250 general fund (which will be matched with \$531,250 federal child care dollars) for at-risk childcare. The freed TANF dollars will be used to support local domestic violence grants and the TANF child support supplement.</p>		\$531,250	\$531,250	\$531,250	\$531,250
<p>11 Restore general fund support for the Regional Criminal Justice Training Academies</p> <p>This amendment restores general fund support for regional criminal justice academies to ensure current levels of law enforcement training for local law enforcement are maintained.</p>		\$101,620	\$101,620		
<p>12 Provide "Woodrum" funds for Governor's bill</p> <p>This amendment funds the correctional bed space impact of a bill, introduced by the Governor, to increase the penalty for persons convicted of abusing incapacitated adults. Language also addresses other Administration bills that may have a "Woodrum" impact.</p>		\$11,929			

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13 Cover increased costs to constitutional officers due to rising VRS rates These amendments address increases in local retirement rates for commonwealth's attorneys, circuit court clerks, local treasurers and finance officers, and local commissioners of the revenue. The Virginia Retirement System certified these higher rates after the Governor's budget was completed.		\$6,000,000			
14 Capture debt service savings This amendment reduces debt service for three previously issued Virginia Public Building Authority bonds due to projected refundings that will take advantage of lower interest rates on the Authority's Series 1994A, 1995, and 1997 bonds. A portion of the debt service savings is also due to a lower debt service amount required for the State Agency Radio System (STARS) project, which is also due to a lower interest rate than originally projected.		(\$2,475,875)	(\$2,503,695)		
15 Restores funding for small business research This amendment restores funding for small business research.		\$150,000	\$150,000		
Subtotal, Spending	\$225,000	\$4,687,786	(\$1,331,919)	\$3,660,953	\$671,050
Net Total	(\$1,093,773)	(\$4,687,786)	\$4,331,919	(\$3,660,953)	(\$671,050)
Total of Governor's Amendments			(\$1,449,640)		(\$4,332,003)

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Language Amendments

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1 Assist the University of Virginia in issuing a contract for their heat plant capital project	This amendment helps the University of Virginia to facilitate the issuance of a contract for their full heating plant upgrade. Funding provided in HB/SB 30 is sufficient to cover the project costs in the 2004-2006 biennium. Additional funds will be needed in the 2006-2008 biennium to address the final contract amount. The amendment acknowledges the 2006-2008 need.
2 Change language for first year unique military appropriation transfer to Mary Baldwin and Virginia Tech	This amendment corrects the language reference to the amounts for the Unique Military Activities program at Virginia Military Institute. These funds are distributed to Mary Baldwin College and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University based on the number of cadets enrolled in the Corps of Cadets program.
3 Exempt the Virginia 400 Anniversary Fund from some provisions of the Public Procurement Act	This amendment exempts Virginia 400th Anniversary Fund expenditures from some of the provisions of the Virginia Public Procurement Act. The amendment will allow Jamestown 2007 and the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation to use the Fund to contract with corporate sponsors for events commemorating Jamestown's 400th anniversary.
4 Clarify additional amount of federal funding to transit agencies	This amendment clarifies the actual federal revenue estimate for the six percent Surface Transportation Program (STP) and the 10 percent Minimum Guarantee program that flows directly to transit agencies from federal sources. The department does not receive the funding and it is not appropriated. However, the funding is incorporated into the state's six-year plan.
5 Correct position levels for sheriffs	This amendment corrects a position adjustment made to the sheriffs' totals. The sheriffs' totals were inadvertently adjusted when the intent was to adjust the temporary position totals. This correction has no impact on funding.
6 Correct salary table for sheriffs	This amendment corrects one of the salaries in the sheriffs' salary chart. The current salary does not reflect the 2.25 percent pay increase provided in FY 2004. This correction has no impact on the budget.
7 Add language authorizing Virginia Partners in Procurement (VaPP) loan	This amendment reauthorizes the Department of Accounts to provide a treasury loan up to \$5,000,000 to the Department of General Services to support implementation of the statewide VaPP spend management program. Similar language is contained in HB/SB 29. The Auditor of Public Accounts has recommended that similar language be included in HB/SB 30.
8 Correct agency head salaries	This amendment makes technical adjustments to accurately reflect the salaries of the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services and the Commissioner of the Department for the Aging. This amendment is technical in nature and is intended only to reflect the actual current salaries of these agency heads.

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9 Correct time allowed for transfer of unexpended balances	This amendment brings HB/SB 30, as introduced, into conformity with Chapter 1042 (2003), correcting an omission in the introduced bill. It authorizes the transfer to the general fund of certain unexpended balances up to 20 days after close of the fiscal year.
10 Extend Higher Education delegation of authority	This amendment corrects an omission in the introduced budget. The language authorizes the continuation of the capital outlay pilot programs authorized by the 2003 General Assembly.